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57/297. Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/237 of 22 December 1989, in which it proclaimed the period 1991–2000 the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, as adjusted subsequently by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/177 of 22 December 1992 to cover the period 1993–2002,

Recalling also its resolutions 54/203 of 22 December 1999 and 56/187 of 21 December 2001 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

Recalling further the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development of 16 September 2002¹ and resolution 57/7 of 4 November 2002 on the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s² and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development,³

Recognizing that industrial growth is essential for sustained economic development in that it generates income and employment, thus improving standards of living and eradicating poverty, a key goal contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,⁴

Bearing in mind that Africa faces serious obstacles in the diversification of its economy, in particular, in industrialization,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa;⁵

2. *Recognizes* the importance of industrialization to the sustained growth and accelerated development of Africa;

3. *Expresses disappointment* that, despite the first Industrial Development Decade for Africa in the 1980s and the Second Industrial Development Decade for

¹ See resolution 57/2.

² Resolution 46/151, annex.

³ A/57/304, annex.

⁴ See resolution 55/2.

⁵ A/57/175.

Africa (1993–2002), limited progress has been made in the industrialization of Africa;

4. *Decides* to bring the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa to a close, and calls upon the international community, including the United Nations system, to channel its support for Africa's industrialization effort within the framework of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;³

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include the topic of industrialization in Africa in his consolidated annual report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development.

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