

accord appropriate priority to the eradication of illiteracy within their over-all development plans and, where they deem it necessary, to establish national programmes for continuing education for adults, including governmental services to plan and execute such programmes;

2. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, in particular those States in whose territories mass illiteracy is no longer a major problem, to contribute technical and/or financial assistance, as appropriate, to national efforts for the eradication of illiteracy for the benefit of all in those countries where it is widespread;

3. *Invites* non-governmental organizations which are active or interested in the field of education to collaborate to the fullest possible extent in a world-wide action for the achievement of universal literacy as an essential element of social and economic progress in the United Nations Development Decade and thereafter;

4. *Commends* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on its activities in connexion with the eradication of illiteracy throughout the world and expresses the hope that it will further pursue its work in this field and continue to give due consideration to the methods of achieving this goal, including the planning, supervision and financing of pilot projects;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Managing Director of the Special Fund, the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board and the President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and its affiliates, to explore ways and means of supporting national efforts for the eradication of illiteracy through a world campaign and any other measures, if appropriate, of international co-operation and assistance, both non-financial and financial, and to submit a report thereon, together with appropriate proposals, to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session.

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11 December 1963.*

### **1938 (XVIII). Accelerated flow of capital and technical assistance to the developing countries**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its various resolutions as well as those of the Economic and Social Council on the international flow of assistance and development capital,

*Recognizing* that the creation and mobilization of domestic capital must be a primary concern of all Governments planning their economic development with a view to attaining a self-sustaining rate of growth,

*Recognizing further* that the international flow of assistance and development capital on acceptable terms has a positive contribution to make to the accelerated economic development of the developing countries,

*Bearing in mind* that, in spite of the appreciable contribution already made over the years to the promotion of development by the flow of international assistance and development capital, there is a widening gap in the standard of living between economically advanced and developing countries,

*Mindful* of the aim expressed in the Preamble of the Charter of the United Nations to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic

and social advancement of all peoples, as well as of Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter,

*Taking into account* the recommendation of the Committee on a United Nations Capital Development Fund that the General Assembly should take into consideration the Committee's desire for a continuous study of the needs for and flow of development capital, and the views expressed in the Committee as to the machinery most appropriate for this purpose,

1. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to give prompt and serious consideration, at its thirty-seventh session, to the establishment of a standing committee or any other appropriate machinery, in accordance with Article 68 of the Charter of the United Nations and in the light of the relevant decisions of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to keep under constant and systematic review, against the background of total capital resources, the inflow of international assistance and development capital to the developing countries, as well as the outflow of capital from those countries, and to advise the Council on matters relating to the nature and volume of these flows with a view to accelerating the economic development of developing countries;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To review, with the assistance of such experts as he may consider advisable and in consultation with the appropriate specialized agencies and other interested bodies and taking into account the views expressed in the various organs of the United Nations, the conceptual and methodological problems posed in the recent reports submitted by the Secretary-General, in accordance with the relevant General Assembly resolutions on the international flow of long-term capital and official donations;

(b) To submit proposals for making the annual presentation of data on capital flows and aid as meaningful and comprehensive as possible, drawing on information available from other international organizations and from the regional economic commissions, in order to contribute to the assessment of the adequacy of capital, in particular international capital, available to the developing countries, in the light of the objectives of the United Nations Development Decade.

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### **1939 (XVIII). Planning for economic development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1708 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 on planning for economic development and Economic and Social Council resolution 979 (XXXVI) of 1 August 1963 on economic planning and projections,

*Convinced* that economic planning adapted to the specific conditions and needs of each developing country is one of the main conditions of its rapid economic and social development,

*Considering* the urgent need of developing countries to provide adequate training for their personnel in economic development processes and techniques and the limited training facilities available with regard to economic development,

*Having in mind* the necessity of intensifying assistance to developing countries elaborating their own planning for economic development and to the regional planning institutes by making available the concrete

practical knowledge gained by countries experienced in planning their economic development,

*Recognizing* that long-term economic projections have a definite role to play in national and international planning for economic development,

*Realizing* the close relationship between national plans and international trade, particularly in connexion with the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as reflected in item I.3 of the provisional agenda of the Conference entitled "International trade and its relations with national development planning, policies and institutions",

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council concerning further work in the field of planning for economic development, contained in Council resolution 979 (XXXVI);

2. *Welcomes* the establishment of economic development and planning institutes in the respective regional economic commissions;

3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the work programme of the Economic Projections and Programming Centre;

4. *Invites* the regional economic commissions and the Economic Projections and Programming Centre to intensify their co-operation with and assistance to the regional planning institutes, and to help in the promotion of exchange of information on experience in this field among regional economic commissions and other United Nations bodies concerned and the diffusion of this information by all appropriate means, including the organization of symposia and seminars;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To further the assistance rendered to the regional planning institutes by making use of the knowledge gained by countries experienced in planning their economic development, applied to the specific conditions and needs of each developing country;

(b) To intensify the activities already initiated on projections of world economic trends relating to the expansion of world trade and the acceleration of economic growth in the world economy;

6. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the group of experts entitled *Planning for Economic Development*,<sup>10</sup>

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the regional economic commissions to include in further studies on this subject detailed analyses by sectors;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to include the report of the group of experts in the documentation for the third session of the Preparatory Committee of the Conference and for the Conference itself.

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## 1940 (XVIII). Activities in the field of industrial development

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1712 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 873 (XXXIII) of 10 April 1962 and 969 (XXXVI) of 25 July 1963,

*Mindful* of the aim expressed in the Preamble of the Charter of the United Nations to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples, and of the provisions of Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter, which place upon the Organization the responsibility for promoting higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development,

*Recognizing* that a dynamic industrial sector is of strategic importance in diversifying the economies of developing countries generally, in raising the *per caput* income of their populations and in assuring a more balanced economic and social structure,

*Considering* the priorities which are being given to industrial development in the national economic plans of developing countries,

*Bearing in mind* that the developing countries need the greatest possible international assistance and co-operation in the solution of technical, financial, economic, commercial and social problems connected with industrial development,

*Convinced* of the need to expand the means of providing advice, information and assistance through the United Nations system to the developing countries in the planning and execution of their industrial development,

*Having considered* the report of the Advisory Committee of Experts on the Industrial Development Activities of the United Nations System,<sup>11</sup> established under Council resolution 873 (XXXIII), and all other relevant documentation,

1. *Endorses* the view of the Advisory Committee of Experts on the Industrial Development Activities of the United Nations System that the present institutional framework of United Nations activities in the field of industrial development is not satisfactory and that existing resources are not adequate;

2. *Declares* that there is a need to carry out changes in the existing United Nations machinery so as to provide an organization capable of dealing with the problems of the developing countries, in order to intensify, concentrate and expedite United Nations efforts for industrial development;

3. *Recommends* the Economic and Social Council at its resumed thirty-sixth session to instruct the Committee for Industrial Development to consider, in the light of the report of the Advisory Committee of Experts and of the views expressed at the eighteenth session of the General Assembly, the establishment of such an organization for industrial development, including its structure and functions, having due regard both to the close relationship between industrial development and the utilization of natural resources and to the advisability of close co-operation between this organization on the one hand, and the regional economic commissions, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency on the other hand, and to submit its report to the Council at its thirty-seventh session and to the Assembly at its nineteenth session, for a final decision;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a working paper on the subject referred to in paragraph 2 above for submission to the Committee for Industrial Development at its fourth session;

<sup>10</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: 64.II.B.3.

<sup>11</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 14 (E/3781), annex VIII.