

menting the measures agreed upon within the continuing machinery and seek new areas of agreement in the dynamic context of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Taking into account its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 in which it adopted the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and proclaimed the Second Decade to begin on 1 January 1971,

Recalling its resolution 2641 (XXV) of 19 November 1970 concerning the review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy,

Recognizing that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will play, within its competence, an important role in the implementation of the International Development Strategy and in reviewing progress made in that implementation,

Recalling also its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, in which it expressed its intention to seek advice from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development before making changes in the fundamental provisions of that resolution,

Recalling further that in its resolution 2570 (XXIV) it considered that the Trade and Development Board, while making a fuller and more effective utilization of the improved machinery and methods of work of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in accordance with decision 45 (VII) adopted by the Trade and Development Board on 21 September 1968,⁶⁰ and General Assembly resolution 2402 (XXIII), should, at the same time, keep the question of further improvement in the institutional machinery of the Conference constantly under review and from time to time make such suggestions as may enable the continuing machinery to discharge the responsibility entrusted to it,

Expressing its concern that, two and a half years after the second session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and in spite of the efforts made in the process of formulating and reaching agreement on the International Development Strategy, a number of issues referred to the continuing machinery by the Conference remain unresolved,

Noting with deep concern that the recent trends in some developed countries towards intensification of protectionism may jeopardize vital trade interests of all countries, particularly of the developing countries, and may threaten the very basis of international economic co-operation during the coming decade,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Trade and Development Board on its activities between 24 September 1969 and 13 October 1970;⁶¹

2. *Decides* that the third session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development shall be convened in April/May 1972;

3. *Notes* that the Trade and Development Board will in due course make its final recommendation to the General Assembly concerning the location of the third session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

4. *Invites* the Trade and Development Board to draw the attention of the United Nations Conference

on Trade and Development at its third session, in pursuing the functions falling within its competence and its role in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade in a dynamic context, to the importance of:

(a) Reviewing the progress made in and seeking further implementation of the policy measures as agreed upon within the context of the International Development Strategy;

(b) Reaching agreement in more specific terms on issues which have not been fully resolved in the International Development Strategy and which have an important bearing on its implementation;

(c) Seeking new areas of agreement and widening existing ones;

(d) Evolving new concepts and seeking agreement on additional measures;

5. *Recommends* that the institutional machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development should be fully oriented towards the implementation of the relevant provisions of the International Development Strategy, particularly for enabling those countries which are having difficulty in accepting certain specific provisions in the policy measures of the Strategy to make a fuller and more effective contribution to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

6. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board to give consideration, in the light of paragraph 5 above and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and Trade and Development Board decision 45 (VII), to such reforms of the fundamental provisions of that resolution as to promote further evolution in the institutional arrangements of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in its continuing machinery and in its methods of work, designed to increase its effectiveness and to put forward concrete suggestions for its improvement, with a view to enabling the Conference to make specific recommendations for consideration by the General Assembly.

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15 December 1970.

2726 (XXV). Transfer of technology, including know-how and patents

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Trade and Development Board on the first part of its tenth session,⁶²

Bearing in mind the importance of and the need for an adequate transfer of operative technology to developing countries in order to accelerate their economic and social development,

Recognizing that the adoption of concerted measures and the implementation, by developed and developing countries and competent international organizations, of a programme for promoting the transfer of technology to developing countries constitute an important element of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,⁶³

Stressing the role that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, within its competence, will be called upon to play in this programme, in particular to consider studies and, as appropriate, suggest mea-

⁶⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214)*, p. 93.

⁶¹ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/8015/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1)*.

⁶² *Ibid.*, part two.

⁶³ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

asures aimed at broadening and facilitating the conditions for the transfer of operative technology to the developing countries, with the object of satisfying the needs of those countries, taking fully into account the special requirements of the least developed among them,

Recalling its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1454 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969 and 1544 (XLIX) of 30 July 1970, as well as Trade and Development Board resolutions 48 (VII) of 21 September 1968⁶⁴ and 62 (IX) of 12 September 1969,⁶⁵

1. *Endorses* Trade and Development Board resolution 74 (X) of 18 September 1970,⁶⁶ whereby the

⁶⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214)*, p. 86.

⁶⁵ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/7616 and Corr.2)*, p. 210.

⁶⁶ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/8015/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1)*, part two, annex I.

Intergovernmental Group on Transfer of Technology of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development was established with a view to advancing the work in this field;

2. *Reaffirms* in this connexion the need for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to pursue its work in the field of the transfer of operative technology to the developing countries on a continuing basis;

3. *Requests* the States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to give their fullest support to the Intergovernmental Group on Transfer of Technology, including provision through the appropriate procedures of such budgetary support as may be necessary to ensure that the Group will be able to discharge effectively its functions, as defined in Trade and Development Board resolution 74 (X).

1931st plenary meeting,
15 December 1970.

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Other decisions

Report of the Economic and Social Council

(Item 12)

At its 1925th plenary meeting, on 11 December 1970, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee:⁶⁷

(a) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the world population situation;⁶⁸

(b) Took note of the section of the report of the Economic and Social Council⁶⁹ relating to the report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the exploitation and conservation of living marine resources,⁷⁰ submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2413 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968;

(c) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation on questions relating to the oceans,⁷¹ prepared in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2414 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968;

(d) Decided to defer until its twenty-sixth session consideration of the questions entitled "Application of computer technology for development" and "Outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries".

Confirmation of the appointment of the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

(Item 38 (b))

The Secretary-General, in pursuance of section II, paragraph 18, of General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI) of 17 November 1966, reappointed Mr. Ibrahim Helmi ABDEL-RAHMAN as Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for a term of two years ending on 31 December 1972.⁷²

At its 1912th plenary meeting, on 19 November 1970, the General Assembly confirmed that appointment.

⁶⁷ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document A/8203/Add.1, para. 48.

⁶⁸ E/4778.

⁶⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8003 and Corr.1)*, chapter III, section B.

⁷⁰ E/4842.

⁷¹ E/4836.

⁷² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 38, document A/8152.