

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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13 December 1969.*

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 (1961), No. 8641.

unfinished and to the large number of important issues remitted by the Conference to its continuing machinery for further consideration and action, and urged the Trade and Development Board at its forthcoming sessions, in considering the issues remitted to it by the Conference, to seek the widest possible measure of agreement on concrete and practical action or recommendations, as appropriate,

Recalling further that at its twenty-third session the General Assembly requested the Trade and Development Board to continue its efforts to reach the maximum degree of agreement on the issues which were remitted to it by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its second session and which were of basic importance for the elaboration of the international development strategy for the 1970s,³³

Expressing its concern that most of the issues remitted to the continuing machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development after its second session are still outstanding, and that this has contributed to the delay in the completion of the work of the Conference relating to the preparations for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Bearing in mind the recommendation made by the Conference to its member States at the second session to devise and explore earnestly ways and means of assisting the continuing machinery of the Conference to discharge the responsibility placed upon it after its second session,

Recalling the improvements brought about in the institutional machinery and methods of work of the Conference in terms of decision 45 (VII), adopted by the Trade and Development Board on 21 September 1968,³⁴ and as further elaborated in paragraphs 4 and 5 of General Assembly resolution 2402 (XXIII),

Having considered the report of the Trade and Development Board for the period from 24 September 1968 to 23 September 1969,³⁵

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Trade and Development Board for the period from 24 September 1968 to 23 September 1969;

2. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board to seek to resolve the outstanding issues remitted to it by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at the second session in the fields of commodities, manufactures and semi-manufactures, financing and invisibles, including the question of international legislation on shipping;

3. *Further requests* the Trade and Development Board to accelerate in particular the work already undertaken in the specific fields which determine the participation of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in the international development strategy, so that it may make a timely and significant contribution to the preparations for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Suggests* to the Trade and Development Board that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session should consider ways and means of implementing the measures agreed upon within the continuing machinery and seek new areas of agreement in the dynamic context of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

³³ See resolution 2411 (XXIII).

³⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214)*, p. 93.

³⁵ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/7616)*.

5. *Urges* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to expedite his consultations with interested Governments with a view to reconvening the United Nations Cocoa Conference in order to conclude an international agreement on this commodity as early as possible in 1970;

6. *Notes with satisfaction* that some of the improvements introduced in the institutional machinery and methods of work of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development have been utilized, particularly by means of the decisions of the Trade and Development Board, to hold a special session on preferences³⁶ and to call an intergovernmental group on trade expansion, economic co-operation and regional integration among developing countries;³⁷

7. *Considers* that the Trade and Development Board, while making a fuller and more effective utilization of the improved machinery and methods of work of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in accordance with decision 45 (VII) of the Board and General Assembly resolution 2402 (XXIII), should at the same time keep the question of further improvements in the institutional machinery of the Conference constantly under review and from time to time make such suggestions as may enable the continuing machinery to discharge the responsibilities entrusted to it.

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2571 (XXIV). International development strategy

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2218 B (XXI) of 19 December 1966 and 2305 (XXII) of 13 December 1967 by which it initiated measures for proclaiming the 1970s as the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Further recalling its resolution 2411 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968 whereby it established the Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Development Decade, charged with the responsibility of preparing a draft of an international development strategy for the 1970s, and requested it to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session a preliminary draft of the strategy,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1447 (XLVII) of 5 August 1969 regarding the work done so far on the formulation of an international development strategy,

Recalling the Charter of Algiers,³⁸ in particular part two entitled "Programme of action", regarded by the developing countries as constituting important elements of the strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Taking into account the results achieved by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its second session and the task referred to the continuing machinery of the Conference in connexion with measures which the international community should take in the field of trade and development,

³⁶ *Ibid.*, resolution 61 (IX), p. 209.

³⁷ *Ibid.*, resolution 53 (VIII), p. 73.

³⁸ *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Second Session*, vol. I and Corr.1 and 3 and Add.1 and 2, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.II.D.14), p. 431.