

services and other suitable arrangements to facilitate the holding of meetings by the developing countries in pursuance of the objectives of economic co-operation among developing countries;

5. *Welcomes* the establishment by the Trade and Development Board, in decision 142 (XVI) of 23 October 1976,⁴⁷ of the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries as an open-ended main committee of the Board to consider and recommend measures to provide, in the field of competence of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as and when requested, support and assistance to developing countries in strengthening and enlarging their mutual co-operation at the subregional, regional and interregional levels, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, while taking all the necessary measures requested by the Trade and Development Board in its decision 142 (XVI), to assist developing countries, at their request and after consideration and appropriate action by the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, in carrying out studies on specific issues relating to trade and development, especially those relating to the promotion of trade and financial co-operation among developing countries, and to make those studies available to all delegations;

7. *Urges* developed countries to provide appropriate support, as and when requested from them by developing countries, for the implementation of measures of economic co-operation among developing countries;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report to the General Assembly, at its thirty-second session, on all measures taken by the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in support of measures of economic co-operation among developing countries.

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16 December 1976*

31/120. Secretariat of the World Food Council

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, by which it established the World Food Council in conformity with resolution XXII adopted by the World Food Conference on 16 November 1974⁴⁸ and requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to establish the secretariat of the Council,

Noting that the World Food Council has adopted rules of procedure⁴⁹ containing provisions concerning the appointment of the head and the staff of the secretariat of the Council,

1. *Decides* that the secretariat of the World Food Council shall be headed by an Executive Director, who shall be appointed by the Secretary-General, in con-

sultation with the members of the Council and with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, for a period of four years with due regard to the principle of geographical rotation;

2. *Further decides* that the Secretary-General shall, in consultation with the Executive Director of the World Food Council, appoint an adequate number of staff to the secretariat of the Council, taking into account the need for equitable geographical distribution, in addition to professional competence, and avoiding the appointment of persons who simultaneously perform functions in other agencies or institutions.

*101st plenary meeting
16 December 1976*

31/121. Report of the World Food Council

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also its resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on the World Food Conference and the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition, and corresponding resolutions of the World Food Conference,

Having considered the report of the World Food Council on the work of its second session,⁵⁰

1. *Calls upon* all Governments and the relevant bodies and agencies of the United Nations system to implement fully the recommendations of the World Food Council contained in the document entitled "Recommendations agreed upon by the World Food Council at its second session";⁵¹

2. *Requests* the World Food Council, at its third session, to take immediate and concrete steps to promote the early implementation of the resolutions adopted by the World Food Conference and by the General Assembly at its seventh special session and, for this purpose, to give sympathetic consideration to the draft resolutions of the Group of Seventy-seven which are contained in annex II to the report of the Council.⁵²

*101st plenary meeting
16 December 1976*

31/122. International Fund for Agricultural Development⁵²

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution XIII of 16 November 1974 of the World Food Conference⁵³ and General Assembly resolutions 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 and 3503 (XXX) of 15 December 1975,

⁵⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 19 (A/31/19).

⁵¹ A/C.2/31/L.65. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/31/19)*, annex I, paras. 50-69, 79 and 91.

⁵² See also sect. X.B.3 below, decision 31/413.

⁵³ See *Report of the World Food Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), chap. II.

⁴⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/31/15)*, vol. II, annex I.

⁴⁸ See *Report of the World Food Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), chap. II.

⁴⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/31/19)*, annex IV.

Welcoming the progress achieved so far on the establishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development,

Noting that, relative to their combined gross national products, the contributions pledged by the developing countries are substantially large,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to all Governments that have made pledges of contributions to the International Fund for Agricultural Development, especially to the Governments of the developing countries;

2. *Expresses also its appreciation* to the Secretary-General and to the Executive Director of the World Food Council for their efforts towards the establishment of the Fund.

*101st plenary meeting
16 December 1976*

31/156. Action programme in favour of developing island countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3338 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 in which it invited the executive heads of the organizations concerned within the United Nations system to intensify their efforts with respect to developing island countries, within their fields of competence,

Recalling further its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation in which it, *inter alia*, called for special measures to be undertaken by developed countries and developing countries in a position to do so to assist in the structural transformation of the economy of the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries,

Recalling also resolution 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development⁵⁴ in which a series of special measures and specific action, respectively, in favour of the least developed countries and in favour of the land-locked and island developing countries were recommended as supplementary action to the general measures applicable to all developing countries in the spirit of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,⁵⁵

Recognizing the particular impediments hampering the economic development of many developing island countries, especially their difficulties in respect of transport and communications, the smallness of their economies and markets, their low resource endowment and their heavy dependence on a few commodities for foreign exchange earnings,

1. *Invites* the executive heads of the organizations concerned within the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, in the continuation of their efforts with respect to developing island countries to incorporate in their regional and interregional programmes the relevant recommendations contained in resolution 98 (IV) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

⁵⁴ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10), part one, sect. A.

⁵⁵ Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

2. *Urges* all Governments, in particular those of the developed countries, to lend their support, in the context of their assistance programmes, for the implementation of the specific action envisaged in favour of developing island countries within the framework of their development plans and priorities;

3. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, a progress report on the implementation of specific action in favour of developing island countries.

*106th plenary meeting
21 December 1976*

31/157. Specific action in favour of land-locked developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2971 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972 and resolution 63 (III) of 19 May 1972 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,⁵⁶

Recalling also its resolutions 3169 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 and 3311 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974 on special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries,

Bearing in mind various other resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and its related organs and by specialized agencies emphasizing special and urgent measures in favour of land-locked developing countries,

Aware of the need to implement immediately the resolutions adopted by the United Nations, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, particularly its resolution 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976,⁵⁷ and other related organs of the United Nations calling for specific action in favour of land-locked developing countries,

Noting with concern that the problems of the land-locked developing countries have not found adequate solutions and that concrete and effective operational measures have not yet been taken in their favour,

Noting further that the difficulties faced by the land-locked developing countries, especially their remoteness from the sea, impede their active and full participation in the world economic life and hamper their development,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the land-locked countries and the specialized agencies, to find ways and means of improving the economic situation of the land-locked developing countries through the urgent implementation of resolutions 63 (III) and 98 (IV) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. *Calls upon* Member States and the entire international community to give special attention to the trade requirements of the land-locked developing countries, including the possible provision of preferential treatment of their goods;

⁵⁶ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, *Fourth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10), part one, sect. A.