

Noting with concern that the measures taken so far in favour of land-locked developing countries and the assistance given fall far short of their needs,

1. *Reaffirms* the right of land-locked developing countries to free access to and from the sea and their right to freedom of transit;

2. *Appeals* to all States, international organizations and financial institutions to implement, as a matter of urgency and priority, the specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries envisaged in resolutions 63 (III), 98 (IV) and 123 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and in other relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

3. *Urges* all donor countries, as well as those in a position to do so and the international organizations concerned, to provide land-locked developing countries with appropriate financial and technical assistance in the form of grants or concessional loans for the construction and improvement of their transport and transit infrastructures and facilities;

4. *Urges also* the international community and multilateral and bilateral financial institutions to intensify efforts in raising the net flow of resources to land-locked developing countries to help offset the adverse effects of their disadvantageous geographical situation on their economic development efforts, in keeping with the overall economic situation of each land-locked country;

5. *Invites* the transit countries to co-operate effectively with the land-locked developing countries in harmonizing transport planning and promoting other joint ventures in the field of transport at the regional, sub-regional and bilateral levels;

6. *Commends* the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other United Nations agencies for their work and the assistance they have provided to the land-locked developing countries and invites them to continue to take appropriate and effective measures to respond to the specific needs of those countries;

7. *Further invites* the international community to give financial support to interested transit and land-locked developing countries in the construction of alternative routes to the sea;

8. *Recommends* continued and intensified activities relating to the conducting of necessary studies and the implementation of special actions and action programmes for the land-locked developing countries, including those in the area of economic co-operation among developing countries, as well as those that have been envisaged in the programme of work of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional commissions and other programmes and activities at the regional and subregional levels.

*83rd plenary meeting
5 December 1980*

35/59. Particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets

The General Assembly,

Having considered the interim report of the Secretary-General on the particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets,⁴⁸

⁴⁸ A/35/512.

Recalling resolution 110 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,⁴⁷

Recalling further its resolutions 32/160 of 19 December 1977, concerning the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, and 34/193 of 19 December 1979, in which it requested the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to accelerate the implementation of resolution 110 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and to report thereon to the General Assembly,

Regretting that the measures provided for in resolution 34/193 have not been implemented,

Aware of the particular difficulties facing Zaire because of the problems encountered by its foreign trade with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General⁴⁸ on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 34/193 concerning the particular problems facing Zaire with regard to transport, transit and access to foreign markets;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts with a view to enabling the appropriate organs of the United Nations to provide the necessary technical assistance as soon as possible to the Government of Zaire and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

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35/60. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

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,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Trade and Development Board on its eleventh special session and twentieth session⁴⁹ and on its twenty-first session;⁵⁰

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the adoption, on 27 June 1980, of the Agreement Establishing the Common Fund for Commodities⁵¹ and the pledges already announced for voluntary contributions to its second account, and urges all Governments to complete expeditiously the procedures required for its signature, ratification, acceptance or approval, so that it may enter into force as early as possible;

3. *Also notes with satisfaction* the adoption, on 24 May 1980, of the United Nations Convention on International Multimodal Transport of Goods⁵² and urges all Governments to consider signing the Convention and taking the necessary steps to become contracting parties to it as expeditiously as possible;

⁴⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/35/15), vol. I.*

⁵⁰ *Ibid.*, vol. II.

⁵¹ TD/IPC/CF/CONF/24.

⁵² TD/MT/CONF/16.

4. *Welcomes* resolution 222 (XXI) of 27 September 1980 of the Trade and Development Board⁵³ on the debt and development problems of developing countries and urges all developed donor countries which have not done so to take the necessary steps to implement fully and immediately section A of Board resolution 165 (S-IX) of 11 March 1978,⁵⁴ taking into account paragraph 5 thereof;

5. *Takes note of* the report of the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental High-Level Group of Experts on the Evolution of the International Monetary System,⁵⁵ which met at Geneva from 28 July to 5 August 1980, reaffirms the role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in contributing to the efforts towards the evolution of the international monetary system, particularly regarding the interaction between that system and world trade and development, and urges those countries that did not participate in the work of the Group of Experts to do so in the future;

6. *Notes with concern* that the United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology did not complete its task at its third session, as called for by the General Assembly in resolution 34/195 of 19 December 1979, decides to convene a fourth session of the Conference from 23 March to 10 April 1981 and reiterates its call for the necessary political will and flexibility on the part of all Governments in order to reach agreement on the outstanding issues and to take all decisions necessary for the adoption of the international code of conduct on the transfer of technology, bearing in mind the interests and concerns of the developing countries;

7. *Notes with satisfaction* the adoption of the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1979,⁵⁶ and urges Governments that have signed it but have not yet completed the procedures required for ratification, acceptance or approval of the Agreement to do so as soon as possible, and Governments that have not yet signed the Agreement but wish to accede to it to do so without delay after its provisional entry into force, so that the Agreement may enter into force definitively at an early date.

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35/61. Action programme in favour of developing island countries

The General Assembly,

Reiterating the programme of specific action in favour of developing island countries envisaged in resolutions 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976⁵⁷ and 111 (V) of 3 June 1979⁵⁸ of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Recalling its resolutions 31/156 of 21 December 1976, 32/185 of 19 December 1977 and 34/205 of 19 December 1979 and other resolutions of the United

⁵³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/35/15)*, vol. II, annex I.

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/33/15 and Corr.1)*, vol. I, part one, annex 1.

⁵⁵ TD/B/823-TD/B/AC.32/2.

⁵⁶ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.II.D.5.

⁵⁷ 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 and corrigendum), part one, sect. A.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, *Fifth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

Nations relating to the special needs and problems of developing island countries,

Mindful that further specific action is needed to assist developing island countries—in particular those which suffer handicaps due especially to smallness, remoteness, constraints in transport and communications, great distances from market centres, highly limited internal markets, lack of marketing expertise, low resource endowment, lack of natural resources, heavy dependence on a few commodities for their foreign exchange earnings, shortage of administrative personnel and heavy financial burdens—in offsetting the major handicaps that they face in their development process,

Bearing in mind the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁵⁹

1. *Notes with concern* that very few significant initiatives have so far been taken for the implementation of the specific actions envisaged in resolutions 98 (IV) and 111 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. *Appeals* to all States, international organizations and financial institutions to take urgent and effective steps to implement specific actions in favour of developing island countries, as envisaged in resolutions 98 (IV) and 111 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as well as in other resolutions on this subject;

3. *Invites* the competent organizations of the United Nations system to take further measures as necessary to enhance their capacity to respond positively to the specific needs of developing island countries during the Third United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Decides* to undertake at its thirty-seventh session a comprehensive review of the implementation of the measures taken by the international community in favour of the specific needs of the developing island countries, as called for in the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and other resolutions on this subject.

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35/62. Reverse transfer of technology

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 also its resolutions 32/192 of 19 December 1977 and 33/151 of 20 December 1978, entitled "Reverse transfer of technology", as well as its resolution 34/200 of 19 December 1979 on development aspects of the reverse transfer of technology,

Noting the Economic Declaration adopted by the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana from 3 to 9 September 1979,⁶⁰

⁵⁹ See resolution 35/56 above, annex.

⁶⁰ See A/34/542, annex, sect. IV.