

motion of specific industrial projects dealing with the natural resources of developing countries;

4. *Calls upon* Governments to continue their efforts aimed at the complete implementation of the principles and recommendations contained in the aforementioned resolutions of the General Assembly;

5. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to instruct the Committee on Natural Resources to include in its work programme a periodic report on the advantages derived from the exercise by developing countries of permanent sovereignty over their natural resources, with particular reference to the impact of such exercise on the increased mobilization of resources, especially of domestic resources, for their economic and social development, on the outflow of capital therefrom as well as on the transfer of technology;

6. *Further invites* Member States to inform the Committee on Natural Resources, through the Secretary-General, on the progress achieved to safeguard the exercise of permanent sovereignty over their natural resources, including the measures taken to control the outflow of capital in a manner compatible with the exercise of their sovereignty and international co-operation;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue with the study requested in section III of General Assembly resolution 1803 (XVII) and the submission of the report called for in resolutions 2158 (XXI) and 2386 (XXIII), taking into account also the provisions of the present resolution;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the report mentioned in paragraph 7 above, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session.

*1926th plenary meeting,
11 December 1970.*

2724 (XXV). Identification of the least developed among the developing countries

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its support for resolution 24 (II) adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on 26 March 1968,⁵⁵ in which the Conference invited international bodies responsible for particular measures to benefit developing countries generally to design the form of, and elaborate on, the special measures which might be taken in favour of the least developed countries, and to identify such countries,

Reaffirming further its support for the request which the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made to the Secretary-General of the Conference, in resolution 24 (II), to continue studies relative to the identification of the least developed countries and to examine the various approaches to this problem,

Recalling its resolution 2564 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969, in which it affirmed the need to alleviate the problems of the least developed among the developing countries with a view to enabling them to draw full benefits from the Second United Nations Development Decade,

⁵⁵ *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. 54.

Noting with appreciation that the Committee for Development Planning is engaged in examining questions relating to the least developed among the developing countries, including criteria for identifying such countries, on the basis of a report prepared by one of its working groups,⁵⁶

Recalling further the proclamation by the General Assembly, at the closing meeting of its commemorative session on 24 October 1970, of the Second United Nations Development Decade, to begin on 1 January 1971,

Taking into account Trade and Development Board resolution 68 (X) of 16 September 1970,⁵⁷

Noting further decision 75 (S-IV) adopted by the Trade and Development Board at its fourth special session⁵⁸ on the generalized system of preferences, particularly section V of the agreed conclusions of the Special Committee on Preferences annexed to the decision, which concerns the special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries,

1. *Affirms* the urgency of identifying the least developed among the developing countries in order to enable the countries so identified to benefit as early as possible from the special measures in their favour adopted in the various forums, particularly those incorporated in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;⁵⁹

2. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council, the Trade and Development Board and international bodies responsible for measures designed to benefit developing countries to accord a high priority to the question of the identification of the least developed among the developing countries and, taking into account relevant studies, including that of the Committee for Development Planning, requests them to consider this matter intensively and extensively during 1971;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session on the progress made towards the identification of the least developed among the developing countries.

*1931st plenary meeting,
15 December 1970.*

2725 (XXV). Third session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2402 (XXIII) of 13 December 1968, in which it drew the attention of the States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to the tasks which remained unfinished and to the large number of important issues remitted by the Conference at its second session to the continuing machinery for further consideration and action,

Recalling further its suggestion to the Trade and Development Board in General Assembly resolution 2570 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969 that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development should consider, at its third session, ways and means of imple-

⁵⁶ E/AC.54/L.36 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and 2.

⁵⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/8015/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1), part two, annex I.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, part three, annex I.

⁵⁹ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

menting 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,

Taking into account its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 in which it adopted the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and proclaimed the Second Decade to begin on 1 January 1971,

Recalling its resolution 2641 (XXV) of 19 November 1970 concerning the review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy,

Recognizing that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will play, within its competence, an important role in the implementation of the International Development Strategy and in reviewing progress made in that implementation,

Recalling also its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, in which it expressed its intention to seek advice from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development before making changes in the fundamental provisions of that resolution,

Recalling further that in its resolution 2570 (XXIV) it considered 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) adopted by the Trade and Development Board on 21 September 1968,⁶⁰ and General Assembly resolution 2402 (XXIII), should, at the same time, keep the question of further improvement 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 responsibility entrusted to it,

Expressing its concern that, two and a half years after the second session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and in spite of the efforts made in the process of formulating and reaching agreement on the International Development Strategy, a number of issues referred to the continuing machinery by the Conference remain unresolved,

Noting with deep concern that the recent trends in some developed countries towards intensification of protectionism may jeopardize vital trade interests of all countries, particularly of the developing countries, and may threaten the very basis of international economic co-operation during the coming decade,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Trade and Development Board on its activities between 24 September 1969 and 13 October 1970;⁶¹

2. *Decides* that the third session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development shall be convened in April/May 1972;

3. *Notes* that the Trade and Development Board will in due course make its final recommendation to the General Assembly concerning the location of the third session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

4. *Invites* the Trade and Development Board to draw the attention of the United Nations Conference

on Trade and Development at its third session, in pursuing the functions falling within its competence and its role in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade in a dynamic context, to the importance of:

(a) Reviewing the progress made in and seeking further implementation of the policy measures as agreed upon within the context of the International Development Strategy;

(b) Reaching agreement in more specific terms on issues which have not been fully resolved in the International Development Strategy and which have an important bearing on its implementation;

(c) Seeking new areas of agreement and widening existing ones;

(d) Evolving new concepts and seeking agreement on additional measures;

5. *Recommends* that the institutional machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development should be fully oriented towards the implementation of the relevant provisions of the International Development Strategy, particularly for enabling those countries which are having difficulty in accepting certain specific provisions in the policy measures of the Strategy to make a fuller and more effective contribution to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

6. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board to give consideration, in the light of paragraph 5 above and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and Trade and Development Board decision 45 (VII), to such reforms of the fundamental provisions of that resolution as to promote further evolution in the institutional arrangements of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in its continuing machinery and in its methods of work, designed to increase its effectiveness and to put forward concrete suggestions for its improvement, with a view to enabling the Conference to make specific recommendations for consideration by the General Assembly.

1931st plenary meeting,
15 December 1970.

2726 (XXV). Transfer of technology, including know-how and patents

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Trade and Development Board on the first part of its tenth session,⁶²

Bearing in mind the importance of and the need for an adequate transfer of operative technology to developing countries in order to accelerate their economic and social development,

Recognizing that the adoption of concerted measures and the implementation, by developed and developing countries and competent international organizations, of a programme for promoting the transfer of technology to developing countries constitute an important element of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,⁶³

Stressing the role that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, within its competence, will be called upon to play in this programme, in particular to consider studies and, as appropriate, suggest mea-

⁶⁰ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214), p. 93.

⁶¹ Ibid., Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/8015/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1).

⁶² Ibid., part two.

⁶³ Resolution 2626 (XXV).