

olution 376 (XXXVI) of 13 October 1989,⁵⁸ as endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 44/19 of 14 November 1989,

Recalling also its resolution 44/219 of 22 December 1989 on the report of the Trade and Development Board,

Considering Trade and Development Board resolution 388 (XXXVII) of 17 October 1990 on debt and development problems of developing countries⁵⁹ as part of the continuing contribution of the Board to the search for a durable solution to the problem of the external indebtedness of developing countries,

*Noting that the Trade and Development Report, 1990*⁶⁰ constitutes a further valuable effort to enhance understanding of the interdependence of the problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system and the consideration by the Board of the debt and development problems of the developing countries,

Stressing that the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, launched during the Special Session of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, held at Punta del Este, Uruguay, from 15 to 20 September 1986, presents a unique opportunity to contribute to a more open, viable and durable trading system, and recognizing that the Uruguay Round cannot be concluded in whole or in part without a substantial and balanced outcome in all areas involved, including areas of particular importance to developing countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-sixth session and the first part of its thirty-seventh session⁶¹ and urges member States to give full effect to the provisions of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Board;

2. *Welcomes* the agreement reached on the substantive item of the provisional agenda for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;⁶²

3. *Notes* the contribution made by the Trade and Development Board to the understanding of the interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system, taking into account the needs of developing countries, welcomes Board resolution 387 (XXXVII) of 17 October 1990 on that subject⁵⁹ and urges all Governments to give full and prompt effect to the recommendations contained therein;

4. *Affirms* that the outcome of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations should be conducive to a significant enhancement of the prospects for trade, economic growth and development of all countries, especially developing countries, in particular through the provision of substantially increased market access for exports;

5. *Urges* all countries to fulfil their responsibilities in strengthening the rules and disciplines of the multi-

⁵⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/44/15), vol. II, sect. II.A.*

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, *Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/45/15), sect. III.B.*

⁶⁰ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.90.II.D.6.

⁶¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/45/15).*

⁶² *Ibid.*, sect. III.B, para. 28.

lateral trading system for the benefit of all countries and, to this end, urges all participants to continue the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations and to adopt a constructive and comprehensive approach thereto in order to achieve a successful and balanced outcome in accordance with the Ministerial Declaration on the Uruguay Round;⁴³

6. *Affirms* the need for the outcome of the Uruguay Round to contribute positively to building up and strengthening the infrastructure and technological capacities of the developing countries through the strengthening of the multilateral trading system;

7. *Invites* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, at its eighth session, to analyse and assess the outcome of the Uruguay Round, in particular in areas of interest or concern to developing countries;

8. *Urges* developed countries to promote policies and adopt measures aimed at providing substantially larger export possibilities to developing countries, especially through improved access to markets, in order to support necessary trade policy reforms and structural adjustment processes in developing countries;

9. *Invites* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Trade and Development Board, as appropriate, to continue to follow closely and analyse developments that have a major impact on international trade relations, including economic integration and policy reform in the world economy, technological change and the growing linkage between flows of investment and trade;

10. *Welcomes* Trade and Development Board decision 384 (XXXVII) of 12 October 1990 on the contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, within its mandate, to sustainable development,⁵⁹ and requests the Conference secretariat to continue to co-operate with the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in the preparations for that Conference;

11. *Also welcomes* Trade and Development Board resolution 380 (XXXVI) of 23 March 1990⁶¹ and invites the Board to follow closely developments and issues related to economic integration processes, especially those with a major impact on the trade and development of the developing countries;

12. *Further welcomes* Trade and Development Board decision 385 (XXXVII) of 12 October 1990 on economic co-operation among developing countries⁵⁹ and supports the efforts of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as the principal organization in the United Nations system dealing with economic co-operation among developing countries, to promote and expand such co-operation.

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45/204. International code of conduct on the transfer of technology

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/216 of 22 December 1989 on an international code of conduct on the transfer of technology,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the negotiations on a draft international code of conduct on the transfer of technology;⁶³

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the President of the United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology to carry out further in-depth consultations with regional groups and Governments on the draft code of conduct, in conjunction with the appropriate intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in early 1991;

3. *Also invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report based on the outcome of the consultations, so as to enable the Assembly to take appropriate action on the negotiations on the draft code of conduct.

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45/205. Eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, as amended,⁴⁷ on the establishment of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as an organ of the General Assembly,

Recalling also its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, the annex to which contains the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,

Recalling further its resolutions 42/175 of 11 December 1987, in which it welcomed the Final Act adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its seventh session, and 44/19 of 14 November 1989 on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Bearing in mind its resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 on the pattern of conferences,

1. *Welcomes with deep appreciation* the generous offer of the Government of Uruguay to act as host to the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at Punta del Este;

2. *Decides* to convene the eighth session of the Conference at Punta del Este from 21 September to 8 October 1991, to be preceded by a two-day meeting of senior officials at Punta del Este on 19 and 20 September 1991;

3. *Notes* the approval by the Trade and Development Board of the substantive item of the provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Conference;⁶²

4. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board to undertake the necessary intergovernmental preparations for the eighth session of the Conference and, at the second part of its thirty-seventh session, to agree on

organizational arrangements for the eighth session of the Conference that will encourage ministerial participation, particularly in the conclusion of its work.

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45/206. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/177 of 11 December 1987, in which it decided to convene the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, as well as its resolutions 43/186 of 20 December 1988 and 44/220 of 22 December 1989,

Deeply concerned at the continuing deterioration in the socio-economic situation of the least developed countries as a whole,

Reaffirming the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, in which it was stated, *inter alia*, that it would be essential to stem the increasing marginalization of the least developed countries and to reactivate their growth and development through comprehensive national action and international support measures,

Affirming the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990, in which Member States stressed, *inter alia*, the need for full implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Paris from 3 to 14 September 1990,¹⁵

Recalling that the prime objective of the Programme of Action is to arrest the further deterioration in the socio-economic situation of those countries, to reactivate and accelerate their growth and development and, in the process, to set them on the path of sustained growth and development,

Reaffirming the basic principles outlined in the Programme of Action as the basis for action by the least developed countries and their development partners, including international organizations, financial institutions and development funds, to promote fundamental, growth-oriented transformation of the economies of those countries,

Recalling the solemn commitment of the international community, as contained in the Paris Declaration, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,¹⁵ to implement the Programme of Action throughout the 1990s,

Stressing that successful implementation of the Programme of Action will depend on shared responsibility and strengthened partnership for the growth and development of the least developed countries,

⁶³ A/45/588.