

## 2767 (XXVI). United Nations Institute for Training and Research

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its past resolutions relating to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, particularly resolution 2640 (XXV) of 19 November 1970, and the resolutions of the Economic and Social Council on the same subject,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the increasing effectiveness of the Institute in the discharge of its responsibilities;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the Institute will have greater and wider financial support.

*1988th plenary meeting,  
18 November 1971.*

## 2768 (XXVI). Identification of the least developed among the developing countries

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, in which it provided a separate section in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade on special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries to enhance their capacity to benefit fully and equitably from the policy measures of the Decade,

*Further recalling* its resolution 2724 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, in which it affirmed the urgency of identifying the least developed among the developing countries in order to enable those countries to benefit as early as possible from the special measures in their favour adopted in the various forums,

*Considering* that the criteria used so far for the identification of the hard core least developed among the developing countries need to be reviewed and refined,

*Further considering* that there is a lack of necessary comparative data in most developing countries,

*Mindful* of the varying stages of economic development among the developing countries as a whole,

1. *Commends* the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its seventh session<sup>2</sup> and that of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries<sup>3</sup> of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. *Takes note* of Economic and Social Council resolution 1628 (LI) of 30 July 1971;

3. *Takes note also* of Trade and Development Board resolution 82 (XI) of 18 September 1971;<sup>4</sup>

4. *Approves* the list of hard core least developed countries contained in paragraph 66 of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its seventh session;

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/8414).

<sup>2</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/4990), chap. II.

<sup>3</sup> TD/B/349.

<sup>4</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/8415/Rev.1), part three, annex I.

5. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to instruct the Committee for Development Planning to continue, in close collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the review of criteria now being used, as well as any other criteria which may in due course be deemed appropriate for the identification of the least developed countries, keeping in view the possibility of modifications in the list of those countries as early as possible;

6. *Commends* the request of the Trade and Development Board in resolution 82 (XI) that the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development work out a detailed and comprehensive action-oriented programme, within the competence of the Conference, for the implementation of the relevant provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade in favour of the least developed countries;

7. *Requests* other organs and programmes of the United Nations, including the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to initiate, as appropriate, similar action-oriented programmes, within their respective fields of competence, in favour of the least developed countries;

8. *Further requests* the international organizations within the United Nations system to take fully into account the special needs of the least developed among the developing countries when formulating their programmes of activities or selecting the projects they finance;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include information on the implementation of paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 above in the reports to be submitted by him under paragraph 83 of General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

*1988th plenary meeting,  
18 November 1971.*

## 2800 (XXVI). Dissemination of information and mobilization of public opinion relative to the review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1357 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 on the mobilization of public opinion in developed and developing countries regarding the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Recalling also* its resolution 2567 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969 on the mobilization of public opinion and taking note of the administrative arrangements for the Centre for Economic and Social Information which the Secretary-General has made in pursuance of that resolution,

*Bearing in mind* paragraph 84 of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, contained in resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, on the mobilization of public opinion, which is an essential component of the Strategy,

*Recognizing* that through the intensive dissemination of the objectives and policy measures of the International Development Strategy in both developed and developing countries a favourable world public opinion will be achieved that will help promote and ensure the implementation of the goals and measures set forth in the Strategy,

*Realizing* that in order to make policy-makers and peoples conscious of the tasks and objectives to be pursued during the Second United Nations Development Decade there must be full and effective utilization of the resources available in the United Nations system for this particular endeavour, as well as the support and co-operation of Governments,

*Convinced* that a favourable public opinion at the national, regional and global levels can have a persuasive influence and can provide dynamism to the review and appraisal of the progress achieved in the implementation of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy,

1. *Welcomes* the statement of the Secretary-General<sup>5</sup> that efforts to achieve the objectives set forth in General Assembly resolution 2567 (XXIV), relating to the dissemination of information and the mobilization of public opinion with regard to the progress in the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade, should be intensified;

2. *Urges* Governments and the organizations concerned within the United Nations system to conduct, in co-ordination with the Secretary-General, such campaigns as they may deem appropriate for the dissemination of information relative to the objectives and policy measures, as well as to the progress achieved and the shortfalls, within the framework of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, and also for the promotion of those objectives and measures.

2017th plenary meeting,  
14 December 1971.

## **2801 (XXVI). Review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, and in particular paragraphs 79 to 83 thereof,

*Recalling also* its resolution 2641 (XXV) of 19 November 1970, in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session outlining the details of the system of over-all review and appraisal of the progress in implementing the International Development Strategy to enable the Assembly to take a final decision on the matter,

*Taking note* of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1621 C (LI) and 1625 (LI) of 30 July 1971,

*Taking note also* of Trade and Development Board resolution 81 (XI) of 17 September 1971,<sup>6</sup>

*Reiterating* that the International Development Strategy should be viewed in a dynamic context involving continuing review to ensure its effective implementation and adaptation in the light of new developments,

*Convinced* that the review and appraisal exercises at the sectoral level by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization should be conducted by their respective intergovernmental bodies with a view to seeking new areas of agreement and widening the existing ones in the context of the International Development Strategy,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on a system of over-all review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;<sup>7</sup>

2. *Expresses its conviction* that the appropriate discharge of the function of over-all review and appraisal requires the adoption of comprehensive guidelines for this purpose;

3. *Reaffirms* its responsibility for carrying out, through the Economic and Social Council, the over-all review and appraisal of the progress in implementing the policy measures and the realization of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy;

4. *Resolves* that:

(a) Review and appraisal at all levels should be informed by the common purpose of assessing the manner in which the operation of the International Development Strategy has contributed to economic growth and social progress with a view to identifying shortfalls in the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade, and the factors which account for them, and also to recommending positive measures, including new goals and policies as needed;

(b) The scope of the exercise should be sufficiently wide to ensure that, in addition to assessing the extent to which the operation of the International Development Strategy has promoted the growth and progress of the developing countries, the contribution which the developed countries have made to global economic development should also be assessed;

5. *Decides* that the Committee for Development Planning, in the light of the purpose and scope explained above, will prepare, at the expert level, comments and recommendations relating to the over-all review and appraisal which is to be undertaken every two years and to the major mid-term review in 1975;

6. *Endorses* the measures set out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1625 (LI) to enable the Committee for Development Planning to assist the Council in discharging its responsibilities to the General Assembly in respect of the over-all review and appraisal;

7. *Requests* competent secretariats at the sectoral and regional levels to co-operate with the Committee for Development Planning in the fulfilment of its task by collecting, processing and making available the necessary data and information;

8. *Invites* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial De-

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-sixth Session, Fifth Committee, 1456th meeting, paras. 11-16.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/8415/Rev.1), part three, annex I.

<sup>7</sup> E/5040.