

ANNEX

Terms of reference

A. MEETING OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS OF DONOR COUNTRIES AND MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE INSTITUTIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

The purpose of the Meeting is to provide substantive inputs to the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, to be held in 1990. Taking into account the Substantial New Programme of Action, the Meeting will be devoted to:

(a) Assessment of progress in the socio-economic situation of the least developed countries during the 1980s in the light of ongoing national and international measures;

(b) Consideration of the requirements of the least developed countries that are of particular relevance to their development and that call for strengthened efforts during the 1990s;

(c) Consideration and identification of appropriate national and international measures for accelerating the development process in the least developed countries during the 1990s;

The results of the deliberations under (a), (b) and (c) above will be reported to the Conference through the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

B. INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

(Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

The Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries will serve as the Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, to be held in 1990. The Preparatory Committee will consider the following matters:

(a) Substantive preparation for the Conference on the basis of the report of the Meeting of Governmental Experts of Donor Countries and Multilateral and Bilateral Financial and Technical Assistance Institutions with Representatives of the Least Developed Countries, and of all other relevant inputs;

(b) Provisional agenda for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(c) Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference;

(d) Organization of work of the Conference.

42/178. Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the cross-sectoral and multidisciplinary nature of the issue of women in development and the need to consider the issue in its economic as well as social context,

Emphasizing the vital importance of national as well as world economic growth and development to the effective mobilization and integration of women in the economy,

Recognizing the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women in monitoring the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women³⁶ to the year 2000, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985,

Considering that the United Nations Development Fund for Women plays a catalytic role in improving access by women to development co-operation resources,

Recognizing the contribution made by the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to increasing the participation of women at all levels in the development process,

Also recognizing the various initiatives taken in other United Nations bodies aimed at improving the integration of women in the process of development,

Bearing in mind paragraph 9 of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,

Recognizing that women contribute significantly to the overall economy, including sectors where the value of their production is not fully accounted for, and that the development process should improve and encourage their greater participation in the labour market and active involvement in all areas of the economy,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General³⁷ on progress in the preparation of the first regular update of the *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development*,³⁸

1. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/24 of 26 May 1987, particularly the agreement that the Commission on the Status of Women should place appropriate emphasis on issues of women and development, as addressed in chapter II of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;³⁶

2. *Emphasizes* the need for a focused, action-oriented approach in the preparation of the update of the *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development* and, in this regard, urges the Secretary-General, in preparing the first draft, to ensure its full conformity with General Assembly resolution 40/204 of 17 December 1985 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/64 of 23 July 1986, in particular by concentrating the update on the issues identified therein;

3. *Urges* the sectoral, functional and regional intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations in the economic and development fields to contribute actively to the work of both the Economic and Social Council and the Second Committee of the General Assembly relating to the integration of women in economic development, in line with the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development, as agreed to by the Council in its resolution 1987/86 of 8 July 1987;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to strengthen further the work of the United Nations in integrating women effectively in economic programmes and operational activities, as outlined in his report,³⁹ to prepare biennially, as an annex to the report called for in paragraph 9 (b) of the present resolution:

(a) An update of mandates governing the integration of women in economic development adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on the Status of Women and by world conferences of the United Nations system;⁴⁰

(b) A list of the titles of all subprogrammes and programme elements relating to the integration of women in development, as contained in the proposed programme budget and in revisions to the medium-term plan;

(c) A compilation of decisions taken by United Nations intergovernmental bodies other than the Commission on the Status of Women, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly relating to the integra-

³⁶Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

³⁷A/42/508.

³⁸United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.3.

³⁹A/42/273-E/1987/74 and Add.1.

⁴⁰See A/42/273/Add.1-E/1987/74/Add.1, annex I.

tion of women in development, beginning with those adopted in 1986;

5. *Urges* the executive secretaries of the five regional commissions to increase their efforts to integrate women in the development process of their regions, *inter alia*, by continuing to ensure that activities to integrate women in development are included at all levels of the overall work programme of each commission, and to include in their annual reports an analysis of changes in the situation of women in their regions;

6. *Urges* Governments to implement fully the economic development objectives outlined in chapter II of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and, in particular, to include measures for the involvement of women, both as agents and as beneficiaries, in their national development plans, and to review the impact on women of development policies and programmes;

7. *Recommends* that the governing bodies of the development assistance organizations of the United Nations system continue and intensify efforts to promote the integration of women in development, including their participation in all phases of development programmes and technical co-operation activities;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in exercising his responsibilities relating to the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, in the light of his responsibilities under General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, to ensure that the organizations of the United Nations system continue to implement fully the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development, as agreed to by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1987/86, in their programme, operational and administrative aspects;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To include in the *World Economic Survey* a brief section summarizing relevant economic indicators reflecting the level of economic attainment of women worldwide, taking into consideration the eighth preambular paragraph of the present resolution, and to keep the section under close review and update it when necessary;

(b) To submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session;

(c) In that connection, to propose the necessary arrangements, in organizing the work of the Second Committee on the item entitled "Development and international economic co-operation", for a focused discussion under the sub-item entitled "Effective mobilization and integration of women in development";

10. *Decides* to transmit the present resolution and the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the work of the United Nations in integrating women effectively in economic development programmes and activities³⁹ to the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields, and to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-second session.

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42/179. Strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,⁴¹

Recognizing the role and importance of technical co-operation among developing countries in their social and economic development and in the reinforcement and final achievement of the individual and collective self-reliance of developing countries,

Taking note with satisfaction of the results of the intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries in recent years,

Emphasizing that the intergovernmental programming exercises should be guided by the principle of equality and mutual benefit among participating developing countries, while laying stress on practical results,

Reaffirming that developing countries have the primary responsibility for promoting technical co-operation among themselves, that developed countries and the United Nations system should assist and support such activities, and that in addition the United Nations system should play a prominent role as promoter and catalyst of technical co-operation among developing countries, in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,

Recalling recommendations 35 and 36 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, in which, *inter alia*, Governments of developed countries were invited to give full support to technical co-operation among developing countries,

Recognizing the importance of the continued involvement of developed countries in supporting and financing, where appropriate, projects resulting from the intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries,

Recalling also the particular responsibility of the United Nations Development Programme for catalysing and promoting technical co-operation among developing countries throughout the United Nations system,

Reaffirming the importance of the catalytic and supporting role of the United Nations development system in promoting technical co-operation among developing countries and the necessity of enhancing its activities in this field,

Considering that the support and involvement of international and interregional financing institutions would further enhance the promotion and implementation of activities for technical co-operation among developing countries,

Considering also the need for further strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries to meet the growing requirements of developing countries in their socio-economic development,

1. *Endorses* the decisions adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at its fifth session⁴² and Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/88 of 9 July 1987;

⁴¹ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

⁴² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/42/39 and Corr.1), annex I.*