

national actions against those measures, and to submit that report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the comprehensive report, to request further comments from Governments and to use inputs from competent organizations of the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the regional commissions;

5. *Appeals* to Governments to provide the necessary information to the Secretary-General, as requested in paragraph 4 above.

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### 39/211. Development aspects of the 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, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and all relevant resolutions concerning the reverse transfer of technology.

*Convinced* that the search for durable solutions to the problem of the reverse transfer of technology requires the full participation of all parties concerned,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Inter-Agency Group on Reverse Transfer of Technology,<sup>146</sup> covering meetings held at Geneva on 22 March and 12 and 13 July 1984;

2. *Takes note also* of the outcome of the Second Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Reverse Transfer of Technology,<sup>147</sup> held at Geneva from 27 August to 5 September 1984;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to convene the requisite meetings of governmental experts on the reverse transfer of technology, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 38/154;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to undertake intensive consultations with all Governments with a view to obtaining their full participation in the meetings of governmental experts on the reverse transfer of technology;

5. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board to include, in its report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session, a section on the outcome of the Third Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Reverse Transfer of Technology;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene further meetings of the Inter-Agency Group on Reverse Transfer of Technology and to report on the results of those meetings to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

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### 39/212. Specific measures in favour of island 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, its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 31/156 of 21 December 1976, 32/185 of 19 December 1977, 34/205 of 19 December 1979, 35/61 of 5 December 1980 and 37/206 of 20 December 1982, relating to the special needs and problems of island developing countries,

*Reiterating* the call for specific action in favour of island developing countries contained in resolutions 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976,<sup>137</sup> 111 (V) of 3 June 1979<sup>138</sup> and 138 (VI) of 2 July 1983<sup>139</sup> of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

*Recognizing* the difficult problems faced by island developing countries, in particular those which suffer handicaps due especially to their smallness, remoteness, vulnerability to natural disasters, constraints in transport, great distances from market centres, a highly limited internal market, lack of natural resources, heavy dependence on a few commodities, shortage of administrative personnel and heavy financial burdens,

*Mindful* of the fact that timely additional efforts are needed to implement the specific measures required to assist island developing countries in offsetting the major handicaps which retard their development process,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 37/206 and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations and of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and calls for their immediate and effective implementation;

2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on measures taken by the international community and recommendations for future action in favour of island developing countries;<sup>148</sup>

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to all States and organizations which have facilitated the implementation of resolutions in favour of island developing countries;

4. *Notes with concern* that the specific measures envisaged in the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, including Conference resolution 138 (VI), have not yet been fully implemented and calls upon States and international organizations to respond positively in this regard;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in cooperation with Governments and regional and other competent institutions, to continue the programme of in-depth studies of the common problems of island economies and of the constraints inhibiting their economic growth and development carried out by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, with a view to proposing concrete specific actions, taking into account, *inter alia*, the geographical factors, traditional

<sup>146</sup> A/39/397, annex.

<sup>147</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/39/L.15)*, vol. II, para. 311 A.

<sup>148</sup> A/39/463.

island life and institutions, the physical environment, development priorities and the problems of island developing countries in the international economy;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to seek the views of the representatives of island developing countries and other interested countries on the implementation of the specific measures in favour of island developing countries, taking into account studies undertaken thus far and the studies envisaged in paragraph 5 above;

7. *Calls upon* all States and international organizations and financial institutions to intensify efforts to implement specific actions in favour of island developing countries in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

8. *Requests* the competent organs and organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the regional commissions, to take adequate measures to respond positively to the particular needs of island developing countries;

9. *Requests* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to pursue further its role, not only as a focal point for specific action at the global level in favour of island developing countries but also, where necessary, as a catalyst in this regard, *inter alia*, by organizing and facilitating cross-regional interchange of information and experience in full co-operation with regional and sub-regional organizations;

10. *Requests* the competent organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Capital Development Fund, to take adequate measures in order to respond positively to the particular needs of island developing countries;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to explore the possibility of organizing a follow-up meeting to the interregional workshop held in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in November 1983, with the participation of representatives of island developing countries and other interested countries;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on the measures taken by the international community to respond to the specific needs of island developing countries, as called for in this and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations, in order to permit the Assembly to undertake at that session a comprehensive review of the problems and needs of the island developing countries.

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### **39/213. United Nations Conference on Conditions for Registration of Ships**

#### **A**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 37/209 of 20 December 1982, by which it decided to convene the United Nations Conference on Conditions for Registration of Ships,

<sup>149</sup> A/39/558.

<sup>150</sup> *Ibid.*, annex I.

*Taking note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the United Nations Conference on Conditions for Registration of Ships,<sup>149</sup>

*Noting* that the Conference adopted on 3 August 1984 a resolution,<sup>150</sup> by which it took note of the significant progress achieved towards the preparation and adoption of an international agreement on conditions for registration of ships and recognized that there is a need for a resumed session of three weeks' duration in order to complete its work,

1. *Endorses* the resolution adopted on 3 August 1984 by the United Nations Conference on Conditions for Registration of Ships,<sup>150</sup> and decides to convene a resumed session of the Conference to be held at Geneva from 28 January to 15 February 1985;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to make all the necessary arrangements for holding the resumed session of the United Nations Conference on Conditions for Registration of Ships.

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#### **B**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 37/209 of 20 December 1982 and 39/213 A of 18 December 1984,

*Recognizing* that substantial progress has been achieved at the resumed session, from 28 January to 15 February 1985, of the United Nations Conference on Conditions for Registration of Ships,

*Recognizing* that there is a need for a resumption of the Conference for a further period of two weeks in order to enable it to complete its work,

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General of 21 March 1985;<sup>151</sup>

2. *Endorses* the resolution of the United Nations Conference on Conditions for Registration of Ships adopted on 15 February 1985;<sup>152</sup>

3. *Decides* to convene a resumed session of the Conference to be held at Geneva for a period of two weeks in July 1985;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to make all the necessary arrangements for holding the resumed session of the United Nations Conference on Conditions for Registration of Ships;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

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### **39/214. Report of the Trade and Development Board**

*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

<sup>151</sup> A/39/867.

<sup>152</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 3.