

ference, bearing in mind the relevant conclusions of the Committee on Commodities at its fourteenth session;

14. *Decides* to include the question of commodities in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session.

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45/201. Strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade

The General Assembly,

Recalling 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,

Noting the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and its Protocol of Provisional Application of 30 October 1947⁵⁴ and General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964 on the establishment of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Noting also the institutional proposals made in connection with 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, related to the strengthening of multilateral organizations in the area of international trade,

Stressing the principle of free and fair global trade, which should be conducive to a significant enhancement of the trade and development prospects of all countries, in particular developing countries,

Stressing also the need for strengthening institutional arrangements in the area of international trade, with a view to reinforcing further the multilateral trading system,

1. *Reaffirms* Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/57 of 26 July 1990, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on institutional developments, taking into account all relevant proposals, related to the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the report requested, to solicit the views of all Governments and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system on this matter.

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45/202. Specific measures in favour of island developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the requests for specific action in favour of island developing countries contained in its resolutions 41/163 of 5 December 1986 and 43/189 of 20 December

1988, and in resolutions 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976,⁴⁸ 111 (V) of 3 June 1979⁴⁹ and 138 (VI) of 2 July 1983⁵⁰ of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and recalling decision 86/33 of 27 June 1986 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the special needs of island developing countries,⁵⁵

Recognizing that, in addition to the general problems of development, many island developing countries experience specific problems arising from the interplay of such factors as their smallness, remoteness, geographical dispersion, vulnerability to natural disasters, the fragility of their ecosystems, constraints on transport and communications, great distances from market centres, a highly limited internal market, lack of natural resources, weak indigenous technological capacity, the acute problem of obtaining fresh water supplies, heavy dependence on imports and a small number of commodities, depletion of non-renewable resources, migration, particularly of personnel with high-level skills, shortages of administrative personnel and heavy financial burdens,

Recognizing also that many of these factors occur concurrently in many island developing countries, resulting in socio-economic vulnerability and dependence, particularly in those countries which are small and/or geographically dispersed,

Noting that many island developing countries are also least developed countries and, in that context, taking note of the relevant provisions contained in 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

Recognizing that many of the problems facing island developing countries require a strengthened partnership between the countries concerned and other members of the international community,

Concerned about the adverse effects on island developing countries of sea-level rise resulting from climate change,

Taking note of the report of the Meeting of Governmental Experts of Island Developing Countries and Donor Countries and Organizations, held in New York from 25 to 29 June 1990,⁵⁶

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 43/189 and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and calls for their immediate and effective implementation;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to States and to organizations and bodies within and outside the United Nations system that have responded to the special needs of island developing countries;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for convening the Meeting of Governmental Experts of Island Developing Countries and Donor Countries and Organizations, as called for in paragraph 11 of resolution 43/189;

⁵⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 9* and corrigendum (E/1986/29 and Corr.1), annex 1.

⁵⁶ A/CONF.147/5-TD/B/AC.46/4.

⁵⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 55, No. 814.1(c).