

Governments of member States on the possibility of convening a special international conference on industrialization,

Considering the answers received so far,⁴⁸

Taking into account Industrial Development Board resolution 24 (III) of 14 May 1969,⁴⁷ in which the Board decided that high priority should be given to the work of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in connexion with accelerating industrial development in the developing countries, particularly in the less developed among them, within the framework of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Suggests* that a special international conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, at the highest possible level of governmental representation, be held at an appropriate time, ensuring that this conference and the third session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development are not held in the same year, within a framework which will reduce the expenditures for holding the conference to a minimum;

2. *Requests* the Industrial Development Board to consider the suggestion in paragraph 1 above and, if necessary, to propose the venue, date and duration of the special conference and to formulate its provisional agenda and its basic objectives, including the longer-range orientation of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, its organizational structure and the question of financing;

3. *Further requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to prepare a report on the above-mentioned subjects for consideration by the Industrial Development Board at its fourth session.

1834th plenary meeting,
15 December 1969.

2579 (XXIV). Final report of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2188 (XXI) of 13 December 1966 regarding the enlargement of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination of the Economic and Social Council with the purpose of undertaking a review of the operational and research activities of the United Nations family of organizations in the field of economic and social development,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1367 (XLV) of 2 August 1968,

Reaffirming the central role assigned to the Economic and Social Council in the economic, social and human rights fields under Chapter X of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1467 (XLVII) of 31 October 1969,

Noting with appreciation the work completed by the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination with the co-operation of the United Nations Secretariat, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other United Nations organs and related bodies,

Having examined the final report of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,⁴⁹

Conscious of the urgent need to ensure the optimum utilization of the resources of the United Nations system of organizations, in particular by concentrating attention on co-ordinated efforts in areas of high priority in the context of the international development strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Reaffirms* the following objectives set out in its resolution 2188 (XXI), which should guide the organizations in the United Nations system in carrying out their research and operational activities in the field of economic and social development:

(a) The maximum concentration of resources, at present and increasing levels, on programmes of direct relevance to Member States;

(b) A flexible, prompt and effective response to the specific needs of individual countries and regions, as determined by them, within the limits of available resources;

(c) The minimum burden on the administrative resources of Member States and of members of the organizations in the United Nations system;

(d) The evolution of an integrated system of long-term planning on a programme basis;

(e) The institution of systematic procedures for evaluating the effectiveness of operational and research activities;

2. *Welcomes* the final report of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, in particular the document entitled *Assistance for Economic and Social Development Available from the United Nations System: A Handbook of Criteria and Procedures*,⁵⁰ and expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for preparing the clear and comprehensive picture of the existing operational and research activities of the United Nations family of organizations in the field of economic and social development;⁵¹

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, at its organizational meetings in January 1970, to reconstitute its Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in accordance with the recommendation of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;⁵²

4. *Further requests* the Economic and Social Council, as soon as possible thereafter, to examine and to keep under continuing review the machinery for co-ordination and programme review and to introduce improvements or modifications which may appear necessary in the light of the experience gained and of relevant developments within the United Nations system of organizations;

5. *Decides* to review at its twenty-sixth session the arrangements made by the Economic and Social Council in pursuance of paragraphs 3 and 4 above;

6. *Endorses* the arrangements for co-operation between the reconstituted Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Joint Inspection Unit outlined

⁴⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-seventh Session, document E/4748/Rev.1.*

⁵⁰ United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.69.I.23 and corrigendum.

⁵¹ E/4744 (vol. I), E/4744 (vol. I)/Add.1 and Corr.1, E/4744 (vol. II) and Corr.1 and 3.

⁵² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-seventh Session, document E/4748/Rev.1, chapter III, recommendation A.*

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 38, documents A/7693 and Add.1.

in the final report of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,⁵³

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide adequate and effective secretarial assistance to the reconstituted Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and keep it informed of relevant developments within the United Nations system of organizations;

8. *Notes in particular* the recommendation of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination concerning the use of computers in the United Nations system of organizations⁵⁴ and requests the Secretary-General to submit, in 1971, the report suggested in paragraph 40 of the final report of the Enlarged Committee;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the specialized agencies and other bodies in the United Nations system, to include as part of the report to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-ninth session, as requested in its resolution 1454 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969, an examination of the existing Secretariat machinery for providing scientific and technical advice in the United Nations system and to prepare recommendations for its reorganization in a way which will enable it to contribute most effectively to the selection of priorities and to the planning and programming of United Nations activities designed to meet the growing and changing needs of the United Nations system, of the international community and of Member States;

10. *Welcomes* the practice recently initiated by the Secretary-General of holding top-echelon meetings of staff concerned with economic and social affairs within the United Nations, including the regional economic commissions and the semi-autonomous organs, and urges the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination any matters discussed in these meetings which may be of interest to it;

11. *Welcomes* the practice of joint meetings between the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and urges that these meetings should be continued, bearing in mind that they have proved their value in facilitating understanding and co-operation among those dealing with interagency issues at the intergovernmental and executive levels, respectively;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to bring to the attention of all organizations in the United Nations system the recommendation of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination for strengthening the present arrangements for co-ordination by the adoption of more effective procedures for prior consultations on work programmes;⁵⁵

13. *Notes* the recommendation of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on co-ordination at the national level⁵⁶ and requests the Secretary-General to draw to the attention of the members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination the recommendation contained in paragraph 80 of the final report of the Enlarged Committee;

14. *Notes with interest* the other matters considered by the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in its final report⁵⁷ and agrees that these proposals should be reviewed by the reconstituted Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

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2580 (XXIV). Co-ordination of marine activities

The General Assembly,

Having considered the final report of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,⁵⁸

Noting that the Enlarged Committee was unable in the time available to give thorough consideration to a proposal for more systematic co-ordination of continuing activities of the organizations in the United Nations system relating to the seas and oceans,

Aware of the complexity of the co-ordination of existing international activities with regard to marine science and its applications, and that the field of marine science is only one aspect of the existing activities of the organizations in the United Nations system relating to the seas and oceans,

Noting that use by States of the marine environment is rapidly becoming intensified and diversified,

Noting with appreciation the work done in this field by the organizations in the United Nations system,

Concerned that present international machinery may not permit a prompt, effective and flexible response to existing and emerging needs of Member States,

Recognizing that, in order to avoid the overlapping and duplication of programmes and gaps in competence, a full review of the existing activities of the organizations in the United Nations system relating to the seas and oceans may be urgently required,

1. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, at its organizational meetings in January 1970, to consider instructing the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, after reconstitution, to examine the need for a comprehensive review of existing activities of the United Nations system relating to the seas and oceans in the light of present and emerging needs of Member States, with a view to making the Committee's recommendations available to the Council at its forty-ninth session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to assist the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in the fulfilment of this task;

3. *Invites* the specialized agencies and the intergovernmental bodies concerned to extend their full co-operation and assistance to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

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2581 (XXIV). United Nations Conference on the Human Environment

The General Assembly,

In pursuance of its decision in resolution 2398 (XXIII) of 3 December 1968 to convene in 1972 a

⁵³ *Ibid.*, document E/4748/Rev.1, paras. 27 and 28.

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, document E/4748/Rev.1, chapter III, recommendation B.

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, recommendation E.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, recommendation F.

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, document E/4748/Rev.1, chapter IV.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, document E/4748/Rev.1.