

38/151. Development of the energy resources of developing countries

The General Assembly,

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

Recalling its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, which, *inter alia*, called for the promotion of the exploration, development, expansion and processing of all energy resources of the developing countries at a rate commensurate with their development objectives and for the provision of adequate financial and technical resources for this purpose,

Recalling its resolution 37/251 of 21 December 1982,

Recalling also the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy,²⁴

Recalling further section II.A of resolution 112 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development²⁵ concerning the strengthening of the technological capacity of the developing countries in the development of their energy resources, including that relating to transition from conventional sources to a more diversified pattern of energy consumption,

Considering that the principal impediments to the realization of the indigenous energy potential of the developing countries are, in addition to inadequate exploration, the scarcity of financial resources, insufficient exploration data, inadequate access to technology and a shortage of skills,

Reaffirming that effective and urgent measures should be taken by the international community to assist and support the efforts of the developing countries for developing the domestic energy resources of those countries, in particular the energy-deficient among them, in order to meet their needs through co-operation, assistance and investment in the field of conventional and of new and renewable sources of energy, consistent with their national plans and priorities, as called for in the International Development Strategy,

Aware that special measures are required in this regard for the least developed countries,

Aware that multilateral financial and technical assistance for the exploration, development, expansion and processing of the energy resources of the developing countries continues to be necessary in order to realize their indigenous energy potential and meet their development objectives,

Recognizing the need for an accelerated effort devoted to the exploration and development of the indigenous energy resources of developing countries,

Reaffirming that the developing countries continue to bear the main responsibility for the development of their indigenous energy potential, which would require vigorous measures for a fuller mobilization of their domestic finan-

cial and other resources, while external resources, public and private, particularly concessional flows and official development assistance, can constitute an element of support for the developing countries' own efforts,

Emphasizing the importance of intensifying the capabilities of the United Nations in the collection, analysis and dissemination of information relating to all phases of the development of energy resources in the developing countries,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the development of the energy resources of the developing countries,²⁶

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the strengthening of the technological capacity of the developing countries in the development of their energy resources.²⁷

1. Requests the Secretary-General to complete his comprehensive report on the development of the energy resources of the developing countries, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/251 and the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1983/60 of 28 July 1983, and to report to the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;

2. Also requests the Secretary-General to explore in his report, in consultation with appropriate international financial institutions, ways and means of mobilizing adequate and additional resources for the development of the energy resources of developing countries and, at the same time, encourages interested Governments, in co-operation with appropriate United Nations bodies, to hold, at an early date, symposia and other similar undertakings in order to explore ways and means of supporting the efforts of developing countries in the exploration and development of their energy resources;

3. Urges the international community to mobilize adequate and additional technological resources as well as adequate financial support for the accelerated exploration and development of the energy resources of developing countries;

4. Urges, in this connection, accelerated consideration of other possible avenues that would increase energy financing, including, *inter alia*, the mechanisms being examined by the World Bank, such as an energy affiliate, and calls upon Member States to make appropriate efforts to this end in the relevant forums;

5. Urges Member States and international bodies and institutions to undertake actions oriented towards the effective implementation of General Assembly resolution 37/251 and stresses that international co-operation in this regard should be focused on developing the indigenous capabilities of developing countries in this field, using domestic resources to the maximum extent possible;

6. Calls for greater participation by the international and regional financial institutions in the financing of energy projects in developing countries, in particular those located in the least developed countries, so as to bring about an increase in the flow of resources;

7. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue, in consultation with other relevant United Nations bodies and in the context of avoiding duplication, to analyse further the issues contained in his report on the

²⁴ Report of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, Nairobi, 10–21 August 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.I.24), chap. I, sect. A.

²⁵ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session*, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

²⁶ See E/1983/91 and Corr.1 and A/38/512.

²⁷ A/38/363.

strengthening of the technological capacity of the developing countries in the development of their energy resources;

8. *Reaffirms* the need for the United Nations system to support the efforts of the developing countries to enhance economic and technical co-operation among themselves for the development of their energy resources;

9. *Invites* regional bodies and institutions of economic, technical and financial co-operation to increase their support and assistance to the efforts that the developing countries are making for the development of their energy resources;

10. *Reaffirms also* the significance and importance of the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy and urges all Governments, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, specialized intergovernmental agencies and institutions, as well as non-governmental organizations concerned with new and renewable sources of energy, to take effective action for the implementation of the Programme of Action.

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38/152. Review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade

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 its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and reiterating the goals and objectives contained therein,

Recalling also its resolution 37/202 of 20 December 1982, by which it established a committee of universal membership to carry out in 1984 the first overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy, and provided for the necessary arrangements for fulfilling this task,

Recalling further its resolution 37/203 of 20 December 1982, in which it requested, *inter alia*, that, as part of the preparations for the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy, an analysis also be made of the negative trends in the world economy which affect international economic co-operation,

Recalling the relevant provisions of Economic and Social Council decision 1983/184 of 29 July 1983,

Deeply conscious that the early part of the Third United Nations Development Decade has been a period of widespread economic stagnation and crisis, particularly in those developing countries where per capita income declined significantly, in marked contrast to the annual growth rate of about 4.5 per cent envisaged in the International Development Strategy,

Expressing its deep regret at the lack of progress in the launching of global negotiations, which are intended to be one of the principal instruments for facilitating the implementation of the International Development Strategy,

Reaffirming, in the context of the International Development Strategy, the continuing need to address the long-term structural economic problems,

Convinced of the urgent need for substantially greater efforts towards the implementation of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy in the remaining period of the Decade,

1. *Reiterates* the importance of achieving the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Reaffirms* that, in accordance with paragraphs 169 to 180 of the International Development Strategy, the process of review and appraisal of the implementation of the Strategy should consist of systematic scrutiny, within the context of an overall review of the international economic situation, of the progress made towards achieving the goals and objectives of the Strategy, and should ensure its effective implementation and strengthen it as an instrument of policy;

3. *Reaffirms also* the need, in the review and appraisal exercise, to identify and appraise the real causes for shortfalls encountered in the implementation of the International Development Strategy and to carry out, if necessary, the adjustment, intensification or reformulation of the policy measures foreseen in the Strategy in the light of evolving needs and developments, in order for the instrument to contribute effectively to the development of developing countries, with a view to the establishment of a new international economic order;

4. *Urges* all Governments and all concerned to implement fully the provisions of General Assembly resolution 37/202 in order to ensure the successful preparation and conclusion of the review and appraisal exercise;

5. *Recommends* that informal consultations be conducted by the Chairman of the Committee on the Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, prior to the substantive session of the Committee, to initiate preliminary discussions and an exchange of views on the review and appraisal of the Strategy as envisaged in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, and to review the preparation of documentation for the Committee;

6. *Decides* that documentation to be submitted to the Committee by relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system should be concise and brief and should focus on the issues envisaged in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, as well as on questions addressed to them in the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 37/202;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in pursuance of General Assembly resolutions 37/202 and 37/203, to prepare and submit to the Committee an analytical, comprehensive, consolidated and synthesized report on the implementation of the International Development Strategy, addressing the issues envisaged in paragraphs 2 and 3 above and drawing on the reports of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system.

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38/153. International code of conduct on the transfer of technology

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/210 of 20 December 1982 and decision 145 (VI) adopted on 2 July 1983 by the