

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to accelerate his efforts to arrange consultations with the members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, with a view to arranging for the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to participate in all aspects of the work of the Committee and its subsidiary machinery in order to strengthen the co-ordination of human settlements programmes within the United Nations system, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the results of those efforts;

2. *Urges* the Commission on Human Settlements and the Centre to accelerate their efforts to achieve greater harmonization and co-ordination of human settlements activities in the United Nations system, in accordance with their respective mandates under General Assembly resolution 32/162, and calls upon the appropriate specialized agencies and other bodies and organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate with the Commission and the Centre in those efforts.

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### 37/224. Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries

*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,

*Reaffirming* that in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade it was stated, *inter alia*, that, as an essential priority within the Strategy, the least developed countries—the economically weakest and poorest countries with the most formidable structural problems—require a special programme of sufficient size and intensity consistent with their national plans and priorities to make a decisive break from their past and present situation and their bleak prospects,<sup>184</sup>

*Recalling* resolution 122 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,<sup>185</sup> which was endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 34/210 of 19 December 1979,

*Reaffirming* the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, adopted unanimously by the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries<sup>186</sup> and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 36/194 of 17 December 1981,

*Reaffirming also* that the main objectives of the Substantial New Programme of Action are to transform the economies of the least developed countries towards self-sustaining development, to promote the structural changes necessary to overcome the extreme economic difficulties of the least developed countries, to provide fully adequate and internationally accepted minimum standards of nutrition, health, transport and communications, housing and education as

well as job opportunities to all their citizens, to identify and support major investment opportunities and priorities, and to mitigate the adverse effects of natural disasters,

*Stressing* the immediate need for greatly expanded support measures, including a major increase in the transfer of additional resources from all developed countries, developing countries in a position to do so, multilateral development and financial institutions and other sources, for the realization of the objectives of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

*Emphasizing* the need for improvements in aid modalities and practices and their responsiveness to the requirements of the least developed countries,

*Expressing its deepest concern* at the continued deterioration of the economic and social situation of the least developed countries and their dismal development, even after adoption of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

*Noting with concern* that the present external resource flows to the least developed countries are not in line with the substantial increases envisaged in the Substantial New Programme of Action, thus contributing to the slow implementation of the Programme,

*Noting with appreciation* the progress made by some of the donor countries towards the implementation of their commitments, as contained in paragraphs 61 to 69 of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,<sup>187</sup>

1. *Emphasizes* that, in view of their desperate socio-economic plight, the least developed countries need the urgent and special attention and the large-scale support on a continuous basis of the international community to enable them to progress towards self-reliant development, consistent with the plans and programmes of each least developed country;

2. *Calls upon* all Member States, as well as multilateral development and financial institutions, the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and all others concerned to take immediate, concrete and fully adequate measures and steps to accelerate the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries;

3. *Strongly urges* all donor countries to implement their commitments, as stated in paragraphs 61 to 69 of the Substantial New Programme of Action,<sup>186</sup> so as to achieve, in that regard, a substantial increase of resources for the development of the least developed countries;

4. *Reaffirms* that the least developed countries have primary responsibility for their overall development and that, although international support measures are vitally important, the domestic policies that those countries pursue will be of critical importance for the success of their development efforts;

5. *Calls upon* all Member States, as well as multilateral development and financial institutions, the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and all others concerned to consider favourably giving their full support to aid consultative groups or other arrangements to be established at the initiative of the least developed countries in accordance with paragraphs 110 to 116 of the Substantial New Programme of Action;

6. *Recommends strongly* that the first round of review meetings at the country level on the implementation of the

<sup>184</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex, para. 136.

<sup>185</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session*, vol. 1, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

<sup>186</sup> *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

<sup>187</sup> A/37/197 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1 and 2.

Substantial New Programme of Action in accordance with paragraphs 110 to 116 of the Programme should be completed by 1983;

7. *Requests* all donors and multilateral development, financial and technical assistance institutions to participate in those review meetings at an appropriately high level with a view to providing support for the implementation of the plans and programmes of the individual countries;

8. *Calls upon* donor countries and institutions urgently to improve further the quality and effectiveness of official development assistance in order to increase its responsiveness to the requirements of the least developed countries, as called for in paragraph 70 of the Substantial New Programme of Action;

9. *Urges* all donor countries and multilateral development and financial institutions to take immediate concrete measures and steps in accordance with the Substantial New Programme of Action to help the least developed countries to overcome the adverse effects of global recession;

10. *Also urges* all donor countries to make adequate special allocations to the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries of the United Nations Development Programme and to the United Nations Capital Development Fund or through other suitable channels for the least developed countries and, for that purpose, invites the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to continue his efforts to mobilize additional resources for the activities under his administration;

11. *Decides* that regular review and monitoring of the progress in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action at the national, regional and global levels should be undertaken, as envisaged in the Programme, to maintain the momentum of commitments made by the international community and to promote the implementation of the plans and programmes of the least developed countries with a view to achieving accelerated growth rates and structural transformation of their economies;

12. *Renews its invitation* to the governing bodies of appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take the necessary and appropriate measures for effective implementation and follow-up of the Substantial New Programme of Action within their respective spheres of competence and mandate;

13. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to continue supporting and making arrangements for the round-table meetings for the least developed countries, including the Round-Table Meeting for the Least Developed Countries in the Asia and Pacific Region, to be held from 9 to 18 May 1983 at the United Nations Office at Geneva;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to report to the Conference at its sixth session on the progress made in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action and on measures for ensuring its full and expeditious implementation;

15. *Requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to continue, in close collaboration with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the executive secretaries of the regional commissions and lead agencies for the aid consultative groups, to ensure at the Secretariat level the full mobilization and co-ordination of the United Nations system for the purpose of implementing and following up the Substantial New Programme of Action;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, in the light of the

outcome of the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other developments, on the implementation of the present resolution.

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### **37/225. New international human order: moral aspects of development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* the proposal relating to the question of a new international human order: moral aspects of development,

*Realizing* the need for a further elaboration of the proposal,

1. *Decides* to transmit the draft resolution entitled "New international human order: moral aspects of development"<sup>188</sup> to the Economic and Social Council, with the request that it consider the matter at its second regular session of 1983, taking into account the deliberations of the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

2. *Requests* Governments to submit their comments on this question before 30 April 1983 to the Secretary-General, for transmission by him to the Economic and Social Council at that session;

3. *Decides* to take up this question at its thirty-eighth session on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

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### **37/226. Operational activities for development of the United Nations system**

*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 resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

*Recalling further* its resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 33/201 of 29 January 1979 and 35/81 of 5 December 1980 on a comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development and 36/199 of 17 December 1981 on operational activities for development,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system and 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 on new dimensions in technical co-operation,

*Noting* that co-ordination of national action with regard to operational activities by Governments makes it possible for concerted policies to be pursued in the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system,

*Noting with deep concern* the outcome of the 1982 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, held on 8 and 9 November 1982,<sup>189</sup>

<sup>188</sup> A/C.2/37/L.40, as orally revised. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 71, document A/37/680/Add.12, para. 2.*

<sup>189</sup> See A/CONF.115/SR.1-3.