

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its sixth session, held at Belgrade from 6 June to 2 July 1983,²⁸

Taking note of the decision adopted on 4 November 1983 by the United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology at its fifth session, held at Geneva from 17 October to 4 November 1983,²⁹

1. *Decides* to convene a sixth session of the United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology, under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in order to complete successfully the negotiations on the code of conduct not later than the first half of 1985;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, after consultations with regional groups, to determine the precise dates of the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology;

3. *Also invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to prepare for the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology the text of the draft international code of conduct as at the end of the fifth session of the Conference, as well as appropriate documentation.

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38/154. Development aspects of the reverse transfer of technology

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/192 of 19 December 1977, 33/151 of 20 December 1978, 34/200 of 19 December 1979, 35/62 of 5 December 1980, 36/141 of 16 December 1981 and 37/207 of 20 December 1982, concerning the development aspects of the reverse transfer of technology.

Reaffirming resolution 102 (V) of 30 May 1979³⁰ and section II of resolution 143 (VI) of 2 July 1983²⁸ of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development,³¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General³² concerning the Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Reverse Transfer of Technology, held at Geneva from 29 August to 7 September 1983;

2. *Regrets* that an inter-agency group to co-ordinate measures on the question of the reverse transfer of technology, as provided for in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 37/207, has not been established;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish urgently an inter-agency group comprising representatives of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the Centre for Science and Technology for Development of the Secretariat, the United Nations

²⁸ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Sixth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.II.D.6), part one, sect. A.

²⁹ A/38/580, annex I.

³⁰ 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.

Institute for Training and Research, the Statistical Office of the Secretariat and other appropriate organs and bodies of the United Nations system to co-ordinate measures on the question of the reverse transfer of technology and, in particular, to examine and enhance the effectiveness of the United Nations system in responding to the complex needs of the countries concerned, as well as any additional measures to that effect;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to convene the meetings of governmental experts on the reverse transfer of technology, at least two of which should be held at an appropriate time before the sixth session of the Committee on Transfer of Technology, scheduled to take place in 1985; the meetings should be based on the terms of reference outlined in General Assembly resolution 37/207 and should take into account the relevant conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Reverse Transfer of Technology;³³

5. *Appeals* to all Member States to participate fully in the meetings of governmental experts on the reverse transfer of technology;

6. *Requests further* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in cooperation with the International Labour Organisation and other relevant organizations, to prepare the necessary documentation to assist the next meetings of governmental experts;

7. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board to include, in its reports to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth and fortieth sessions, the outcome of the meetings of governmental experts on development aspects of the reverse transfer of technology;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the results of the meetings of the inter-agency group to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

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38/155. Report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its sixth session

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 resolution 37/208 of 20 December 1982,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its sixth session,³⁴ held at Belgrade from 6 June to 2 July 1983, and the report of the Trade and Development Board on its

³¹ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, Vienna, 20-31 August 1979* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.I.21 and corrigenda), chap. VII.

³² A/38/557.

³³ *Ibid.*, annex.

³⁴ *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Sixth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.II.D.6).

twenty-sixth, twelfth special and twenty-seventh sessions,³⁵

Taking note of the Economic Declaration adopted by the Seventh Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at New Delhi from 7 to 12 March 1983,³⁶ and the proposals contained in the Buenos Aires Platform, adopted at the Fifth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Seventy-seven, held from 28 March to 9 April 1983,³⁷ as well as the intensive preparations at a high political level by other groups in this regard,

Considering that the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development took place against the background of the harmful effects of the world economic crisis, especially on the economic development of developing countries, and accordingly affirming the importance of achieving a sustained world economic recovery and ensuring a rapid expansion of international trade that is supportive of economic growth and development, in particular that of developing countries,

Recognizing the leading responsibility of developed countries in promoting conditions conducive to world recovery, the need for reviving development momentum in the developing countries and the need for sound policies in both developed and developing countries to restore sustainable development and growth,

Urging accordingly developed countries to take fully into account the international implications of their policy decisions, including their impact on developing countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its sixth session and the report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-sixth, twelfth special and twenty-seventh sessions;

2. *Notes with concern* that the Conference was unable to yield results commensurate with the dimension of the problems confronting the developing countries and the world economy as a whole;

3. *Further notes with concern* that the Trade and Development Board was unable, at its twenty-seventh session, to translate into a work programme and action resolutions and decisions of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its sixth session;

4. *Takes note* of resolutions 146 (VI), 147 (VI), 152 (VI) and 157 (VI) adopted on 2 July 1983 by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its sixth session;³⁸

5. *Endorses* all other resolutions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its sixth session;³⁸

6. *Urges* all Governments, bearing in mind the particular contribution developed countries can make, to exercise the necessary political will so as to enable the Trade and Development Board, at its twenty-eighth session, to reach agreement on the follow-up to the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and to ensure timely implementation of its results;

7. *Calls upon* all countries to exert every effort to adopt and implement the measures necessary for the revitalization of the development process in the developing countries and for dealing with structural problems in the global economy, and emphasizes the continuing important role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in this regard;

8. *Takes note* of the statement on the world economic situation with special emphasis on development: approaches to the current world economic crisis and perspectives for the 1980s, including issues, policies and measures relevant to the attainment of a new international economic order, adopted at the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;³⁸

9. *Calls upon* all countries to take appropriate action at the national and international levels on the resolutions of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its sixth session and on the immediate measures set out in paragraph 14 of the statement mentioned above;

10. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board, at its twenty-eighth session, and the subsidiary organs of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to take the appropriate necessary action on the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Conference at its sixth session;

11. *Invites* all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to respond positively to the requests addressed to them in the relevant parts of the resolutions of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its sixth session.

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38/156. Signature and ratification of the Agreement Establishing the Common Fund for Commodities

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 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and 37/211 of 20 December 1982 and resolution 153 (VI) adopted on 2 July 1983 by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its sixth session,³⁸

Noting with appreciation the offer made by the States members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, as well as by Norway and the European Economic Community, to pay the full capital subscriptions of the least developed countries and a number of other developing countries concerned,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General³⁹ on the status of the Agreement Establishing the Common Fund for Commodities,⁴⁰

Reiterating its concern at the slow rate of progress in the signing and ratification of the Agreement, and regretting that the Agreement did not enter into force on 30 September 1983.

1. *Reaffirms* its strong support for the Agreement Establishing the Common Fund for Commodities and for its early entry into force;

³⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/38/15).*

³⁶ A/38/132-S/15675 and Corr.1 and 2, annex, sect. III.

³⁷ *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Sixth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.II.D.6), annex VI.

³⁸ *Ibid.* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.II.D.6), part one, sect. A.

³⁹ A/38/487.

⁴⁰ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.II.D.8.