

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1979 and to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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### 33/147. Assistance to the Palestinian people

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 3236 (XXIX) and 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1978 (LIX) of 31 July 1975, 2026 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 and 2100 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977,

*Taking into consideration* the reports of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people,<sup>119</sup>

*Taking note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-fifth session<sup>120</sup> and of the response of the Administrator of the Programme,<sup>121</sup>

1. *Endorses* the resolutions of the Economic and Social Council concerning assistance to the Palestinian people;

2. *Calls upon* the United Nations Development Programme, in consultation with the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, to intensify its efforts, in co-ordination with the Economic Commission for Western Asia, to implement the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council in order to improve the social and economic conditions of the Palestinian people by identifying their social and economic needs and by establishing concrete projects to that end, without prejudice to the sovereignty of the respective Arab host countries, and to provide adequate funds for that purpose.

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### 33/148. United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy

*The General Assembly,*

*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* Economic and Social Council resolution 2119 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977,

*Having considered* the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council, contained in its resolution 1978/61 of 3 August 1978, that the General Assembly at its thirty-third session should give favourable consideration to and take definitive action on convening

at the earliest possible time a United Nations conference on new and renewable sources of energy and should, in that context, define the objectives, scope, nature and timing of such a conference, as well as the required preparatory arrangements, including inter-governmental machinery,

*Cognizant* of the importance of developing new and renewable sources of energy in order to meet requirements for continued economic and social development, particularly in the developing countries,

*Aware* of the importance of increasing the industrial capacity of the developing countries,

*Stressing* the importance of intensive international co-operation in the field of new and renewable sources of energy,

*Aware* of the significant progress achieved in recent years in the technology relating to the development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy,

*Cognizant* of the need to identify concrete measures for the transfer of relevant technology to developing countries and for financing arrangements, both bilateral and multilateral, for the development of new and renewable sources of energy in developing countries,

*Convinced* of the need to exchange information on the latest developments and experience in the practical application of new and renewable sources of energy,

*Bearing in mind* the report of the Secretary-General on the feasibility of holding an international conference on new and renewable sources of energy,<sup>122</sup>

1. *Decides* to convene an international conference on new and renewable sources of energy in 1981 under the auspices of the United Nations;

2. *Decides* further that the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy should have the objective of elaborating measures for concerted action designed to promote the development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy, with a view to contributing to meeting future over-all energy requirements, especially those of the developing countries, in particular in the context of efforts aimed at accelerating the development of the developing countries;

3. *Defines* the scope of the Conference as confined to the area of such new and renewable sources of energy as solar, geothermal and wind power, tidal power, wave power and thermal gradient of the sea, biomass conversion, fuel-wood, charcoal, peat, energy from draught animals, oil shale, tar sands and hydropower;

4. *Decides also* that, in the light of the foregoing and with a view to formulating recommendations for concrete action, the Conference should concentrate, *inter alia*, on the following:

(a) Analysis of the state of technology related to new and renewable sources of energy;

(b) Identification of the potential, particularly in the developing countries, for utilization of new and renewable sources of energy;

(c) Assessment of the economic viability of the use of new and renewable sources of energy in the light of the technologies now available and those being developed;

<sup>119</sup> E/6005 and Add.1, E/1978/55 and Add.1-3.

<sup>120</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1).*

<sup>121</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 55.

<sup>122</sup> E/1978/68.

(d) Identification of measures for promoting, particularly in the developing countries, development of the technology required for exploration, development, exploitation and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy, taking into account the relevant results of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development;

(e) Identification of the measures necessary for the transfer to developing countries of the relevant technologies available, taking into account the results of negotiations relating to the transfer of technology in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development and elsewhere;

(f) Promotion of adequate information flows regarding all aspects of new and renewable sources of energy, especially to the developing countries, taking duly into account their special conditions and requirements;

(g) Question of financing the activities necessary for promoting the identification, development, exploitation and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after consultations with Member States, to appoint a secretary-general of the Conference before the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation with the responsibility of providing over-all guidance, orientation and co-ordination of the contributions from the relevant secretariats of the United Nations system to the preparations for the Conference;

7. *Invites* the organs, organizations and agencies of the United Nations system concerned, including the regional commissions, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, to co-operate fully in the preparations for the Conference;

8. *Decides* to establish, at its thirty-fourth session, an intergovernmental preparatory committee for the Conference and to decide, at that session, on the composition of the committee;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to initiate the process of preparations for the Conference on the basis of paragraphs 2 to 4 above, through the preparation of studies by the relevant secretariats of the United Nations system and by meetings of technical panels of experts nominated by Governments and appointed by the Secretary-General on the basis of equitable geographical distribution and their knowledge of the subject, for submission to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session and to the preparatory committee;

10. *Invites* the technical panels of experts to give appropriate consideration to the technical inputs within the scope of the Conference that might be made by the relevant intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

11. *Decides* to consider, at its thirty-fourth session, further preparations for the Conference under a separate agenda item entitled "United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy", in the light of a progress report on the preparations for the Conference, to be submitted by the Secretary-General

to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1979, as well as the studies requested in paragraph 9 above.

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### 33/149. Special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in its resolutions 62 (III) of 19 May 1972<sup>124</sup> and 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976,<sup>125</sup>

*Taking into consideration* its resolutions 3214 (XXIX) of 6 November 1974 and 32/190 of 19 December 1977,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Review of progress in the implementation of special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries",<sup>126</sup>

1. *Invites* the developed countries as well as the international financial institutions to increase the flow of financial and technical assistance to the least developed among the developing countries;

2. *Urges* the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and other financial institutions to provide additional resources in order to meet the particular needs of the least developed among the developing countries;

3. *Affirms* the decision of the Conference on International Economic Co-operation with respect to the allocation of \$1 billion in the context of the special action programme;

4. *Welcomes* Trade and Development Board resolution 165 (S-IX) of 11 March 1978<sup>127</sup> on debt and development problems of developing countries, adopted by the Board at the third part of its ninth special session, at the ministerial level, and urges implementation, as soon as possible, of the measures envisaged therein and also welcomes the implementation measures already adopted;

5. *Also welcomes* Trade and Development Board resolution 171 (XVIII) of 17 September 1978<sup>128</sup> on special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries;

6. *Recommends* that the developed countries, as well as the appropriate international organizations and

<sup>123</sup> At its 95th plenary meeting, on 29 January 1979, the General Assembly, having been seized of the report of the Fifth Committee on the administrative and financial implications of the present resolution (A/33/556), decided to consider the resolution as adopted.

<sup>124</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

<sup>125</sup> *Ibid.*, *Fourth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10 and corrigendum), part one, sect. A.

<sup>126</sup> E/1978/86 (Parts I and II).

<sup>127</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/33/15), vol. I, part two, annex I.

<sup>128</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. II, annex I.