

ment Organization, in accordance with section II, paragraph 23, of resolution 2152 (XXI);

9. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to enter into appropriate arrangements with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in order to enable the developing countries to derive increasing benefits from the generalized system of non-reciprocal, non-discriminatory preferences.

*1912th plenary meeting,
19 November 1970.*

2640 (XXV). United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its past resolutions relating to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, particularly resolution 2509 (XXIV) of 21 November 1969, and the resolutions of the Economic and Social Council on the same subject,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;¹⁸

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the increasing effectiveness of the Institute in the discharge of its responsibilities;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the Institute will have greater and wider financial support.

*1912th plenary meeting,
19 November 1970.*

2641 (XXV). Review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions contained in section D, entitled "Review and appraisal of both objectives and policies", of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,¹⁷

Considering that the International Development Strategy should be viewed in a dynamic context, involving continuing review to ensure its effective implementation and adaptation in the light of new developments,

1. *Recalls* its decision to carry out the over-all appraisal of the progress made in implementing the International Development Strategy;

2. *Takes note* of Economic and Social Council resolution 1556 B (XLIX) of 31 July 1970;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the specialized agencies, the regional economic commissions, the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut and other organizations of the United Nations family to continue to review progress in their respective sectors according to the procedures already established and to be adapted as necessary;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the bodies and organizations of the United Nations family and after ascertaining the views of the Governments of States Members of the United Nations,

¹⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/8014).*

¹⁷ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-first session a report outlining the details of a system of over-all appraisal, with a view to enabling the General Assembly to give consideration to this matter and take a final decision thereon at its twenty-sixth session.

*1912th plenary meeting,
19 November 1970.*

2657 (XXV). United Nations Conference on the Human Environment

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2398 (XXIII) of 3 December 1968 and 2581 (XXIV) of 15 December 1969,

Noting with appreciation the steps that have been taken by a number of specialized agencies and of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to assist in the preparatory work for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,

Stressing the need to pursue vigorously the preparations for the Conference,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General,¹⁸

Taking note of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment on its first session,¹⁹

Taking note also of Economic and Social Council resolution 1536 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970,

Taking note with satisfaction of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the Conference,²⁰

Aware that the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade²¹ calls for intensified national and international efforts to arrest the deterioration of the human environment and to take measures towards its improvement, and to promote activities that will help to maintain the ecological balance on which human survival depends,

Reaffirming that environmental policies should be considered in the context of economic and social development, taking into account the special needs of development in developing countries,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment at Geneva from 8 to 19 February 1971 and the third session in New York from 13 to 24 September 1971;

2. *Recommends* the inclusion in the agenda for the second and third sessions of the Preparatory Committee of one or more specific items relating to economic and social aspects in order to safeguard and promote the interests of developing countries with a view to reconciling the national environmental policies with their national development plans and priorities;

3. *Recommends* that the Preparatory Committee, in its global and comprehensive preparations for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in 1972, consider, *inter alia*, the financing of possible action in this field with a view to ensuring that additional resources are provided to developing

¹⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 43, documents A/8065 and Add.1.*

¹⁹ A/CONF.48/PC/6.

²⁰ Mr. Maurice F. Strong was appointed Secretary-General of the Conference on 16 November 1970.

²¹ Resolution 2626 (XXV).