

3. *Authorizes* the Board of Governors to convene a pledging conference on the United Nations Special Fund in 1976;

4. *Requests* the Board of Governors to examine at its second session the establishment of a target figure of \$1 billion for the United Nations Special Fund;

5. *Decides* that, for the time being, the administrative expenses of the United Nations Special Fund should be borne by the regular budget;

6. *Agrees* to the arrangements for the transfer of monitoring operations, envisaged in section X of General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI), made between the Secretary-General and the President of the Board of Governors, in pursuance of the decision taken by the Board at its first session.⁵⁵

2436th plenary meeting
11 December 1975

3461 (XXX). Technical co-operation among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind 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, and resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Reaffirming its resolution 3251 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974 on technical co-operation among developing countries,

Recalling the consensus of 1970 adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its tenth session⁵⁶ and the decision taken by the Governing Council at its twentieth session concerning new dimensions in technical co-operation,⁵⁷

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1963 (LIX) of 30 July 1975,

Noting with satisfaction the decisions taken at the eighteenth and twentieth sessions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme concerning technical co-operation among developing countries,⁵⁸

Recognizing that technical co-operation among developing countries should be seen as an integral part of over-all co-operation for development as highlighted by the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries in its final report,⁵⁹

Conscious that technical co-operation among developing countries constitutes one of the most effective channels for promoting economic co-operation among developing countries, to enable them to achieve collective self-reliance,

Noting with satisfaction the statement made on behalf of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme at the 1666th meeting of the Second Committee⁶⁰ in the introduction of the item,

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 21 (A/10021), annex I.

⁵⁶ Resolution 2688 (XXV), annex.

⁵⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5703/Rev.1), para. 54.*

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5543/Rev.1), para. 224; and *ibid.*, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5703/Rev.1), para. 332.

⁵⁹ DP/69.

⁶⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Second Committee, 1666th meeting, paras. 5-16.*

1. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in view of the importance of technical co-operation activities among developing countries, to integrate those activities through the work of the Special Unit for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries into the regular framework of the Programme, including the activities and projects carried out by the organizations of the United Nations development system financed by the Programme, and to give them due priority;

2. *Emphasizes* the need for the speedy implementation of the recommendations contained in the final report of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries by all Governments, by the United Nations Development Programme and by the participating and executing agencies as the prerequisite for the review of those recommendations envisaged by the Governing Council of the Programme in the light of the experience gained in the process of implementing the final report of the Working Group;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, together with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to prepare a study on the existing rules, regulations, procedures and practices followed by the United Nations development system in recruiting experts, subcontracting, procuring equipment and providing fellowships, which would include the consequences for the Programme of giving preferential treatment to the developing countries in the above-mentioned areas, in order to promote self-reliance in the developing countries through the support of technical co-operation among developing countries, in a manner consistent with the maximum effectiveness of the Programme, and to submit that study, together with concrete suggestions and recommendations for their improvement, to the Governing Council of the Programme at its twenty-third session;

4. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, for the purpose of achieving a practical application of technical co-operation among developing countries, to give special consideration to the recruitment of experts, consultants and subcontractors from developing countries and to purchase suitable and competitive equipment and material that can be supplied by developing countries;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Development Programme and the participating and executing agencies to intensify their efforts to achieve full utilization of national institutions in developing countries and the building-up of new capacities in those countries, in the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary funds under the regular budget of the United Nations to cover the cost of providing conference servicing facilities for the four intergovernmental regional meetings and for the conference on technical co-operation among developing countries to be organized and conducted by the United Nations Development Programme;

7. *Invites* the Governments of the developing countries of each region, in view of the preparatory nature of the intergovernmental regional meetings for the conference, to participate in those meetings along the lines suggested by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme at the twentieth session of the

Governing Council of the Programme⁶¹ and to include the consideration of items on arrangements for inter-regional co-operation and on the interrelationship between technical and economic co-operation among developing countries and financial arrangements for the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries, envisaged in the final report of the Working Group; Governments of other Member States may also participate in these meetings in order to prepare themselves for the conference;

8. *Invites* the intergovernmental regional meetings to include in their reports conclusions and recommendations for consideration at the conference;

9. *Takes note with appreciation* of the offer made by the Government of Argentina to act as host of the conference in 1977 and requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to submit recommendations on the organization of the conference, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;

10. *Stresses* the need for closer co-ordination of the activities pertaining to technical co-operation among developing countries; to this end, Governments, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system should co-operate fully with the United Nations Development Programme in the promotion of such activities;

11. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to ensure that the Special Unit for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries in the Programme establishes close collaboration with schemes of co-operation among developing countries that are taking place outside the United Nations system;

12. *Decides*, in conformity with paragraph 10 of its resolution 3251 (XXIX), to include the item entitled "Technical co-operation among developing countries" in the provisional agenda of the regular sessions of the General Assembly.

2436th plenary meeting
11 December 1975

3486 (XXX). Implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 by which it adopted the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling also that, in its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, it reaffirmed that the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,⁶² as well as the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, lay down the foundations of that new order, the consolidation and development of which are imperative for the strengthening of international security and friendly relations and co-operation among States,

Reaffirming the importance of article 34 of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, which provides that the General Assembly shall carry out periodically a systematic and comprehensive consideration of the implementation of the Charter, covering both progress achieved and any improvements and additions which may become necessary, taking into account all

the economic, social, legal and other factors related to the principles and purposes of the Charter,

Taking into account the fact that the General Assembly, for the appropriate discharge of such functions, must have the full co-operation of its competent organs,

Bearing in mind the role assigned to the Economic and Social Council, which is to define the policy framework and co-ordinate the activities of all organizations, institutions and subsidiary bodies within the United Nations system for the implementation of the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

1. *Solemnly reiterates* the united determination to strengthen and develop the new international economic order, which is based on the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth special session, and on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, adopted by the Assembly at its twenty-ninth session;

2. *Invites* Member States to take all appropriate measures for the prompt achievement of these aims;

3. *Decides* to entrust the Economic and Social Council with the task of reviewing the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States with a view to preparing adequately its systematic and comprehensive consideration by the General Assembly, as a separate item, as provided in article 34 of the Charter, and requests the Council to report on the progress achieved to the Assembly at its thirty-second session;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to include an item on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States in the agenda of its summer sessions in order to discharge the task assigned to it in paragraph 3 above;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give the widest dissemination to the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, recognizing the importance of world public opinion, in order to facilitate the observance of its provisions;

6. *Requests* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the regional commissions of the United Nations to continue to study the progress achieved in the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and to report to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

2439th plenary meeting
12 December 1975

3487 (XXX). Identification of the least developed among the developing countries

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind its resolution 2768 (XXVI) of 18 November 1971, in paragraph 4 of which it approved the list of hard-core least developed countries, and in paragraph 5 of which it requested 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 for the identification of the least developed among the developing countries,

⁶¹ See DP/121.

⁶² Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).