

5. *Decides* that the sessional Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme shall function as the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, that, for that purpose, it shall be open to the participation of all Member States as full members and hold three sessions, and that the Preparatory Committee shall elect its own bureau to be composed, in accordance with regional geographical distribution, of a chairman, three vice-chairmen and a rapporteur;

6. *Also decides* to establish a small secretariat to assist the Secretary-General of the Conference in discharging his functions, composed of the Special Unit for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries for substantive purposes and the concerned services of the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council for organizational preparations, taking fully into account the need to maintain close interrelationship between these two aspects of the preparatory work for the Conference;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene the first session of the Preparatory Committee in January 1977;

8. *Further decides* that requisite funds for the preparation of the Conference in 1977 over and above those already approved by the United Nations Development Programme for the preparations for, and organization of, the Conference, including those which may be necessary to strengthen existing services, shall be provided under the regular budget of the United Nations and that the Preparatory Committee shall prepare detailed recommendations to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the total budget of the Conference to be financed by the regular budget of the United Nations;

9. *Decides* to include Arabic among the languages of the Conference;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Conference to mobilize the assistance of the Office of Public Information of the Secretariat and of the Division of Information of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as of the concerned services of the organizations of the United Nations system, to undertake a programme of public information activities designed to ensure world-wide awareness of and interest in the Conference and its objectives;

11. *Agrees* that the provisional agenda contained in the report of the Administrator on the organization of the Conference should be finalized by the Preparatory Committee in the light of the comments and suggestions made at the twenty-second session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and at the regional meetings on technical co-operation among developing countries;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to enlist the fullest co-operation of the participating and executing agencies, including the regional commissions, in the substantive preparations for the Conference and, to this end, to establish an interagency task force within the framework of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board;

13. *Requests* the participating and executing agencies, including the regional commissions, in close co-

operation and consultation with the Secretary-General of the Conference, to continue to give priority to activities to promote technical co-operation among developing countries and to contribute fully to the development by the Conference of an effective and practical plan of action to intensify further such co-operation on a continuing basis;

14. *Requests further* the interagency task force to report to the Preparatory Committee at each session, through the Secretary-General of the Conference, on the progress made and the activities undertaken for the implementation of paragraphs 12 and 13 above;

15. *Calls upon* the Governments of Member States, in particular those of developing countries, to continue to participate actively in the preparations for the Conference and, to this end, to designate a co-ordinator or liaison officer at the national level and make other arrangements, as appropriate, in order, *inter alia*, to prepare national reports on their experience and capacity as well as needs on a global and sectoral basis, in regard to technical co-operation among developing countries, for submission to the Conference, taking into account the standards which the Secretary-General of the Conference should prepare with a view to facilitating uniformity in the format of the documents;

16. *Also calls upon* the developed countries to continue to participate actively in the preparations for the Conference and, in particular, in the identification of their measures and policies aimed at promoting and intensifying technical co-operation among developing countries.

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31/180. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The General Assembly,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly Assembly resolutions 3253 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974 and 3512 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 and Council resolution 1918 (LVIII) of 5 May 1975,

Considering that the nature and scope of the needs of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region make it necessary for the international community to continue and to strengthen its solidarity action to support the recovery efforts and economic development of those countries,

Noting with satisfaction the decisive role played by the United Nations Sahelian Office in helping to combat the effects of the drought and to implement the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme adopted by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel,

Noting with satisfaction the results of the meeting convened by the Secretary-General and held at Geneva on 1 July 1975, whose purpose was to mobilize the necessary resources to finance priority projects identified by the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and its member States,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region,¹¹⁶

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the efforts made to implement the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

2. *Expresses its profound gratitude* to the Governments, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme drawn up by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

3. *Takes note* of the establishment of the Club des amis du Sahel, whose purpose is to assist in the implementation of the current programme, adopted at Ouagadougou by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and of the enlarged programme deriving from the economic and social development strategy to be adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Permanent Inter-State Committee;

4. *Urges* all Governments, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals to continue to respond favourably and in a continuing manner, either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sahelian Office or any other intermediary, to the requests made by the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and by the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian countries;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and its efforts to ensure co-operation and co-ordination between United Nations programmes and bodies with a view to the implementation of medium-term and long-term assistance programmes;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his action aimed at mobilizing the financial resources necessary for the implementation of the medium-term and long-term projects identified by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council.

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31/181. Recapitalization of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and replenishment of the International Development Association

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and

the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

Recalling also its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, in particular section II, paragraph 5, thereof, in which it stressed that, in order to enlarge the pool of resources available for financing development, there was an urgent need to increase substantially the capital of the World Bank Group, in particular the resources of the International Development Association, to enable it to make additional capital available to the poorest countries on highly concessional terms,

Taking note of the statement made by the President of the World Bank Group at the annual meeting of the Board of Governors held at Manila from 4 to 8 October 1976, in which he referred to the need for a substantial increase in the resources of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association, to enable those institutions to continue to expand their lending to developing countries,

Recalling further its resolution 3387 (XXX) of 13 November 1975 in which it emphasized that the fifth replenishment of the International Development Association should promote a substantial increase in real terms in the resources of the Association,

I

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

1. *Expresses concern* at the slow progress in negotiations for the fifth replenishment, which threatens the commitment authority of the International Development Association;

2. *Urges* all traditional donors and others to support the fifth replenishment of the International Development Association;

3. *Emphasizes* the critical need for concessionary funds for financing development in developing countries, particularly in the least developed among them;

4. *Considers* it essential that negotiations for the fifth replenishment of the International Development Association be completed early in 1977 to replenish the Association at a substantially higher level than that of the fourth replenishment;

5. *Urges* that donor countries consider arrangements to ensure that the commitment authority of the International Development Association will not be disrupted at the end of the current replenishment period, namely, 30 June 1977;

II

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

1. *Calls upon* all members of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to support urgently a substantial increase in its capital in order to ensure adequate levels of lending to developing countries, thereby enabling it to maintain and enhance its role as an effective development financing institution;

2. *Expresses concern* over the impact of the hardening of the lending terms of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and urges that those terms be promptly reviewed.

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¹¹⁶ A/31/259.