

ment Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,<sup>29</sup>

*Taking into account* resolution 26 C/3.2 adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its twenty-sixth session,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997) during the period 1990-1991;<sup>32</sup>

2. *Approves* the recommendation contained in paragraph 89 (d) of the report, aimed at focusing the mid-term review on preparing a provisional evaluation of the implementation of the Decade, reviewing some of its goals, selecting a more limited number of priorities and defining specific tasks for the second phase of the Decade, so as to give greater impetus to the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to undertake the preparation of a global mid-term review of the Decade, to be carried out by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, in 1994; the preparation should include the following:

(a) Written consultations with Member States and appropriate international governmental and non-governmental organizations, to be carried out by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in 1992, with the aim of evaluating the implementation of the Decade, including an evaluation of the cultural factors influencing the development of the cultural sector as a potential creator of jobs and generator of income, to be carried out by the regional commissions in 1993, as specified by the General Assembly in paragraph 3 of its resolution 45/189 of 21 December 1990;

(b) The elaboration of a summary evaluation report based on the results obtained from the written consultations with Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as on the contributions from the regional commissions; the summary evaluation report would serve as the main working document for the mid-term review and would be prepared by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

(c) An examination of the summary evaluation report by the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development, established by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in resolution 24 C/11.13 adopted at its twenty-fourth session;

4. *Invites* all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to contribute actively to the mid-term review of the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade.

*78th plenary meeting  
19 December 1991*

**46/158. World Commission on Culture and 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 note* of Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/65 of 26 July 1991, in which the Council noted the suggestion made at the 11th meeting of the First (Economic) Committee, on 18 July 1991, that the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization jointly establish an international commission to prepare a report on culture and development,

*Also taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997) during the period 1990-1991,<sup>32</sup>

1. *Takes note* of resolution 26 C/3.4 adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its twenty-sixth session, on the establishment of a World Commission on Culture and Development;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to cooperate with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as the latter proceeds in:

(a) Establishing an independent World Commission on Culture and Development, comprising women and men drawn from all regions and eminent in diverse disciplines, to prepare a world report on culture and development and proposals for both urgent and long-term action to meet cultural needs in the context of development;

(b) Appointing, after such consultations as they deem necessary, the Chairperson of the Commission and, in cooperation with the Chairperson, selecting the other twelve members of the Commission;

3. *Expects* the World Commission to submit its final report to the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and to the United Nations General Assembly no later than three years after it begins its work, and to direct its report to intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental forums, to individuals and to the general public in order to promote wide dissemination and follow-up;

4. *Decides* to consider the report of the World Commission on Culture and Development at an appropriate future session.

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**46/159. Technical cooperation among developing countries**

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,<sup>28</sup>

and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,<sup>29</sup>

*Recalling* its resolutions 33/134 of 19 December 1978, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries,<sup>33</sup> and 44/222 of 22 December 1989, as well as other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

*Stressing* that technical cooperation among developing countries is an indispensable and integral part of their efforts to accelerate development and should act as a springboard for enhancing the integration of the developing countries into the international economy based on equity and mutual benefit,

*Also stressing* that technical cooperation among developing countries remains a key element in global economic cooperation, its purpose being not to displace North-South cooperation with South-South cooperation but to complement the former within a cooperative framework that is truly universal,

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

1. *Reaffirms* the continued validity of the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries and the importance of technical cooperation among developing countries;

2. *Endorses* the decisions adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries at its seventh session;<sup>34</sup>

3. *Urges* all Member States, the United Nations Development Programme and other relevant organs, organizations, bodies and programmes of the United Nations system to give high priority in their particular fields of activity to the support, including financial support, of activities in technical cooperation among developing countries;

4. *Urges* the United Nations Development Programme to take the lead in assisting developing countries in overcoming the problems encountered in their efforts to promote and implement activities in technical cooperation among developing countries;

5. *Calls upon* the international community to take the necessary measures to implement the commitments agreed upon in the context of technical cooperation among developing countries;

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

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#### 46/160. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference

*The General Assembly,*

*Affirming* its resolutions 37/248 of 21 December 1982, 38/160 of 19 December 1983, 39/215 of 18 December 1984, 40/195 of 17 December 1985, 42/181 of 11 December 1987 and 44/221 of 22 December 1989, in which it, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to promote cooperation between the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference and urged intensification of contacts in order to accelerate the achievement of the objectives of the Lusaka Declaration of 1 April 1980, by which the Conference was established,<sup>35</sup>

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference,<sup>36</sup>

*Noting* the efforts made by the Conference in implementing its Programme of Action,<sup>37</sup>

*Reaffirming* its recognition that successful implementation of the development programmes of the Conference can be achieved only if the Conference has adequate resources at its disposal,

*Welcoming* Namibia's membership in the Conference, which brings added impetus for expanding and intensifying economic cooperation in southern Africa,

*Noting* that the effects of war, loss of life and destruction of economic and social infrastructures in southern Africa demand the continuation and strengthening of rehabilitation programmes to regenerate the economies of the independent countries of the region,

*Recognizing* the positive developments in South Africa, including prospects for the start of negotiations on a democratic, non-racial constitution,

*Deeply concerned* about the current violence in South Africa, resulting from actions of forces opposed to democratic transformation,

*Welcoming* the signing in South Africa on 14 September 1991 of the National Peace Accord, effective implementation of which should strengthen prospects for peace in the entire southern African region,

*Noting* the progress made by some organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in working out mechanisms for formulating and executing cooperation with the Conference,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>36</sup> which describes the progress made in the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly dealing with cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference;<sup>37</sup>

2. *Commends* the Member States and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system that have maintained, enhanced and initiated development cooperation with the Conference;

3. *Calls upon* the Member States and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system that have not yet established contact and relationships with the Conference to explore the possibility of doing so;

4. *Commends* the Conference for its considerable achievements, since its founding, in implementing projects covering all the sectors of cooperation;