

2. *Recognizes* that intergovernmental programming exercises constitute a useful and effective modality for further promoting technical co-operation among developing countries, and that the further strengthening and improvement of such exercises requires an adequate evaluation of the execution of the agreed projects and activities;

3. *Recognizes also* that intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries should continue to be closely linked with national priorities and planning for national development objectives;

4. *Requests* that regional, interregional and global intergovernmental programming exercises, sectoral and/or comprehensive, for technical co-operation among developing countries continue to be held in accordance with the expressed needs of the developing countries and that an adequate evaluation of these exercises be made;

5. *Recommends* that the execution of the projects resulting from these exercises be incorporated, whenever possible or appropriate, in the country, regional, interregional and global programmes of the United Nations Development Programme;

6. *Encourages* developing countries to support and participate in intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries and to take appropriate follow-up action in accordance with their own capacities and requirements;

7. *Emphasizes* the importance of the catalytic and promotional role of the United Nations Development Programme in these exercises and its role in the execution of projects resulting from the exercises;

8. *Requests* the United Nations development system to support actively, within their respective fields of competence, the implementation of the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries and to finance, with available resources, project activities resulting from intergovernmental programming exercises;

9. *Encourages and calls upon* the international and regional financing institutions to join in the efforts of the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to assist developing countries in their activities for technical co-operation among developing countries;

10. *Invites* developed countries to continue to provide support and financing for projects and activities resulting from these exercises;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session.

*96th plenary meeting
11 December 1987*

42/180. Technical co-operation among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,⁴¹ and its resolutions 34/117 of 14 December 1979 and 35/202 of 16 December 1980 on technical co-operation among developing countries,

Reaffirming the importance of technical co-operation among developing countries and the catalytic role of the United Nations system in supporting such activities in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,

Reaffirming that developing countries have the primary responsibility for promoting technical co-operation among themselves, that developed countries and the United Nations system should assist and support such activities, and that, in addition, the United Nations system should play a prominent role as promoter and catalyst of technical co-operation among developing countries, in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,

1. *Reaffirms* the validity and pertinence of all the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries;

2. *Endorses* the decisions adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at its fifth session;⁴²

3. *Urges* the Governments of developing countries to give full support to the implementation of recommendations 1 to 14 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action;⁴¹

4. *Urges* the Governments of developed countries to give full support to the implementation of recommendations 35 and 36 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action;

5. *Invites* the developing countries to continue to strengthen their focal points for technical co-operation among developing countries with a view to promoting their activities at the country level;

6. *Recommends* that the United Nations Development Programme and other appropriate organizations of the United Nations system continue to support all coordinating activities for technical co-operation carried out by developing countries among themselves, particularly the biennial meetings of the heads of national technical co-operation organs, and to take appropriate follow-up action on the recommendations adopted at such meetings relating to the support provided by the United Nations system for the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries;

7. *Requests* all organizations of the United Nations development system to explore additional sources of financing for projects and activities for technical co-operation among developing countries, including those of an interregional and global nature, and to allocate an increasing proportion of their resources to activities and projects for technical co-operation among developing countries;

8. *Reiterates* the need to make full use of the potential of developing countries and, in this context, invites the organizations of the United Nations development system to strive more actively to use the equipment, services, experts and consultants available in the developing countries, in keeping with existing rules and regulations, and to continue to review their procurement practices and policies;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General and calls upon all organizations of the United Nations development system to take the steps necessary, in keeping with existing rules and regulations, to increase procurement of equipment and services from the developing countries by, *inter alia*, moving to obtain information about the procurement possibilities offered by those countries and by disseminating information about the procurement possibilities and practices of the United Nations system;

10. *Requests* the United Nations Development Programme and the organizations of the United Nations development system to take the necessary measures to enable each developing country to have the choice of

executing each project on technical co-operation, totally or in part, within the framework of technical co-operation among developing countries or according to the traditional method of technical assistance;

11. *Recommends* that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme consider the allocation for technical co-operation among developing countries of at least 25 per cent of the regional, inter-regional and global indicative planning figures, and requests the Secretary-General to include in the report called for in paragraph 18 of the present resolution, the suggestions of the Governing Council on ways and means of achieving this goal;

12. *Urges* all organizations of the United Nations development system, in their relevant spheres of competence, to participate actively in support of the implementation of decision 5/9 of 27 May 1987 of the High-level Committee;⁴²

13. *Emphasizes* that technical co-operation among developing countries is a means of improving the integration of women in development, and requests the Secretary-General, in formulating his proposals on technical co-operation among developing countries for the next medium-term plan, clearly to specify measures to increase the participation of women in all aspects of technical co-operation among developing countries in the major programmes;

14. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations development system to participate actively in the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, to be carried out at the sixth session of the High-level Committee in 1989;

15. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations development system to take the necessary action, in their particular fields of activity, to ensure the implementation of the decisions of the High-level Committee and the present resolution;

16. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, at its thirty-fifth session, to give the necessary attention to the implementation of the resolutions and decisions of the High-level Committee, including decision 5/2 of 27 May 1987;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in formulating his proposals for the next medium-term plan, to give the necessary priority to technical co-operation among developing countries;

18. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

96th plenary meeting
11 December 1987

42/181. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/248 of 21 December 1982, 38/160 of 19 December 1983, 39/215 of 18 December 1984 and 40/195 of 17 December 1985, in which it, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to promote co-operation between the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference and urged intensification of contacts in order to accelerate the achievement

of the objectives of the Lusaka Declaration of 1 April 1980, by which the Conference was established;⁴³

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference;⁴⁴

Noting the significant progress made by the Conference in formulating concrete development programmes and in implementing them under its Programme of Action;⁴⁵

Reaffirming its recognition that successful implementation of these development programmes can be achieved only if the Conference has adequate resources at its disposal,

Concerned that the gap that still exists between the needs and the resources available to the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference continues to widen,

Deeply concerned about the deteriorating economic and security situation in southern Africa and the particularly difficult environment for regional co-operation caused by acts of destabilization committed by South Africa,

Reaffirming that increased self-reliance by States members of the Conference would contribute to the struggle against the *apartheid* policies of South Africa,

Welcoming the progress made by some organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in working out mechanisms for formulating and executing co-operation programmes with the Conference,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General⁴⁴ which describes the progress made in the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly dealing with co-operation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference;

2. *Commends* the Member States and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system that have extended concrete assistance to the Conference and expresses appreciation to those that have established contacts and relationships with it;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* for the considerable achievements that the Conference has made since its founding in implementing projects covering all the major sectors of co-operation, in spite of difficulties due to South African destabilization policies and acts of aggression;

4. *Renews its appeal* to the international community to increase substantially its financial, technical and material support to the Conference in order to enable it to implement fully its expanded programmes, which now include intra-regional trade and investment in production;

5. *Also appeals* to the specialized agencies and other organs and organizations of the United Nations system to continue to co-operate fully in the development programmes of the Conference;

6. *Invites* the donor community and other co-operating partners to participate at a high level in the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference Annual Consultative Conference, to be held at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, in January 1988;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Conference, to continue to intensify contacts aimed at promoting and harmonizing co-operation between the United Nations and the Conference;

⁴³ See A/38/493, annex I.

⁴⁴ A/42/452.

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, annex II.