

Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Reaffirming article 32 of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, which declares that no State may use or encourage the use of economic, political or any other type of measures to coerce another State in order to obtain from it the subordination of the exercise of its sovereign rights,

Bearing in mind the general principles governing international trade and trade policies for development contained in its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development resolution 152 (VI) of 2 July 1983³⁸ entitled "Rejection of coercive economic measures", and the principles and rules of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and paragraph 7 (iii) of the Ministerial Declaration adopted on 29 November 1982 by the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade at their thirty-eighth session,⁴⁵

Reaffirming its resolutions 38/197 of 20 December 1983 and 39/210 of 18 December 1984,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the effects of economic measures taken by developed countries for coercive purposes, including their impact on international economic relations,⁴⁶ and considering that further work should be undertaken in order to implement resolutions 38/197 and 39/210,

Gravely concerned that the use of coercive measures adversely affects the economies and development efforts of developing countries and that, in some cases, those measures have been intensified, creating a negative impact on international economic co-operation,

1. *Deplores* the fact that some developed countries continue to apply and, in some cases, have increased the scope and magnitude of economic measures that have the purpose of exerting, directly or indirectly, coercion on the sovereign decisions of developing countries subject to those measures;

2. *Reaffirms* that developed countries should refrain from threatening or applying trade restrictions, blockades, embargoes and other economic sanctions, incompatible with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and in violation of undertakings contracted, multilaterally and bilaterally, against developing countries as a form of political and economic coercion which affects their economic, political and social development;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive, in-depth report on the economic measures mentioned in paragraph 2 above, taken by developed countries for coercive purposes, including their impact on international economic relations, with a view to appraising the economic effects of such measures on the development and development prospects of affected developing countries and with a view to assisting in concrete international action against those measures, and to submit that report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session;

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

agencies that have received information on the application of economic coercive measures against developing countries;

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

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40/186. Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern African States

The General Assembly.

Recalling its resolutions 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 36/180 of 17 December 1981, in which the international community was invited to apply special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s,

Recalling also its resolution 37/139 of 17 December 1982, in which it, *inter alia*, called upon donor Governments and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to provide substantial resources for promoting the accelerated development of African countries and the effective implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa,⁴⁷ and the Final Act of Lagos,⁴⁸

Appreciating in this regard the establishment of the Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern African States in December 1981,

Noting the progress made in the reduction of tariffs among member States to stimulate growth and development in the area, in the launching of clearance and payments arrangements and in the measures taken to intensify co-operation among member States in the agricultural, industrial, educational, cultural and other sectors, with a view to creating an economic community of the eastern and southern African States by the year 1992,

1. *Invites* donor Governments to provide substantial financial and technical assistance to the Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern African States to accelerate its development into an economic community;

2. *Invites also* the United Nations Development Programme to continue to make resources available to the Preferential Trade Area from its regional indicative planning figures on an urgent basis;

3. *Calls upon* international financial institutions, particularly the World Bank, the International Development Association, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the African Development Bank, to provide immediate assistance to the Preferential Trade Area;

4. *Invites* the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take into account in their work programmes co-operation with the Preferential Trade Area;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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⁴⁵ See General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, *Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, Twenty-ninth Supplement* (Sales No. GATT/1983-1), document L/5424.

⁴⁶ A/40/596.

⁴⁷ A/S-11/14, annex I.

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, annex II.