

4. *Further calls upon* those Governments, in their consideration of the improvement of the adjustment process of balance-of-payments disequilibria, to give due weight to the interests of developing countries, including the need to ensure that measures adopted do not have any adverse influence on the export prospects or terms of trade of these countries.

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2566 (XXIV). Promoting effective measures for the prevention and control of marine pollution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2414 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968, in which it requested the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session, *inter alia*, on the progress achieved by Member States and organizations concerned in promoting the adoption of effective international agreements on the prevention and control of marine pollution as might be necessary,

Recalling also its resolution 2467 B (XXIII) of 21 December 1968 on the prevention of marine pollution which might result from exploration and exploitation of the resources of the sea-bed and ocean floor,

Noting that a joint group of experts on the scientific aspects of marine pollution has been established by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Meteorological Organization and the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization to give advice to those agencies on that subject,

Taking into account the "Comprehensive outline of the scope of the long-term and expanded programme of oceanic exploration and research",²⁷ providing for a series of scientific studies which would review the state of the ocean and its resources as regards pollution and forecast long-term trends to assist Governments individually and collectively to take the steps required to counteract its effects,

Bearing in mind arrangements made by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for a technical conference on marine pollution and its effects on living resources and fishing, to be held in Rome in December 1970,

Recalling its resolution 2398 (XXIII) of 3 December 1968 on the convening in 1972 of a United Nations Conference on the Human Environment and the report of the Secretary-General on problems of the human environment²⁸ which, *inter alia*, stresses the problems relating to marine pollution,

Noting resolution A.176 (VI) on marine pollution, adopted by the Assembly of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization on 21 October 1969, calling for an international conference in 1973 for the purpose of preparing a suitable international agreement for placing restraints on the contamination of the sea, land and air by ships and other vessels or equipment operating in the marine environment,

Considering that, in spite of the sustained efforts being made at present, many aspects of marine pollu-

tion have not yet been dealt with or are not being fully covered, and that additional agreements on this subject may be required,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations concerned, to complement reports and studies under preparation, with special reference to the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, by:

(a) A review of harmful chemical substances, radioactive materials and other noxious agents and waste which may dangerously affect man's health and his economic and cultural activities in the marine environment and coastal areas;

(b) A review of national activities and activities of specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations dealing with prevention and control of marine pollution, including suggestions for more comprehensive action and improved co-ordination in this field;

(c) Seeking the views of Member States on the desirability and feasibility of an international treaty or treaties on the subject;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council and to the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, as appropriate in the framework of the preparations for the Conference.

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2567 (XXIV). Mobilization of public opinion

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1357 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 on the mobilization of public opinion in developed and developing countries regarding the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Bearing in mind that the mobilization of public opinion in both developed and developing countries in support of the objectives and policies of the Second United Nations Development Decade is an essential component of the international development strategy,

Recognizing that the more advanced countries need to continue and intensify their endeavour to deepen public understanding of the interdependent nature of the development efforts during the Second United Nations Development Decade and of the necessity to assist the developing countries in accelerating their economic and social progress, and that the developing countries need to make people at all levels aware of the benefits and sacrifices involved and to enlist their full participation in achieving the objectives of the Decade,

Convinced that activities designed to mobilize public opinion in both developed and developing countries should be increased, improved and further co-ordinated, and that measures towards this end should be initiated immediately since public and parliamentary support is necessary for all global development efforts, including the promotion of the policy measures to be undertaken as part of the international development strategy,

1. *Endorses* in particular the following concepts suggested in the report dated 14 August 1969 of the

²⁷ A/7750, annex.

²⁸ E/4667.

Centre for Economic and Social Information of the Office of Public Information:²⁹

(a) Successful information programmes in support of development may require the use of modern techniques, mass media and specialized personnel, in many cases will have to be unprecedented in approach, scope, diversity and initiative, and must encourage full understanding of the relevance, complexity and urgency, as well as the long-term nature, of the problems and processes of development;

(b) The mobilization of public opinion has to be the responsibility mainly of national bodies;

(c) The formulation of concrete aims by the competent authorities can make a significant contribution to the mobilization of public opinion;

(d) The role of the organizations of the United Nations system will be to assist the national information media and meet their varying needs, in particular by supplying adequate and appropriate basic information from which those media may draw both substance and inspiration for their work;

(e) Information from international sources will have to be aimed primarily at strengthening the sense of interdependence and partnership implicit in the concept of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Further endorses* in general the activities now being undertaken in support of the aims of the Second United Nations Development Decade, and notes with interest the proposals for future action outlined in the report of the Centre for Economic and Social Information of the Office of Public Information;

3. *Recommends* to the Secretary-General, in order to further the aims of Economic and Social Council resolution 1357 (XLV), that appropriate consultations at the technical level be pursued as soon as possible with representatives of the specialized agencies and other organizations dealing with the preparation and dissemination of information material, in order to explore the best means of co-ordinating and focusing the activities in support of the aims of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with appropriate non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, in categories I and II and on the Roster, as to how those organizations could support the economic and social goals of the Second United Nations Development Decade, particularly through the mobilization of public opinion;

5. *Urges* Governments to give consideration, in the light of their individual circumstances, to the establishment of new national bodies designed to mobilize public opinion, or to the strengthening of existing ones, and, as a long-term measure, to give increasing development orientation to educational curricula.

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2568 (XXIV). Proposed amendment to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

The General Assembly

Defers sine die consideration of the proposed amendment to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

²⁹ A/AC.141/L.11.

recommended by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1374 (XLV) of 2 August 1968.

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2569 (XXIV). Special measures in favour of the land-locked developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2086 (XX) of 20 December 1965 on the transit trade of land-locked countries,

Recalling further resolution 11 (II) of 23 March 1968, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its second session, concerning the special problems of the land-locked countries,³⁰

Taking note of resolution 50 (VIII) of 4 February 1969, adopted by the Trade and Development Board at its eighth session,³¹ by which the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development was invited to convene a group of experts to carry out a comprehensive examination of the special problems involved in the promotion of the trade and economic development of the land-locked developing countries,

1. *Welcomes* the agreement reached in the Trade and Development Board whereby specific measures in favour of land-locked developing countries will be elaborated in the context of the contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to the international development strategy;

2. *Requests* the Board to consider, on the basis, *inter alia*, of the report to be submitted by the group of experts, the adoption of practical measures for the implementation of all the provisions of resolution 11 (II) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

3. *Urges* all States Members of the United Nations, particularly the developed countries, to make an active contribution to the elaboration of those specific measures;

4. *Further urges* all Member States which were invited to become parties to the 1965 Convention on Transit Trade of Land-locked States³² that have not yet done so to investigate the possibilities of ratifying or acceding to that Convention and to make it effective at the earliest possible date.

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2570 (XXIV). United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2402 (XXIII) of 13 December 1968, in which it drew the attention of the States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to the tasks which remained

³⁰ *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Second Session*, vol. 1 and Corr.1 and 3 and Add.1 and 2, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.II.D.14), p. 30.

³¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/7616)*, p. 72.

³² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 597 (1965), No. 8641.