

31/182. Preparations for a new international development strategy

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and 3517 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the mid-term review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the Strategy,

Gravely concerned that international economic relations face severe problems and that the economic disparities between the developed and the developing countries have further widened,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling the results achieved at a number of major United Nations conferences held during the Second United Nations Development Decade on world economic and social problems,

Conscious of the need to introduce profound changes in economic relations between the developed and developing countries,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Committee for Development Planning as well as the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and other organs and organizations concerned of the United Nations system, to collect data and information that are relevant to the formulation of a new international development strategy, taking fully into account the above-mentioned resolutions on the establishment of a new international economic order and the other above-mentioned resolutions;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the information requested above to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council at its resumed sixty-third session, and decides to consider at that time appropriate action for the preparations for a new international development strategy;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that research studies and reports in the field of development and economic co-operation, including those that may be necessary for a new international development strategy, are in accordance with the objectives of the above-mentioned resolutions;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to utilize all appropriate research institutions and expertise, especially those of the developing countries, in the preparation of the above-mentioned studies and reports.

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31/183. Establishment of a network for the exchange of technological information

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975,

Taking into account resolution 87 (IV) of 30 May 1976 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development¹¹⁷ concerning strengthening the technological capacity of developing countries,

Bearing in mind its resolution 3507 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on institutional arrangements in the field of the transfer of technology, particularly paragraphs 2, 5 and 6 thereof,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1902 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 on the role of an international technological information system in the transfer and assessment of technology and in the indigenous growth of appropriate technologies in developing countries,

Acknowledging that the Economic and Social Council, in its decision 171 (LXI) of 4 August 1976, noted with satisfaction the report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a network for the exchange of technological information,¹¹⁸ as a first step in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3507 (XXX), and decided to transmit the report to the Assembly for consideration at its thirty-first session,

1. *Reaffirms* the importance of wider dissemination of scientific and technological information for the purpose of allowing developing countries access to research findings which are of interest to them as well as project experience of other developing countries, thus permitting the selection of technologies essential for their industrial growth and promoting the development of their own technological capacity;

2. *Compliments* the Secretary-General on the report transmitted by the Economic and Social Council and requests that he convey the thanks of the General Assembly to members of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Information Exchange and the Transfer of Technology who have undertaken to prepare the plan for the establishment of a network for the exchange of technological information;

3. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report and its conclusions,¹¹⁹ especially as they relate to the importance of establishing a network useful to all countries, in particular developing countries;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in consultation with the regional commissions and other appropriate organizations, to intensify their efforts, in their respective fields, to assist in the establishment in developing countries of centres for the transfer and development of technology at the national, subregional and regional levels, in order to provide fundamental elements for the adequate functioning of an international network for the exchange of technological information, through corresponding national, subregional and regional systems of information;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General and the Interagency Task Force to continue their work in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 3507 (XXX), including the preparation and publication of the pilot directory of United Nations

¹¹⁷ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10), part one, sect. A.

¹¹⁸ E/5839.

¹¹⁹ *Ibid.*, sect. IV.

information services mentioned in the report,¹²⁰ and to submit further conclusions and recommendations on the establishment of a network for the exchange of technological information to the Assembly at its thirty-second session;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Interagency Task Force, to provide, within the existing capacity of the Secretariat, the necessary administrative services for carrying out, as far as is possible at present, the recommendations of the report;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Interagency Task Force to ascertain the availability of current inventories of information capabilities at the national, regional and international levels in terms of information sources, means of access to information and information-related services;

8. *Urges* the Secretary-General and the Interagency Task Force to identify by means of those inventories any deficiencies that might inhibit the setting up of the network and to recommend to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, measures to remedy these deficiencies;

9. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on the establishment of an industrial technological information bank¹²¹ and urges the Industrial Development Board to take an early decision so that the Executive Director will be able to take the necessary measures towards making the bank operational, and to report on the measures taken to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session through the Economic and Social Council.

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31/184. United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling section III, paragraph 7, of its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, in which it decided that a United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development should be held in 1978 or 1979,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1897 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 on the question of convening a United Nations conference on science and technology, 2028 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 on the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development and 2035 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 on the preparatory period for the Conference,

Recalling further the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order¹²² and the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,¹²³

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolutions 2028 (LXI) and 2035 (LXI);

2. *Decides* to convene the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development

during 1979, in time for the General Assembly to take action at its thirty-fourth session in the light of the results of the Conference;

3. *Decides* that the Conference should be within the framework recommended in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2028 (LXI);

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint a Secretary-General of the Conference at the earliest possible time, as provided in paragraph 5 of Council resolution 2028 (LXI), and further requests such appointment to be made at the level of Under-Secretary-General, in order to ensure the appropriate capacity for co-ordination and interaction with Member States and within the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system;

5. *Decides* that the Committee on Science and Technology for Development shall act as the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, open to the participation of all States, and further decides that the Preparatory Committee shall hold its first session early in 1977 and submit its report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session through the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session;

6. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee to consider, taking into account the time needed for the due completion of the various stages of preparation for the Conference, the question of the time-table, sites and other necessary arrangements for the regional and interregional preparatory meetings and to submit its proposals to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session;

7. *Also requests* the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to consider, at its meeting in 1977, as the Preparatory Committee, the draft provisional agenda for its fourth regular session;

8. *Decides* to take a final decision on the question of the site of the Conference at its thirty-second session;

9. *Invites* the specialized agencies, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, as well as the International Atomic Energy Agency and the interested organs of the United Nations, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the regional commissions to co-operate fully in the preparations for the Conference, as provided by Economic and Social Council resolution 2028 (LXI);

10. *Requests* the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to take fully into account, in the process of preparation for the Conference, the interrelationship between the scientific/technological fields and other areas of activity of the United Nations system, in particular the economic area, so as to create more favourable conditions for the further promotion of comprehensive international co-operation;

11. *Invites* the Secretary-General to request the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to promote, through its Sub-Committee on Science and Technology, close and permanent contact with the Secretary-General of the Conference;

12. *Decides* that, for the preparatory work leading to the Conference, the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development

¹²⁰ *Ibid.*, para. 76 (a).

¹²¹ A/31/147.

¹²² Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

¹²³ Resolution 3281 (XXIX).