

Programme, the heads of the World Bank, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and all other relevant organizations of the United Nations system, to mobilize the cumulative experience of the United Nations system in the strategic planning of multi-sectoral projects and the raising of funds in support of those countries requesting assistance;

3. *Urges* Member States to increase their efforts to combat AIDS and to encourage national and international efforts to prevent the further spread of AIDS;

4. *Calls upon* governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public and private sectors to continue to pay particular attention to the needs of women, young people and children and to co-ordinate their efforts with those of the World Health Organization for the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization, in close collaboration with the other organizations of the United Nations system and without prejudice to ongoing priorities and programmes, to continue to advance the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS and, specifically:

(a) To emphasize the need to strengthen the primary health care system together with educational, psychological, social and economic support programmes for women, youth and children;

(b) To promote the vital role that women and young people can play in national AIDS programmes for the further prevention and control of the disease;

(c) To encourage the development of services that can meet the particular needs of young people and women for counselling on relationships and on means to reduce the risk of AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and risks associated with intravenous drug use;

(d) To support the efforts of countries to create or enhance programmes that promote the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases;

(e) To encourage countries to develop plans to meet the economic and social needs of uninfected children with HIV-infected parents or orphaned by AIDS and of elderly people left without providers and often responsible for orphaned grandchildren;

(f) To mobilize the necessary resources, both human and financial, in the health sector and other sectors, to develop and implement activities and technologies for the prevention of HIV infection/AIDS and for the care of those suffering from the disease;

(g) To ensure that the particular experience of women and children is used in the search for preventive, curative and palliative therapies so that their special needs can be better met;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to intensify, through the information capacity of the United Nations system, public information activities with respect to HIV and AIDS;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth

session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### 45/188. Entrepreneurship

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, the annex to which contains the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, bearing in mind the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade<sup>14</sup> and taking note of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Paris from 3 to 14 September 1990,<sup>15</sup>

*Recalling also* its resolution 41/182 of 8 December 1986 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/74 of 29 July 1988, and taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on national entrepreneurs in economic development,<sup>16</sup>

*Recognizing* that there is no universal prescription for successful development, that each country is responsible for its own economic policies in accordance with its specific situation and conditions and that the promotion of growth and development depends on appropriate domestic economic policies that take into account specific national circumstances and requirements,

*Acknowledging* the importance of effective, efficient and accountable governance in all countries for setting and implementing national goals in the economic and social spheres,

*Acknowledging also* the need for an effective and efficient public sector in, *inter alia*, establishing or improving conditions favourable to private initiative, including sound infrastructure, appropriate policies for the development of human resources, including the expertise and capabilities of the business community, basic health care and the protection of vulnerable groups within society, where appropriate, with the support of the international community,

*Recognizing* the responsibility of the international community, in particular the developed countries, to promote and endeavour to provide an equitable and open international economic environment supportive of the development of developing countries,

*Reaffirming* that flexibility, creativity, innovation, political and economic openness, respect for human rights and market-oriented approaches, *inter alia*, provide opportunities to people to enable them to develop their potential in responding to change,

*Acknowledging* the important role of entrepreneurship, notably in small and medium-sized enterprises, in mobilizing resources and in promoting economic growth and socio-economic development,

<sup>14</sup> Resolution 45/199, annex.

<sup>15</sup> See A/CONF.147/Misc.9.

<sup>16</sup> A/45/292-E/1990/82.

*Calling* for international support for specific programmes for private enterprise development in the least developed countries, which should address, *inter alia*, the promotion of domestic and foreign direct investment, management training, promotion of small-scale ventures and micro-enterprises and the development of entrepreneurial skills, in accordance with relevant provisions of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s,

*Cognizant* of the importance of entrepreneurship in the growth and development of countries—especially those seeking to develop or revitalize their economies through free enterprise, decentralized decision-making, deregulation, demonopolization of economic activities, simplification of administrative procedures, market opportunities, structural adjustment and market-oriented reform—and of the need to provide the incentives, access to information and new technology and environment necessary to enable the spirit of entrepreneurship and competition to prosper,

*Noting* that higher domestic savings and inflows of capital, including new investment and the return of flight capital, depend, *inter alia*, upon sound micro- and macro-economic policies supportive of entrepreneurship,

*Recognizing* that public enterprises, in appropriate conditions, can help promote and can engage in the development of entrepreneurship,

*Welcoming* the contribution which the United Nations system makes in helping Member States promote entrepreneurship, including foreign direct investment, and encouraging the active participation of private enterprise, where appropriate,

1. *Encourages* the development of entrepreneurship in all countries, including those seeking to develop or revitalize their economies through free enterprise and market opportunities, and urges the international community, in particular the international financial institutions and the United Nations system, to support their efforts, as appropriate;

2. *Agrees* that entrepreneurship, especially in the context of a fair, competitive economy, supportive government policies and an equitable and open international economic environment, contributes to a more efficient world economy and enhances the internationalization of trading markets and financial flows to the benefit of all;

3. *Encourages* Member States, in accordance with their national policy objectives, to enhance their institutional, legal and regulatory frameworks to ensure greater consistency with market approaches, to make their capital and credit markets more efficient, to foster the expertise and capabilities of the business community and to provide, *inter alia*, for sound private sector development and its positive benefits for employment opportunities and national wealth;

4. *Calls upon* Member States to facilitate, consistent with their national laws, the development of co-operation between domestic and foreign enterprises, particularly through contracting, business co-operation and joint ventures, which, *inter alia*, will facilitate market access and the transfer of technology;

5. *Looks forward* to the outcome of further deliberations of the Development Committee of the World

Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund and the regional development banks on the issue of strengthening measures across the entire range of operations of the World Bank Group to promote entrepreneurship, including the mobilization of domestic and foreign private capital;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to incorporate in subsequent issues of the *World Economic Survey* a chapter regarding the role of entrepreneurship as a key element of growth and development and on measures being taken at the national and international levels to promote entrepreneurship, especially in countries seeking to develop or revitalize their economies through free enterprise, decentralized decision-making, market opportunities, structural adjustment and market-oriented reform, as well as suggestions on how the international economic community can support the development of entrepreneurship in national economies;

7. *Requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to include in his annual report on operational activities for development, submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council, a section on the activities being undertaken by the United Nations system to promote entrepreneurship in economic development, notably in small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as proposals for enhancing the role of entrepreneurship in the development process, in particular in developing countries;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session a sub-item entitled "Entrepreneurship" under the agenda item entitled "Development and international economic co-operation" and to include the sub-item in subsequent agendas on a biennial basis.

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#### 45/189. World Decade for Cultural Development

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 41/187 of 8 December 1986, in which it proclaimed the period 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development,

*Taking into account* its resolution 44/238 of 22 December 1989, in which it expressed its support for the conduct of an evaluation at the mid-point of the World Decade for Cultural Development, in 1993, under the auspices of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in order to evaluate the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade,

*Taking into account* paragraph 87 of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,<sup>14</sup> in which it was stated, *inter alia*, that each country has to choose its approach to human resource and institutional development in accordance with its national priorities, values, traditions and culture and stage of development,

*Taking note* of Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/88 of 27 July 1990,