

tion of women in development, beginning with those adopted in 1986;

5. *Urges* the executive secretaries of the five regional commissions to increase their efforts to integrate women in the development process of their regions, *inter alia*, by continuing to ensure that activities to integrate women in development are included at all levels of the overall work programme of each commission, and to include in their annual reports an analysis of changes in the situation of women in their regions;

6. *Urges* Governments to implement fully the economic development objectives outlined in chapter II of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and, in particular, to include measures for the involvement of women, both as agents and as beneficiaries, in their national development plans, and to review the impact on women of development policies and programmes;

7. *Recommends* that the governing bodies of the development assistance organizations of the United Nations system continue and intensify efforts to promote the integration of women in development, including their participation in all phases of development programmes and technical co-operation activities;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in exercising his responsibilities relating to the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, in the light of his responsibilities under General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, to ensure that the organizations of the United Nations system continue to implement fully the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development, as agreed to by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1987/86, in their programme, operational and administrative aspects;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To include in the *World Economic Survey* a brief section summarizing relevant economic indicators reflecting the level of economic attainment of women worldwide, taking into consideration the eighth preambular paragraph of the present resolution, and to keep the section under close review and update it when necessary;

(b) To submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session;

(c) In that connection, to propose the necessary arrangements, in organizing the work of the Second Committee on the item entitled "Development and international economic co-operation", for a focused discussion under the sub-item entitled "Effective mobilization and integration of women in development";

10. *Decides* to transmit the present resolution and the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the work of the United Nations in integrating women effectively in economic development programmes and activities³⁹ to the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields, and to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-second session.

96th plenary meeting
11 December 1987

42/179. Strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,⁴¹

Recognizing the role and importance of technical co-operation among developing countries in their social and economic development and in the reinforcement and final achievement of the individual and collective self-reliance of developing countries,

Taking note with satisfaction of the results of the intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries in recent years,

Emphasizing that the intergovernmental programming exercises should be guided by the principle of equality and mutual benefit among participating developing countries, while laying stress on practical results,

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,

Recalling recommendations 35 and 36 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, in which, *inter alia*, Governments of developed countries were invited to give full support to technical co-operation among developing countries,

Recognizing the importance of the continued involvement of developed countries in supporting and financing, where appropriate, projects resulting from the intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries,

Recalling also the particular responsibility of the United Nations Development Programme for catalysing and promoting technical co-operation among developing countries throughout the United Nations system,

Reaffirming the importance of the catalytic and supporting role of the United Nations development system in promoting technical co-operation among developing countries and the necessity of enhancing its activities in this field,

Considering that the support and involvement of international and interregional financing institutions would further enhance the promotion and implementation of activities for technical co-operation among developing countries,

Considering also the need for further strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries to meet the growing requirements of developing countries in their socio-economic development,

1. *Endorses* the decisions adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at its fifth session⁴² and Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/88 of 9 July 1987;

⁴¹ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

⁴² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/42/39 and Corr.1), annex I.*

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.

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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