

Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation.

Recalling further its resolution 38/155 of 19 December 1983,

Recognizing the need for reversing the negative trends in international co-operation for development and, in particular, their detrimental effects on developing countries,

Recognizing also the importance of achieving a sustained world economic recovery, in particular the reactivation of the economies of developing countries, and ensuring rapid expansion of international trade that is supportive of economic growth and development, in particular that of developing countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-eighth, thirteenth special and twenty-ninth sessions;¹⁵³

2. Notes that the *Trade and Development Report, 1984*¹⁵⁴ was of great interest to Governments in the valuable debate on the interdependence of problems of trade, development, finance and the international monetary system, which took place at the twenty-ninth session of the Trade and Development Board;

3. Calls for early and full implementation of the work programme on protectionism and structural adjustment adopted by the Trade and Development Board at its twenty-eighth session;¹⁵⁵

4. Calls upon the international community to continue to address, in an adequate and appropriate manner, the debt problems of developing countries, taking into account the agreed conclusions of the Trade and Development Board at its twenty-eighth session on the review of the implementation of the agreed features contained in (Board) resolution 222 (XXI) of 27 September 1980¹⁵⁶ and in pursuance of resolution 161 (VI) of 2 July 1983 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;¹⁵⁷

5. Takes note of Trade and Development Board decision 297 (XXIX) of 21 September 1984,¹⁵⁸ concerning further work in the field of trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems and all trade flows resulting therefrom;

6. Welcomes Trade and Development Board decision 301 (XXIX) of 21 September 1984,¹⁵⁸ in which the Interim Committee was requested to report to the Board at its thirtieth session with a view to the taking of a decision to hold a ministerial session in the autumn of 1985 and, to this end, invites all Governments to exert efforts to ensure the successful outcome of the consultations;

7. Expresses its concern at the current state of commodity markets, and urges all Governments to expedite the implementation of the Integrated Programme for Commodities through, *inter alia*, positive and constructive decisions at the sessions of the Committee on Commodities in 1985 and at the fourteenth special session of the Trade and Development Board;

8. Reaffirms the importance of the Common Fund for Commodities, and urges all States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify the Agreement establishing the Fund without any further delay so that the Common Fund would become operational;

9. Calls upon all countries to exert every effort to strengthen international economic co-operation by adopting and implementing the measures necessary for revitalization of the development process of the developing countries and for dealing with structural problems in the global economy, and reiterates the continuing important role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in this regard;

10. Requests the Trade and Development Board 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.

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39/215. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/248 of 21 December 1982 and 38/160 of 19 December 1983, by which it, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to promote co-operation between the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference and urged intensification of contacts in order to accelerate the achievement of the objectives envisaged in resolution 37/248,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference,¹⁵⁹

Noting that progress is being made by organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in formulating co-operation programmes with the Conference,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General¹⁵⁹ concerning the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 37/248;

2. Commends the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system that have already established concrete contacts with the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Conference, to continue contacts aimed at promoting and harmonizing co-operation between the Conference and the United Nations;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fortieth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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39/216. Activities of the United Nations system in support of economic co-operation among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that economic co-operation among developing countries is an integral part of the efforts to establish

¹⁵³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/39/15).

¹⁵⁴ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.II.D.23.

¹⁵⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/39/15), vol. I, sect. II.A, resolution 286 (XXVIII).

¹⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/35/15), vol. II, annex I.

¹⁵⁷ 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.

¹⁵⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/39/15)* vol. II, sect. II.B.

¹⁵⁹ A/39/408

the new international economic order, without being a substitute for or an alternative to co-operation between developed and developing countries, and that the Caracas Programme of Action¹⁶⁰ adopted by the High-level Conference on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, held at Caracas from 13 to 19 May 1981, provides their basic framework for specific activities and arrangements in the field of economic co-operation among developing countries,

Mindful of the various resolutions adopted within the United Nations system in support of economic co-operation among developing countries and calling for appropriate action on them,

Looking forward to the cross-organizational programme analysis on economic co-operation among developing countries, to be considered by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-fifth session, and to the cross-organizational programme review of the activities of the United Nations system on the same subject, to be held at the second regular session of the Economic and Social Council in 1985,

1. *Urges* the organs and organizations of the United Nations system to provide and to intensify support and assistance, in accordance with their mandates, to economic co-operation among developing countries, giving due regard to the Caracas Programme of Action;

2. *Urges* the Secretary-General, giving due consideration to the conclusions emerging from the ongoing cross-organizational programme analysis, to pay careful attention to economic co-operation among developing countries in preparing his programme budget proposals for the biennium 1986-1987 and to include in his future performance reports on the programme budget specific information on the implementation of activities for economic co-operation among developing countries;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive heads of the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and of the specialized agencies, to keep the activities of the United Nations system in support of economic co-operation among developing countries under periodic review in the existing inter-agency machinery;

4. *Recommends* that the documentation being prepared for the cross-organizational programme review of medium-term plans in economic and technical co-operation among developing countries and for the cross-organizational programme analysis should be combined into one report so as to ensure an integrated approach to this area;

5. *Requests* the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to continue to intensify activities to support economic co-operation among developing countries at the subregional, regional and interregional levels and to include an assessment of progress made in their reports to the Economic and Social Council;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in view of its key role in the area of economic co-operation among developing countries, to continue to intensify activities in this area, in accordance with its mandate;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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39/217. Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee

The General Assembly.

Recalling its decision 38/429 of 19 December 1983, in which it decided to adopt, beginning at its fortieth session, a biennial programme of work for the Second Committee, apart from its general debate,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1984/182 of 27 July 1984, in which it recommended to the General Assembly for its consideration a number of suggestions relating to the biennial programme of work for the Second Committee, contained in the annex to that decision,

1. *Decides* that the Second Committee, in drawing up its biennial programmes of work, should:

(a) Endeavour to adopt a biennial cycle of consideration of reports submitted to it, with the exception of those reports which are specifically mandated to be considered annually, once every three years or more, or on an *ad hoc* basis;

(b) Consider all reports of standing intergovernmental bodies on a biennial basis, except the reports of the Economic and Social Council, the Trade and Development Board and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;

(c) Consider, in principle, all recurrent Secretariat reports on a biennial basis, except the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on operational activities for development;

2. *Decides* to approve, in principle, annex I to the present resolution as the basis for the formulation of the biennial programme of work for the Second Committee and to review it periodically;

3. *Decides* that all requests for Secretariat reports to be submitted to the Second Committee should henceforth conform to the biennial programme of work, except where the urgency of the subject-matter requires otherwise;

4. *Requests* intergovernmental bodies reporting to the Second Committee to adjust their cycle of meetings to conform to the biennial programme of work;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Second Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work, taking into account relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly of that year;

6. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, in discharging its responsibilities in preparing the work of the General Assembly in the economic, social and related fields, to take fully into account the approved programme of work for the Second Committee of the General Assembly in formulating its own biennial programme of work and in this context:

(a) To concentrate, in its consideration of reports of intergovernmental bodies submitted through it to the General Assembly, on the co-ordination aspect of the work of those bodies in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations;

(b) To consider undertaking an in-depth review of the reports of intergovernmental bodies which the General Assembly does not consider directly in a given year and to submit substantive recommendations thereon to the Assembly for consideration and action;

(c) To consider reviewing those reports of intergovernmental bodies which the General Assembly considers

¹⁶⁰ A/36/333 and Corr.1, annex.