

major problems of trade and development to be considered by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its second session would have an important bearing on the preparations for the next Development Decade.

Having considered the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its second session,¹⁰ held in New Delhi, and the report of the Trade and Development Board for the period from 10 September 1967 to 23 September 1968,¹¹

Taking into account the statement made by the President of the second session of the Conference in the General Assembly on 28 October 1968¹² and the views expressed in plenary meeting and in the Second Committee on the results of the Conference at its second session,

Convinced that the effectiveness of the continuing machinery depends considerably upon the political will of Governments of all Member States to contribute to the achievement of concrete solutions to the problems of trade and development,

Bearing in mind the recommendation of the Conference at its second session to its member States to devise and explore earnestly ways and means of assisting the continuing machinery of the Conference to discharge the responsibility placed upon it after its second session,

Recalling its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964 on the establishment of the Conference, in particular its provisions on future institutional arrangements,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its second session and the report of the Trade and Development Board for the period from 10 September 1967 to 23 September 1968;

2. *Welcomes* decision 45 (VII) adopted by the Trade and Development Board on 21 September 1968 on the improvement of the institutional machinery and methods of work of the Conference;¹³

3. *Considers* that decision 45 (VII) of the Board is a positive manifestation of the political will of States members of the Conference to enhance the capacity of the Conference to achieve positive results;

4. *Further considers* that the full and effective utilization of the improved machinery and methods of work, in the same spirit of co-operation, will contribute towards reaching a greater measure of agreement on problems before the Conference, in particular through:

(a) The possibility of holding sessions of the Board at a high political level in order to consider matters of greater importance;

(b) The possibility of convening a special session of the Board, to be held within the minimum periods provided for in rule 4, paragraph 2, and rule 6 of the rules of procedure of the Board;

(c) The possibility of setting up intergovernmental groups on matters falling within the competence of

the Board's main committees, with the purpose of identifying specific courses of action, as appropriate;

(d) The initiative of the Secretary-General of the Conference, where appropriate, in order to assist the continuing machinery in its search for concrete solutions to problems of trade and development;

5. *Expresses the opinion* that in special situations the convening of *ad hoc* meetings of the countries concerned, with their agreement, at a high political level may secure more rapid progress in reaching generally acceptable conclusions on basic issues of substance;

6. *Draws the attention* of the States members of the Conference to the tasks which remain unfinished, particularly those pertaining to the problems facing the least developed of the developing countries, and to the large number of important issues remitted by the Conference to its continuing machinery for further consideration and action;

7. *Urges* the Board at its forthcoming sessions, in considering the issues remitted to it by the Conference, to seek the widest possible measure of agreement on concrete and practical action or recommendations, as appropriate, in particular in view of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

8. *Requests* the Governments of States members of the Conference, the regional economic commissions, the Economic and Social Office in Beirut, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as other intergovernmental organizations participating in the work of the Conference, to make every effort to enlighten public opinion within their respective fields about the various aspects of the developmental process and about the efforts being made by the international community in this area, with a view to obtaining the widest possible support for the work of the Conference.

1741st plenary meeting,
13 December 1968.

2407 (XXIII). United Nations Industrial Development Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of its resolution 2152 (XXI) of 17 November 1966 relating to the purpose and functions of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

Bearing in mind that the developing countries attach high priority to their industrial development within the framework of their national economic plans and programmes,

Conscious of the significant contribution that the United Nations Industrial Development Organization can make in achieving the widest possible international co-operation with a view to assisting the developing countries to accelerate their industrial development,

Recognizing the key role that industrial development will have to play in the fulfilment of the objectives of the next United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its second session;¹⁴

2. *Requests* the Industrial Development Board to include in its future reports a summary of the activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the previous year;

¹⁰ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Second Session*, vol. I and Corr.1 and Add.1, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.II.D.14).

¹¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214)*.

¹² *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Plenary Meetings*, 1708th meeting, paras. 3-34.

¹³ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214)*, part II, annex I.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 15 (A/7215)*.

3. *Invites* Governments to provide additional support to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization by making available through voluntary contributions, in accordance with section II, paragraph 23, of General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI), adequate resources for an expanded programme of field activities under flexible procedures;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to accelerate the preparatory work within its competence for the next United Nations Development Decade and to co-operate actively in the concerted efforts being undertaken by the organizations in the United Nations system to elaborate the international development strategy for the 1970s;

5. *Endorses* Industrial Development Board resolution 11 (II) of 14 May 1968,¹⁵ in which the Board recommended the sum of \$1.5 million as the planning level of the regular programme of technical assistance for industrial development in 1969 and 1970;

6. *Considers* that the United Nations Industrial Development Organization should be entrusted with the responsibility of executing a larger number of projects related to industrial development under the two components of the United Nations Development Programme, taking into consideration the increasing flow of requests for such projects.

*1745th plenary meeting,
17 December 1968.*

2408 (XXIII). Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly

Takes note with satisfaction of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its fifth and sixth sessions.¹⁶

*1745th plenary meeting,
17 December 1968.*

2409 (XXIII). Promotion of follow-up investment

The General Assembly

Takes note of the measures taken by the United Nations Development Programme, in response to paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 2280 (XXII) of 4 December 1967, concerning the promotion of follow-up investment.¹⁷

*1745th plenary meeting,
17 December 1968.*

2410 (XXIII). United Nations Capital Development Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2186 (XXI) of 13 December 1966 and 2321 (XXII) of 15 December 1967,

Taking note of the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its sixth session requesting the Administrator to continue his efforts to enable the United Nations Capital Development Fund to begin operations,¹⁸

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, annex VI.

¹⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4451) and Supplement No. 6A (E/4545).*

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6A (E/4545), paras. 197-223.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, para. 267.

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1350 (XLV) of 2 August 1968, in which the Council, *inter alia*, requested the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to identify specific projects in the programme of work of different organizations of the United Nations system which could benefit from investment within the scope of the existing resources of the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

2. *Further endorses* Trade and Development Board resolution 42 (VII) of 17 September 1968,¹⁹ in which the Board, *inter alia*, stressed the urgent need to begin operations of the United Nations Capital Development Fund as an important instrument within the United Nations system for aiding and accelerating the economic development of the developing countries, especially in the field of their investment activity;

3. *Decides* to continue the provisional arrangements, set forth in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 2321 (XXII), for the implementation of its resolution 2186 (XXI);

4. *Further decides* to review at its twenty-fourth session the institutional arrangements for the United Nations Capital Development Fund.

*1745th plenary meeting,
17 December 1968.*

2411 (XXIII). International development strategy

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2218 B (XXI) of 19 December 1966, which envisaged the elaboration of an international development strategy for the 1970s,

Recalling further its resolution 2305 (XXII) of 13 December 1967, in which it decided to consider at its twenty-third session the appropriate procedures to be followed for proclaiming the 1970s the Second United Nations Development Decade and for approving a programme of action within the framework of an international development strategy for that Decade,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1356 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 on the United Nations Development Decade,

Taking note of Trade and Development Board resolution 47 (VII) of 21 September 1968,²⁰ in which the Board, *inter alia*, reaffirmed the important role that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development had to play within its competence in the combination of efforts within the United Nations family for the preparation of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recognizing that the formulation of an international development strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade calls for a major co-operative effort and co-ordinated action on the part of the United Nations system of organizations under intergovernmental guidance,

Noting with satisfaction the preparatory work undertaken by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Committee for Development Planning and the organizations in the United Nations system, in pursuance of General Assembly resolutions 2218 B (XXI) and 2305 (XXII),

¹⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214)*, part II, annex I.

²⁰ *Ibid.*