

unfinished and to the large number of important issues remitted by the Conference to its continuing machinery for further consideration and action, and urged the Trade and Development 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,

Recalling further that at its twenty-third session the General Assembly requested the Trade and Development Board to continue its efforts to reach the maximum degree of agreement on the issues which were remitted to it by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its second session and which were of basic importance for the elaboration of the international development strategy for the 1970s,³³

Expressing its concern that most of the issues remitted to the continuing machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development after its second session are still outstanding, and that this has contributed to the delay in the completion of the work of the Conference relating to the preparations for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Bearing in mind the recommendation made by the Conference to its member States at the second session 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 the improvements brought about in the institutional machinery and methods of work of the Conference in terms of decision 45 (VII), adopted by the Trade and Development Board on 21 September 1968,³⁴ and as further elaborated in paragraphs 4 and 5 of General Assembly resolution 2402 (XXIII),

Having considered the report of the Trade and Development Board for the period from 24 September 1968 to 23 September 1969,³⁵

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Trade and Development Board for the period from 24 September 1968 to 23 September 1969;

2. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board to seek to resolve the outstanding issues remitted to it by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at the second session in the fields of commodities, manufactures and semi-manufactures, financing and invisibles, including the question of international legislation on shipping;

3. *Further requests* the Trade and Development Board to accelerate in particular the work already undertaken in the specific fields which determine the participation of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in the international development strategy, so that it may make a timely and significant contribution to the preparations for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Suggests* to the Trade and Development Board that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session should consider ways and means of implementing the measures agreed upon within the continuing machinery and seek new areas of agreement in the dynamic context of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

5. *Urges* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to expedite his consultations with interested Governments with a view to reconvening the United Nations Cocoa Conference in order to conclude an international agreement on this commodity as early as possible in 1970;

6. *Notes with satisfaction* that some of the improvements introduced in the institutional machinery and methods of work of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development have been utilized, particularly by means of the decisions of the Trade and Development Board, to hold a special session on preferences³⁶ and to call an intergovernmental group on trade expansion, economic co-operation and regional integration among developing countries;³⁷

7. *Considers* that the Trade and Development Board, while making a fuller and more effective utilization of the improved machinery and methods of work of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in accordance with decision 45 (VII) of the Board and General Assembly resolution 2402 (XXIII), should at the same time keep the question of further improvements in the institutional machinery of the Conference constantly under review and from time to time make such suggestions as may enable the continuing machinery to discharge the responsibilities entrusted to it.

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13 December 1969.*

2571 (XXIV). International development strategy

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2218 B (XXI) of 19 December 1966 and 2305 (XXII) of 13 December 1967 by which it initiated measures for proclaiming the 1970s as the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Further recalling its resolution 2411 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968 whereby it established the Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Development Decade, charged with the responsibility of preparing a draft of an international development strategy for the 1970s, and requested it to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session a preliminary draft of the strategy,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1447 (XLVII) of 5 August 1969 regarding the work done so far on the formulation of an international development strategy,

Recalling the Charter of Algiers,³⁸ in particular part two entitled "Programme of action", regarded by the developing countries as constituting important elements of the strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Taking into account the results achieved by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its second session and the task referred to the continuing machinery of the Conference in connexion with measures which the international community should take in the field of trade and development,

³⁶ *Ibid.*, resolution 61 (IX), p. 209.

³⁷ *Ibid.*, resolution 53 (VIII), p. 73.

³⁸ *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Second Session*, vol. I and Corr.1 and 3 and Add.1 and 2. *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.II.D.14), p. 431.

³³ See resolution 2411 (XXIII).

³⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214)*, p. 93.

³⁵ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/7616)*.

Having considered the progress report of the Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Development Decade on the preparation of a preliminary draft of an international development strategy,³⁹

Deeply concerned that very little progress was made by the Trade and Development Board at its resumed eighth session and at the second part of its ninth session in finalizing the contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to the strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recognizing that the primary responsibility for the economic development of developing countries rests on them and also that a fuller mobilization and more effective utilization of the domestic resources of those countries to achieve an accelerated rate of growth requires concomitant, effective and sustained international action,

Considering that the success of the international development strategy will depend upon the commitments by developed and developing countries alike to the adoption of specific policy measures to implement the strategy,

Gravely concerned that, in spite of the efforts made during the First United Nations Development Decade, the levels of living of millions of people in the developing parts of the world are still pitifully low,

Recognizing that there is an urgent need for strengthening the political will, particularly in the area of international co-operation, to carry on effectively with the task of development,

Reaffirming the common responsibility and resolve of the international community to work continuously to bring about a substantial improvement in the lot of mankind by accelerating economic and social progress in developing countries, thus contributing to world peace,

1. *Expresses its concern* that it has not been possible for the Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Development Decade to prepare a preliminary draft of an international development strategy as envisaged in paragraphs 3 and 8 of General Assembly resolution 2411 (XXIII);

2. *Notes*, however, that it has so far been possible, *inter alia*, to agree that:

(a) The five main components of the strategy should be a preambular declaration, a specification of objectives, policy measures to fulfil those objectives, review and appraisal of both objectives and policies, and mobilization of public opinion;

(b) The main objective for the Second United Nations Development Decade should be to promote sustained economic growth, especially in developing countries, to ensure a higher standard of living consistent with human dignity, to bring about sustained improvements in the well-being of the individual and to facilitate the process of narrowing the gap between the developed and developing countries;

(c) There is a need for establishing a target for the over-all growth rate for gross product in real terms of the developing countries during the Second United Nations Development Decade, as a broad indication of the scope of international co-operative efforts to be made within the framework of the international development strategy;

³⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 40, document A/7699.*

(d) It is important to reach agreement on quantitative targets for a few major variables, consistent with the over-all target and, to the extent possible, each consistent with the other, as well as to define certain broad social objectives;

(e) Arrangements should be made to keep under systematic scrutiny the progress towards achieving the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade, to identify shortfalls in their achievement and the policies that are not consistent with the attainment of those objectives and to recommend positive measures, including new goals and policies as needed;

(f) Existing arrangements for the review and appraisal of the progress towards achieving goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade should be fully and effectively utilized, strengthened as required, and complemented by new arrangements, as appropriate, at the national, regional, other multinational and global levels, and such arrangements should involve both developed and developing countries;

3. *Notes with concern* the lack of progress in reaching agreement on policy measures for the fulfilment of the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade, which is of paramount importance for the formulation of the strategy;

4. *Urges* Governments to take political decisions for the adoption of specific and concrete policy measures for the successful completion of the preparation and the implementation of the international development strategy;

5. *Recognizes* that there is an express need for the progressive integration of social and economic goals and policies in the process of the formulation of the international development strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

6. *Instructs* the Preparatory Committee to finalize its work in accordance with the time-table laid down in paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 2411 (XXIII) and, at its forthcoming sessions, to concentrate particularly on objectives and policy measures;

7. *Endorses* the decision of the Trade and Development Board, at the second part of its ninth session,⁴⁰ to complete the contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to the Second United Nations Development Decade at the third part of that session, so as to enable the Preparatory Committee to complete its work in these areas as well as to make progress in other areas;

8. *Calls upon* all other organizations of the United Nations system to make available, as soon as possible, the contributions to the strategy expected of them, so as to enable the Preparatory Committee to consider them at its fifth session;

9. *Draws the attention* of the Governments and the organizations concerned to the recommendations made by the Committee for Development Planning in its report on its fourth and fifth sessions;⁴¹

10. *Considers* that the procedures for the proclamation of the Second United Nations Development Decade

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/7616)*, p. 269.

⁴¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-seventh Session, document E/4682.*

should be so devised as to ensure the maximum possible impact on world public opinion in support of all development efforts, particularly of the objectives and policies for the Decade.

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13 December 1969.*

2572 (XXIV). International Education Year

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,⁴² prepared with the assistance of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2412 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968;

2. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1436 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969.

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13 December 1969.*

2573 (XXIV). International university

The General Assembly,

Taking note with appreciation of the Secretary-General's remarks concerning the idea of an international university made in the introduction to his annual report on the work of the Organization,⁴³

Welcoming the initiative taken by the Secretary-General,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General to undertake, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and in consultation with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and any other agency or organization he deems necessary and taking into account the views expressed at the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly, a comprehensive expert study on the feasibility of an international university, including a clear definition of its goals and objectives as well as recommendations as to how it might be organized and financed;

2. *Expresses the hope* that the report on the study will be available early in the International Education Year and in time to be submitted through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session.

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13 December 1969.*

2577 (XXIV). Report of the Industrial Development Board

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its third session,⁴⁴

Noting in particular the Board's recommendations concerning the programme of work of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for 1970 relating to the field activities and supporting activities of that organization,⁴⁵

⁴² E/4707 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1 and 2.

⁴³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1A (A/7601/Add.1)*, paras. 196 and 197.

⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 17 (A/7617 and Corr.1).

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, chapter VI.

Recalling the recommendations of the International Symposium on Industrial Development, held at Athens in 1967,⁴⁶

Recalling further its resolution 2178 (XXI) of 9 December 1966 in which it, *inter alia*, requested the Industrial Development Board to study in due course the recommendations of the Symposium and to take appropriate follow-up action,

Believing that an appropriate review and assessment of the progress achieved in the implementation of the aforementioned recommendations of the Board, as well as those of the Symposium, could provide sufficient information and impetus for devising effective ways and means of attaining the speedy implementation of those recommendations with a view to responding adequately to the urgent needs and problems of the developing countries in their efforts to accelerate their industrialization,

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

2. *Invites* the Industrial Development Board, with the co-operation of the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to consider the possibility of including in the Board's annual reports:

(a) A summary of the progress achieved in the implementation of all the substantive recommendations and resolutions of the Board and of the International Symposium on Industrial Development, as well as practical measures and policies for attaining their early implementation, as appropriate;

(b) An up-dated listing of the titles of all projects and activities undertaken by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in each country and region, with estimated cost, source of financing, nature and duration by man-months of each project, and titles of all seminars, expert group meetings, workshops, publications of research and studies;

(c) An outline of the future work programme of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

3. *Suggests* that the reports of the Industrial Development Board be made as concise and substantial as possible, taking into account the additional information called for in paragraph 2 above.

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15 December 1969.*

2578 (XXIV). Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2089 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and 2152 (XXI) of 17 November 1966 on the establishment of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

Having in mind Industrial Development Board resolution 22 (III) of 13 May 1969,⁴⁷ in which the Board requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to consult the

⁴⁶ See United Nations Industrial Development Organization, *Report of the International Symposium on Industrial Development* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.69.II.B.7).

⁴⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/7617 and Corr.1)*, annex VII.