

concerned and taking due note of the report on the subject being prepared by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and of the work done by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and other interested bodies in the United Nations system, and in consultation with the Member States concerned:

(a) To prepare a study on the outflow of trained personnel from the developing countries which affects their technological development, bringing out the negative consequences in the developing countries and the advantages reaped by the industrialized countries, and pin-pointing the mechanics of that outflow and identifying the countries to which it is directed;

(b) In assessing the negative consequences of this phenomenon in the developing countries, to give special attention to the way in which this outflow hinders the creation of suitable technical infrastructures and prejudices the capacity to utilize imported technology and the creation of national technologies and to the policy measures which the developing countries themselves may have to take to stem this outflow;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the organizations of the United Nations system and bearing in mind the study referred to in paragraph 1 above, to draft, in consultation with the Member States concerned, the necessary guidelines for a programme of action to be elaborated by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, indicating viable measures that can be taken to deal with the problem and, above all, practical and effective guidance to be followed, mainly by the Governments of industrialized countries, to put an end to, and to reverse, that process without prejudice to existing international agreements and in conformity with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take urgent measures to make widely known to the appropriate authorities in developing countries the proposals contained in the *World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development* as one of the means to counterbalance the outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the study referred to in paragraph 1 above to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, and the guidelines for a programme of action to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its second session.

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3018 (XXVII). The problem of mass poverty and unemployment in developing countries

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Economic and Social Council on its fifty-second and fifty-third sessions,⁷⁷

⁷⁷ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8703) and Supplement No. 3A (A/8703/Add.1).

Inspired by the solemn determination of the peoples of the United Nations, as embodied in the Charter, to promote their economic and social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Reiterating paragraph 7 of the preamble of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,⁷⁸ which states that the ultimate objective of development must be to bring about sustained improvement in the well-being of the individual and bestow benefits on all and that development fails in its essential purpose if undue privileges, extremes of wealth and social injustices persist,

Noting the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its eighth session,⁷⁹ which considered in depth the nature and urgency of the problem of mass poverty and unemployment in developing countries and the inequalities in the distribution of wealth and income in those countries,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1727 (LIII) of 28 July 1972 on mass poverty and unemployment,

Deeply concerned that at this stage of the Second United Nations Development Decade there is no manifest improvement in the individual lives of the great masses of people in the developing countries,

Recalling resolution 62 (III) of 19 May 1972, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session,⁸⁰ on special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries,

Aware that a grave problem in developing countries is the critical relationship of social equity to economic growth,

Noting the urgent need for more and better quantitative data on past and current trends in employment and income distribution in developing countries,

Noting further the statement of the President of the World Bank Group⁸¹ that, in some ten countries with *per capita* income averaging \$145, the poorest 40 per cent of the population receive incomes of only \$50, and that, in another ten countries with *per capita* incomes averaging \$275, the poorest 40 per cent of the population receive incomes of only \$80,

Convinced that these desperately poor people should not be left outside the mainstream of development and that their condition of abject poverty should be improved if the danger of widespread social and economic upheaval is to be averted,

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1727 (LIII);

2. *Invites* developing countries where large segments of the population have *per capita* incomes significantly lower than the national average to continue their programmes and to take such further steps as may be necessary to achieve a better income distribution and to create new employment opportunities as a means of improving the livelihood of the poorest sections of their populations within their national plans and priorities,

⁷⁸ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

⁷⁹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/5126).

⁸⁰ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

⁸¹ Statement made to the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the World Bank Group on 25 September 1972.

including the structural reforms that may be necessary;

3. *Invites* developed countries to consider ways of enlarging the volume of their concessionary assistance and thus enhance the capacity of developing countries to eradicate mass poverty and unemployment among the poorest sections of their communities;

4. *Urges* organizations within the United Nations system, in co-operation with the Secretary-General, to give due consideration to the development and implementation of measures to assist the developing countries in raising the level of living of their low-income groups;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution.

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3019 (XXVII). United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The General Assembly,

Recalling its invitation and the requests set forth in its resolution 2815 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

Welcoming the Secretary-General's note⁸² with interim recommendations requiring urgent action to achieve improvements in the administrative machinery of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities aimed at the efficient and expeditious delivery of population programmes,

Expressing its appreciation to the fifty-two Member States which, to date, have responded to that invitation and have pledged financial support to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

Noting from the information given by the Secretary-General that the administration of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities has been reorganized over the past year in order to make even more effective use of its staff and resources,

Noting further that the resources of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and its scope of operations have now grown to a size which makes its supervision by an intergovernmental body desirable,

Expressing further its appreciation to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and to the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for their efforts, which have achieved the significant results of the past year,

Noting also the recommendation of the Secretary-General to change the character of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities from a trust fund of the Secretary-General into a fund established under the authority of the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* to place the United Nations Fund for Population Activities under the authority of the General Assembly;

2. *Decides further*, without prejudice to the overall responsibilities and policy functions of the Economic and Social Council, that the **Governing Council of**

the United Nations Development Programme, subject to conditions to be established by the Economic and Social Council, shall be the governing body of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and invites the Governing Council to concern itself with the financial and administrative policies relating to the work programme, the fund-raising methods and the annual budget of the Fund;

3. *Invites* the Governing Council to **organize itself** in such a way that it can exercise effectively these functions, taking into account the separate identity of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and its need to operate under the guidance of the Economic and Social Council, in close relationship with interested Governments and with appropriate international and national bodies, governmental and non-governmental, interested in population activities;

4. *Authorizes* the Governing Council, at its fifteenth session, to apply to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities funding principles similar to those of the United Nations Development Programme and to establish the necessary financial rules and regulations, subject to consideration by the Governing Council of a report, prepared by the Executive Director of the Fund in consultation with the Administrator of the Programme, and of the full implications thereof;

5. *Requests* the Governing Council to consider further steps necessary to achieve improvements in the administrative and operational machinery of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, to inform the Economic and Social Council in its annual report of those further steps taken to implement General Assembly resolution 2815 (XXVI) and the present resolution and to submit annually a report on the activities of the Fund to the Economic and Social Council;

6. *Renews* its invitation to interested Governments to make voluntary contributions to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities without prejudice to the agreed level of growth of contributions to the United Nations Development Programme and development assistance in general.

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3035 (XXVII). Code of conduct for liner conferences

The General Assembly,

Welcoming the unanimous agreement reached by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session, held at Santiago, Chile, from 13 April to 21 May 1972, that there was an urgent need for adopting and implementing a universally acceptable code of conduct to regulate the activities of liner conferences, which fully takes into account the special needs and problems of the developing countries,

Recalling resolution 66 (III) of 19 May 1972 entitled "Draft code of conduct for liner conferences" adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,⁸³

⁸² A/8899.

⁸³ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.