

developed and developing countries, bearing in mind trends in the energy markets;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1992.

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#### 45/210. Environment and international trade

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

*Affirming* decision 384 (XXXVII) of 12 October 1990 of the Trade and Development Board, entitled "UNCTAD's contribution, within its mandate, to sustainable development",<sup>59</sup>

*Also affirming* decision 1/25 of 31 August 1990 of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, entitled "Environment and development",<sup>77</sup>

*Reaffirming* the statement on sustainable development contained in annex II to decision 15/2 of 26 May 1989 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,<sup>78</sup>

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in close co-operation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and relevant United Nations bodies, taking into account the relevant parts of Trade and Development Board decision 384 (XXXVII) and the work done by international organizations and in other relevant forums and in conformity with General Assembly resolution 44/228, in which it was stated that environmental concerns and considerations are crucial to achieving sustainable development for all countries but should not serve as a pretext for creating unjustified barriers to trade, to prepare a comprehensive analytical study, to be submitted to the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at its third session, on the present situation and future trends regarding the relationship between environmental issues and international trade and covering, *inter alia*, the following subjects:

(a) The consideration of trade and environment, in the light of the analysis requested of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in paragraph 5 of Trade and Development Board decision 384 (XXXVII) concerning the issue of sustainable development, in particular the reduction of poverty and its interface with policies and mechanisms in environmentally sensitive sectors, such as agriculture, energy, industry and transport, as well as with relevant structural policies, such as those related to the enterprise sector;

<sup>77</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 46 (A/45/46)*, annex I.

<sup>78</sup> *Ibid.*, *Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/44/25)*, annex I.

(b) Adjustment of the Trade Control Measures Information System of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to monitor environmental regulations for possible protectionism and to monitor non-tariff measures that have a bearing on the environment, in accordance with paragraph 6 of Trade and Development Board decision 384 (XXXVII);

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development to consult the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and relevant United Nations organs, organizations and programmes in preparing the report on transfer of technology requested in decision 1/8 of 30 August 1990, adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at its first substantive session,<sup>2</sup> for submission to the third session of the Preparatory Committee, including an examination of the obstacles on both the importing and exporting sides that impede the transfer of environmentally sound technologies.

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#### 45/211. United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on its organizational session, held in New York from 5 to 16 March 1990,<sup>79</sup>

*Having considered* the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session, held at Nairobi from 6 to 31 August 1990,<sup>80</sup>

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

2. *Stresses* the fundamental interrelationship between environment and development, and reiterates the need to integrate and keep the balance between the environmental and developmental dimensions during the entire preparatory process and during the Conference, and the need for cross-sectoral issues to be fully integrated into that work;

3. *Endorses* the decisions contained in the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on its organizational session;<sup>79</sup>

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session and endorses the decisions contained therein;<sup>81</sup>

5. *Decides* that the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development shall take place at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 1 to 12 June 1992;

6. *Urges* that representation at the Conference be at the level of head of State or Government;

7. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to issue invitations to all States Members of the

<sup>79</sup> *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 48 (A/44/48)*.

<sup>80</sup> *Ibid.*, *Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 46 (A/45/46)*.

<sup>81</sup> *Ibid.*, annex I.