

2. *Calls upon* all Governments, international and multilateral organizations, financial institutions and development funds, the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and all other organizations concerned to take concrete measures to implement fully the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s as a matter of urgency;

3. *Reaffirms* that the least developed countries have the primary responsibility for the formulation and effective implementation of national policies and priorities for their growth and development and should continue to implement the commitments they undertook at the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Paris in 1990, and, in that context, welcomes the fundamental and far-reaching changes that have been or are being initiated in the least developed countries;

4. *Stresses* that the implementation of growth and development-oriented domestic policy initiatives by the least developed countries deserves the increased support of all their development partners;

5. *Strongly urges* the international community, in particular the donor countries, to implement fully and expeditiously their commitments in all areas, as set out in the Programme of Action, so as to provide adequate external support to the least developed countries, and to keep under review the possibility of implementing further new steps in specific areas of importance to the least developed countries;

6. *Welcomes* the decision to upgrade to a division the unit of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development that deals, *inter alia*, with the least developed countries, and expresses the hope that the division will concentrate more fully on the problems and requirements of the least developed countries;

7. *Invites* the governing bodies of the organs, organizations, agencies and programmes of the United Nations system to continue to take the necessary and appropriate measures for effective implementation of and follow-up to the Programme of Action within their respective spheres of competence and according to their mandates;

8. *Invites* the preparatory bodies of all relevant forthcoming major meetings and conferences of the United Nations system to take into account the outcome of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in conformity with paragraph 142 of the Programme of Action,⁶ to continue to ensure the full mobilization and coordination of all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the implementation and follow-up of the Programme of Action, in close collaboration with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the secretariats of the regional commissions and the lead agencies for the aid groups;

10. *Calls upon* all relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to establish focal points for the least developed countries, if they have not already been established, and to strengthen the existing ones in order to involve them actively in the implementation of the Programme of Action throughout the 1990s, and also calls upon those organs, organizations and programmes to take steps to implement the recommendations

contained in the Programme of Action that fall within their area of competence;

11. *Urges* all Governments, international and multilateral organizations, regional economic integration organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations to continue to pay special attention to the problems of the least developed countries, and, in this regard, deeply appreciates the Tokyo Forum on the development problems of the least developed countries, organized in Tokyo from 13 to 15 May 1991 by the Government of Japan in collaboration with the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

12. *Deeply appreciates* the contributions of individual countries to specific United Nations programmes for the least developed countries;

13. *Emphasizes once again* the importance of economic and technical cooperation between the least developed countries and other developing countries, and, in that regard, highly recommends mechanisms of economic and technical cooperation among developing countries to strengthen the development efforts of the least developed countries, and urges the development partners to assist in such activities;

14. *Stresses* the importance of effective follow-up and monitoring mechanisms for the Programme of Action, and, in that context, requests the Secretary-General to mobilize extrabudgetary resources to ensure the participation of at least one representative of each least developed country at the spring session of the Trade and Development Board, which, in accordance with the provisions of the Programme of Action and General Assembly resolution 45/206, will undertake the annual review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action;

15. *Calls upon* the international community to continue to assist the land-locked and island least developed countries in addressing their special problems, in line with the relevant recommendations contained in the Programme of Action;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution and to report, on a continuing basis, on the implementation of the provisions of the Programme of Action.

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46/157. World Decade for Cultural Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/187 of 8 December 1986, in which it proclaimed the period 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development, to be observed under the auspices of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Taking into consideration Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/65 of 26 July 1991,

Acknowledging with satisfaction the progress made by Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in implementing the Plan of Action for the World Decade for Cultural Development,³¹ and encouraging them to pursue their efforts in this respect, especially in the context of the International Develop-

ment Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,²⁹

Taking into account resolution 26 C/3.2 adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its twenty-sixth session,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997) during the period 1990-1991;³²

2. *Approves* the recommendation contained in paragraph 89 (d) of the report, aimed at focusing the mid-term review on preparing a provisional evaluation of the implementation of the Decade, reviewing some of its goals, selecting a more limited number of priorities and defining specific tasks for the second phase of the Decade, so as to give greater impetus to the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to undertake the preparation of a global mid-term review of the Decade, to be carried out by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, in 1994; the preparation should include the following:

(a) Written consultations with Member States and appropriate international governmental and non-governmental organizations, to be carried out by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in 1992, with the aim of evaluating the implementation of the Decade, including an evaluation of the cultural factors influencing the development of the cultural sector as a potential creator of jobs and generator of income, to be carried out by the regional commissions in 1993, as specified by the General Assembly in paragraph 3 of its resolution 45/189 of 21 December 1990;

(b) The elaboration of a summary evaluation report based on the results obtained from the written consultations with Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as on the contributions from the regional commissions; the summary evaluation report would serve as the main working document for the mid-term review and would be prepared by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

(c) An examination of the summary evaluation report by the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development, established by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in resolution 24 C/11.13 adopted at its twenty-fourth session;

4. *Invites* all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to contribute actively to the mid-term review of the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade.

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46/158. World Commission on Culture and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/187 of 8 December 1986, in which it proclaimed the period 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/65 of 26 July 1991, in which the Council noted the suggestion made at the 11th meeting of the First (Economic) Committee, on 18 July 1991, that the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization jointly establish an international commission to prepare a report on culture and development,

Also taking note of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997) during the period 1990-1991,³²

1. *Takes note* of resolution 26 C/3.4 adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its twenty-sixth session, on the establishment of a World Commission on Culture and Development;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to cooperate with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as the latter proceeds in:

(a) Establishing an independent World Commission on Culture and Development, comprising women and men drawn from all regions and eminent in diverse disciplines, to prepare a world report on culture and development and proposals for both urgent and long-term action to meet cultural needs in the context of development;

(b) Appointing, after such consultations as they deem necessary, the Chairperson of the Commission and, in cooperation with the Chairperson, selecting the other twelve members of the Commission;

3. *Expects* the World Commission to submit its final report to the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and to the United Nations General Assembly no later than three years after it begins its work, and to direct its report to intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental forums, to individuals and to the general public in order to promote wide dissemination and follow-up;

4. *Decides* to consider the report of the World Commission on Culture and Development at an appropriate future session.

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46/159. Technical cooperation among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,²⁸