the regional economic commissions, the Economic and Social Office in Beirut, the appropriate specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, to study the possibility of intensifying international industrial co-operation in furtherance of the purpose and functions of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, taking into account the existing experiences and forms of such co-operation;

4. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Industrial Development Board at its third session.

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2300 (XXII). Multilateral food aid

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2096 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and 2155 (XXI) of 22 November 1966 on the programme of studies on multilateral food aid, and also the recommendation contained in annex A.II.6 of the Final Act adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its first session,²⁸

Noting with appreciation the progress report of the Secretary-General, 29

Taking note of the Food Aid Convention, which forms part of the International Grains Arrangement 1967 and embodies, inter alia, the principle that food aid benefits food-exporting developing countries as well as food-deficit developing countries,

Stressing the need for ensuring the effective coordination of all food aid programmes while duly safeguarding the trade interests of the food-exporting and food-importing countries, especially the developing countries, and domestic agriculture in recipient countries,

- 1. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in consultation with the executive heads of other interested international agencies and programmes, and bearing in mind the need to safeguard duly the trade interests of the food-exporting and food-importing countries, especially the developing countries, and domestic agriculture in recipient countries:
- (a) To continue the programme of studies on multilateral food aid called for in General Assembly resolution 2096 (XX), in the light of the views concerning the world food problem expressed at the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, at the twentysecond session of the General Assembly and at the second session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;
- (b) To give particular attention, in the next phase of the study, to the problems of the co-ordination of all food aid programmes and to review and assess the adequacy of existing multilateral institutional arrangements for handling, in case of need, a substantially increased volume of food aid, including the possibility of modifying such arrangements;

28 See Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, vol. I, Final Act and Report (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 64.II.B.11), p. 32.

- 2. Invites the Governments concerned to make use of multilateral facilities in implementing the Food Aid Convention:
- 3. Requests the Secretary-General to include information on the implementation of the present resolution in the final report to be submitted by him in pursuance of resolution 2096 (XX).

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2301 (XXII). Food production

The General Assembly,

Stressing the need to combat effectively the world food shortage through the intensification of food production in the developing countries by means of multi-lateral and national action with a view to solving their immediate and long-term food problems,

Noting the recent progress achieved in the production of abundant rice yields through the scientific application of the latest technology in increasing rice production, including the advances made in this regard during the International Rice Year,

Realizing that through the application of the latest technology the production of rice as the staple food cereal of many of the developing countries could be increased to a large extent to meet their basic food needs and to alleviate the world food crisis in the future.

- 1. Invites Member States, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, other United Nations bodies, and the governmental and non-governmental agencies concerned with agricultural production and food aid to intensify their efforts to increase production of the staple food cereals, particularly rice, through the aforementioned application of the latest technology, taking into account the trade interests of the food-exporting and food-importing countries, especially the developing countries;
- 2. Invites the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to submit a report to the Economic and Social Council on the progress made in this field.

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2305 (XXII). United Nations Development Decade

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2218 (XXI) of 19 December 1966 on the United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling also its resolution 2087 (XX) of 20 December 1965 on the financing of economic development,

Recalling further its resolution 2158 (XXI) of 25 November 1966 on permanent sovereignty over natural resources,

Endorsing Economic and Social Council resolution 1260 (XLIII) of 3 August 1967, in which the Council noted with satisfaction that the Committee for Development Planning had given preliminary thought to the preparation of guidelines and proposals for the next decade,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1261 (XLIII) of 3 August 1967 on a review of past experience and of possibilities for future action in the field of economic development,

²⁹ Official Records of the Economie and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Annexes, agenda items 2 and 13, documents E/4352 and Add.1.

Reaffirming that the possibility and advisability of proclaiming a charter of development underlying international co-operation in the interests of economic, social and cultural development deserve further consideration,

Reaffirming also that it is necessary to look ahead to the next decade so that concerted international action will be taken for the accelerated social and economic development of the developing countries in the light of the experience gained during the present United Nations Development Decade and with due regard to safeguarding their economic interests,

Stressing the importance of intensifying the preparatory work for the next decade with a view to having, before the end of the present decade, a clear and comprehensive picture of the specific goals and targets to be attained by the international community in a common endeavour towards the accelerated economic and social development of the developing countries,

Taking into account the fact that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will consider at its second session the major problems of trade and development which will have an important bearing on the preparations for the next decade,

- 1. Requests the Secretary-General to expedite the preparation of the survey requested of him in General Assembly resolution 2218 A (XXI) and to submit the survey to the Assembly at its twenty-third session through the Economic and Social Council at its forty-fifth session;
- 2. Further requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Committee for Development Planning and the organizations in the United Nations system, and on the basis of the results of the second session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to incorporate suggestions on the appropriate means of harmonizing measures that could be considered by international organizations, on the one hand, and by developing and developed countries, on the other, in the preliminary framework of an international development strategy being prepared by him in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2218 B (XXI) for submission to the Assembly at its twenty-third session, with due regard to safeguarding the economic interests of the developing countries;
- 3. Urges Member States to consider taking appropriate steps to intensify national and international efforts to formulate and implement a dynamic international policy for the economic and social development of the developing countries to be pursued during the next decade;
- 4. Stresses the importance of enlisting the support of world public opinion in favour of the policies and objectives to be pursued during the next decade and, towards this end, the desirability for national and international public information media to take the necessary steps in seeking the active co-operation and support of the general public in the fulfilment of these objectives;
- 5. Decides to consider at its twenty-third session the appropriate procedures to be followed for proclaiming the 1970's as a second United Nations Development Decade and for approving a programme of action within the framework of an international development strategy for that decade.

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2306 (XXII). International Education Year

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Secretary-General's appraisal in his report entitled "United Nations Development Decade at mid-point",³⁰ and in particular his emphasis on the development of human resources as the greatest potential resource of any country,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1274 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967 on the development and utilization of human resources,

Recognizing the urgent need for a more effective mobilization of efforts in education and training as an essential element of a successful strategy of international development,

Recognizing further the fundamental importance of education as a means of widening man's horizons, improving mutual understanding and strengthening international peace,

Convinced that an international education year on the basis of appropriate planning would serve throughout the world to mobilize energies and inspire initiatives in education and training,

- 1. Decides to observe an International Education Year and provisionally designates the year 1970 for this purpose, subject to review at the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly, in the light of the preparatory work;
- 2. Requests the Secretary-General to consult with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other interested specialized agencies in preparing a programme of activities to be undertaken or initiated by Member States, by the United Nations and by the specialized agencies, particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and by other interested intergovernmental bodies, in order to initiate those world-wide activities in education which constitute the purpose of the International Education Year;
- 3. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council at its forty-fifth session, so that the Assembly may decide, on the basis of those preparations, on the proclamation of the International Education Year.

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2317 (XXII). The role of the Economic Commission for Europe in the development of international economic co-operation

The General Assembly,

Referring to the declaration adopted by the commemorative meeting of the Economic Commission for Europe to celebrate the Commission's twentieth anniversary, ³¹ in which representatives of the Governments participating in the work of the Commission expressed the belief that the situation now presenting itself in the region of that Commission called for active work and joint efforts in developing further the co-operation within the Commission's framework which was in the interests of all nations,

³⁰ Ibid., Thirty-ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 2, document E/4071. This report was subsequently issued in English as a United Nations publication (Sales No.: 65.I.26).

⁸¹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session. Supplement No. 3 (E/4329), para. 260.