

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.*

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the need for organizational changes, to initiate consultation and studies with States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, with the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the regional economic commissions and the Committee for Industrial Development, on the advisability of holding, not later than 1966, an international symposium, preceded, as appropriate, by regional and sub-regional symposia, relating to the problems of industrialization of developing countries, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-seventh session and to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session.

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**1941 (XVIII). Decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Office in Beirut**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General on decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions,<sup>12</sup> and his first report on the meeting with the executive secretaries of those commissions<sup>13</sup> indicating the steps that have been taken and his intention of further implementing the policy of decentralization;

2. *Welcomes in particular:*

(a) The decision of the Secretary-General that the executive secretaries will participate actively in the programming of technical co-operation for the biennium 1965-1966;

(b) The growing number of regional advisers in the regional secretariats, which enhances the capacity and the expertise necessary for efficient advisory services to the Governments at their request;

3. *Welcomes* the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session on the subject,<sup>14</sup> and the very constructive comments and recommendations contained therein pertaining both to the concept and to the process of implementing the policy of decentralization;

4. *Endorses* the views and recommendations of the Economic and Social Council set forth in its resolution 955 (XXXVI) of 5 July 1963, particularly paragraph 5 thereof relating to the participation of the regional secretariats in the preparation for the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and paragraph 3 regarding the United Nations Office in Beirut, and recommends to the Secretary-General the establishment of a technical assistance co-ordination unit in the United Nations Office in Beirut;

5. *Reaffirms* its conviction that all regional economic commissions, as the principal United Nations bodies in the economic and social field in the various regions,

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document E/3786.

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, document E/3798.

<sup>14</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda items 12, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39 and 76, document A/5584.

as well as the United Nations Office in Beirut, have a special and increasing rôle to play with regard to the Expanded Programme and the regular programme of technical assistance as well as the projects of the Special Fund, in full co-operation with the resident representatives of the Technical Assistance Board and the directors of Special Fund programmes wherever necessary;

6. *Reaffirms also* that its resolutions 1518 (XV) of 15 December 1960, 1709 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 and 1823 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 concerning decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions apply to all the existing regional economic commissions, in so far as they affect Member States;

7. *Endorses* the view that the regional secretariats should continue, as appropriate, to increase their contribution to the United Nations technical assistance programmes, with respect not only to the formulation of projects but also to their execution and evaluation, and to undertake some financial and administrative responsibilities related thereto;

8. *Looks forward* to the forthcoming study by the Administrative Management Service concerning the utilization of staff in the economic and social fields;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to accelerate the continuing implementation of the policy of decentralization and strengthening of the regional economic commissions set out in General Assembly resolutions 1709 (XVI) and 1823 (XVII) and to submit, as part of his activities during the International Co-operation Year and within the framework of the United Nations Development Decade, a comprehensive report on this question for consideration by the Economic and Social Council at its 1965 summer session and by the General Assembly at its twentieth session;

10. *Requests* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to assess, in the light of the Secretary-General's report referred to in paragraph 9 above and the study of the Administrative Management Service, the results of decentralization in terms of its fundamental objectives as defined in General Assembly resolutions 1709 (XVI) and 1823 (XVII) and Economic and Social Council resolutions 823 (XXXII) and 955 (XXXVI), and to submit its report to the Assembly at its twentieth session.

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**1942 (XVIII). Question of a declaration on international economic co-operation**

*The General Assembly,*

*Attaching particular importance* to the need for a declaration on international economic co-operation as a means of promoting sound, stable and fair economic relations between all States and of stimulating the efforts aimed at the economic and social progress of all peoples of the world,

*Taking note* of the progress made by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the *ad hoc* Working Group established under Council resolution 875 (XXXIII) of 13 and 18 April 1962 in the elaboration of a draft declaration on the principles of international economic co-operation,