

Convinced that general and complete disarmament should be the final goal of all disarmament efforts,

Recognizing the importance of partial disarmament measures as a promising way of achieving genuine progress in the disarmament field and in releasing resources, both financial and human, for social and economic development,

Noting that the formulation of the framework for national and international studies and activities regarding economic and social aspects of disarmament agreed upon by the Economic and Social Council³ and the questionnaire on the economic and social consequences of disarmament agreed upon by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination⁴ do not exclude the possibilities of studying the economic and social consequences of various partial disarmament measures as well,

1. *Takes note* of the Secretary-General's report entitled "Economic and social consequences of disarmament: conversion to peaceful uses of the resources released by disarmament";⁵

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when inviting Member States to submit national studies in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 2092 (XX) and 2171 (XXI), to draw their attention to the present resolution and to suggest that they may wish to embody, in some of their studies, considerations on the anticipated effects of important partial disarmament measures.

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2388 (XXIII). United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its past resolutions relating to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, particularly resolution 2277 (XXII) of 4 December 1967, and the resolutions of the Economic and Social Council on that subject, particularly resolution 1339 (XLV) of 16 July 1968,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;⁶

2. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1339 (XLV);

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the Executive Director's policy paper,⁷ annexed to his report to the General Assembly, on the strategy, scope and limitations of the Institute's training activities, which has been approved by the Board of Trustees;

4. *Further notes* that the Executive Director intends to conduct a review of the research programmes of the Institute to be submitted in due course to the Board of Trustees;

5. *Commends* the Institute's expanding activities in both training and research and recognizes the importance of these activities, particularly the study on the international migration of professionals from developing

³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/4494, annex I.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Ibid.*, document E/4494; E/4494/Add.1.

⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session*, agenda item 43, document A/7263.

⁷ *Ibid.*, annex II.

to developed countries and the study on the criteria and methods of evaluation, in the preparations for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

6. *Reaffirms* the importance of co-operation and co-ordination between the Institute and the United Nations Secretariat, the specialized agencies, the regional economic commissions and other United Nations bodies—including the other institutes within the United Nations family—as well as appropriate national and international institutions;

7. *Expresses its appreciation* of the assistance given or pledged to the Institute in various forms by Governments and non-governmental sources;

8. *Invites* the Executive Director to take into account, in his formulation of future plans of action to be considered by the Board of Trustees, the suggestions made in the course of the debate on this item;

9. *Notes and supports* the case presented by the Executive Director for greater financial support for the Institute through the fulfilment of the pledges already made by Governments and through additional voluntary contributions from governmental and non-governmental sources.

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2401 (XXIII). Technical assistance in trade and related fields

The General Assembly,

Having considered Trade and Development Board resolution 44 (VII) of 21 September 1968⁸ on technical assistance in trade and related fields,

Taking note of the statement made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on this subject at the seventh session of the Board,⁹

Recalling its resolutions 2207 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 and 2297 (XXII) of 12 December 1967,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in Trade and Development Board resolution 44 (VII);

2. *Decides* that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development shall be a participating organization of the United Nations Development Programme in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX) of 22 November 1965.

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13 December 1968.*

2402 (XXIII). United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the objective laid down in its resolution 2296 (XXII) of 12 December 1967 for the second session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and its decision to consider the results of the second session of the Conference as a matter of high priority,

Further recalling its resolution 2305 (XXII) of 13 December 1967 on the United Nations Development Decade, in which, *inter alia*, it recognized that the

⁸ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214)*, part II, annex I.

⁹ *Ibid.*, Trade and Development Board resolution 44 (VII), annex.

major problems of trade and development to be considered by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its second session would have an important bearing on the preparations for the next Development Decade,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its second session,¹⁰ held in New Delhi, and the report of the Trade and Development Board for the period from 10 September 1967 to 23 September 1968,¹¹

Taking into account the statement made by the President of the second session of the Conference in the General Assembly on 28 October 1968¹² and the views expressed in plenary meeting and in the Second Committee on the results of the Conference at its second session,

Convinced that the effectiveness of the continuing machinery depends considerably upon the political will of Governments of all Member States to contribute to the achievement of concrete solutions to the problems of trade and development,

Bearing in mind the recommendation of the Conference at its second session to its member States to devise and explore earnestly ways and means of assisting the continuing machinery of the Conference to discharge the responsibility placed upon it after its second session,

Recalling its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964 on the establishment of the Conference, in particular its provisions on future institutional arrangements,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its second session and the report of the Trade and Development Board for the period from 10 September 1967 to 23 September 1968;

2. *Welcomes* decision 45 (VII) adopted by the Trade and Development Board on 21 September 1968 on the improvement of the institutional machinery and methods of work of the Conference;¹³

3. *Considers* that decision 45 (VII) of the Board is a positive manifestation of the political will of States members of the Conference to enhance the capacity of the Conference to achieve positive results;

4. *Further considers* that the full and effective utilization of the improved machinery and methods of work, in the same spirit of co-operation, will contribute towards reaching a greater measure of agreement on problems before the Conference, in particular through:

(a) The possibility of holding sessions of the Board at a high political level in order to consider matters of greater importance;

(b) The possibility of convening a special session of the Board, to be held within the minimum periods provided for in rule 4, paragraph 2, and rule 6 of the rules of procedure of the Board;

(c) The possibility of setting up intergovernmental groups on matters falling within the competence of

¹⁰ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Second Session*, vol. I and Corr.1 and Add.1, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.II.D.14).

¹¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214)*.

¹² *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Plenary Meetings*, 1708th meeting, paras. 3-34.

¹³ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214)*, part II, annex I.

the Board's main committees, with the purpose of identifying specific courses of action, as appropriate;

(d) The initiative of the Secretary-General of the Conference, where appropriate, in order to assist the continuing machinery in its search for concrete solutions to problems of trade and development;

5. *Expresses the opinion* that in special situations the convening of *ad hoc* meetings of the countries concerned, with their agreement, at a high political level may secure more rapid progress in reaching generally acceptable conclusions on basic issues of substance;

6. *Draws the attention* of the States members of the Conference to the tasks which remain unfinished, particularly those pertaining to the problems facing the least developed of the developing countries, and to the large number of important issues remitted by the Conference to its continuing machinery for further consideration and action;

7. *Urges* the Board at its forthcoming sessions, in considering the issues remitted to it by the Conference, to seek the widest possible measure of agreement on concrete and practical action or recommendations, as appropriate, in particular in view of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

8. *Requests* the Governments of States members of the Conference, the regional economic commissions, the Economic and Social Office in Beirut, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as other intergovernmental organizations participating in the work of the Conference, to make every effort to enlighten public opinion within their respective fields about the various aspects of the developmental process and about the efforts being made by the international community in this area, with a view to obtaining the widest possible support for the work of the Conference.

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2407 (XXIII). United Nations Industrial Development Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of its resolution 2152 (XXI) of 17 November 1966 relating to the purpose and functions of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

Bearing in mind that the developing countries attach high priority to their industrial development within the framework of their national economic plans and programmes,

Conscious of the significant contribution that the United Nations Industrial Development Organization can make in achieving the widest possible international co-operation with a view to assisting the developing countries to accelerate their industrial development,

Recognizing the key role that industrial development will have to play in the fulfilment of the objectives of the next United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its second session;¹⁴

2. *Requests* the Industrial Development Board to include in its future reports a summary of the activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the previous year;

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 15 (A/7215)*.