

information services mentioned in the report,¹²⁰ and to submit further conclusions and recommendations on the establishment of a network for the exchange of technological information to the Assembly at its thirty-second session;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Interagency Task Force, to provide, within the existing capacity of the Secretariat, the necessary administrative services for carrying out, as far as is possible at present, the recommendations of the report;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Interagency Task Force to ascertain the availability of current inventories of information capabilities at the national, regional and international levels in terms of information sources, means of access to information and information-related services;

8. *Urges* the Secretary-General and the Interagency Task Force to identify by means of those inventories any deficiencies that might inhibit the setting up of the network and to recommend to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, measures to remedy these deficiencies;

9. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on the establishment of an industrial technological information bank¹²¹ and urges the Industrial Development Board to take an early decision so that the Executive Director will be able to take the necessary measures towards making the bank operational, and to report on the measures taken to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session through the Economic and Social Council.

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31/184. United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling section III, paragraph 7, of its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, in which it decided that a United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development should be held in 1978 or 1979,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1897 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 on the question of convening a United Nations conference on science and technology, 2028 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 on the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development and 2035 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 on the preparatory period for the Conference,

Recalling further the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order¹²² and the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,¹²³

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolutions 2028 (LXI) and 2035 (LXI);

2. *Decides* to convene the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development

during 1979, in time for the General Assembly to take action at its thirty-fourth session in the light of the results of the Conference;

3. *Decides* that the Conference should be within the framework recommended in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2028 (LXI);

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint a Secretary-General of the Conference at the earliest possible time, as provided in paragraph 5 of Council resolution 2028 (LXI), and further requests such appointment to be made at the level of Under-Secretary-General, in order to ensure the appropriate capacity for co-ordination and interaction with Member States and within the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system;

5. *Decides* that the Committee on Science and Technology for Development shall act as the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, open to the participation of all States, and further decides that the Preparatory Committee shall hold its first session early in 1977 and submit its report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session through the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session;

6. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee to consider, taking into account the time needed for the due completion of the various stages of preparation for the Conference, the question of the time-table, sites and other necessary arrangements for the regional and interregional preparatory meetings and to submit its proposals to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session;

7. *Also requests* the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to consider, at its meeting in 1977, as the Preparatory Committee, the draft provisional agenda for its fourth regular session;

8. *Decides* to take a final decision on the question of the site of the Conference at its thirty-second session;

9. *Invites* the specialized agencies, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, as well as the International Atomic Energy Agency and the interested organs of the United Nations, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the regional commissions to co-operate fully in the preparations for the Conference, as provided by Economic and Social Council resolution 2028 (LXI);

10. *Requests* the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to take fully into account, in the process of preparation for the Conference, the interrelationship between the scientific/technological fields and other areas of activity of the United Nations system, in particular the economic area, so as to create more favourable conditions for the further promotion of comprehensive international co-operation;

11. *Invites* the Secretary-General to request the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to promote, through its Sub-Committee on Science and Technology, close and permanent contact with the Secretary-General of the Conference;

12. *Decides* that, for the preparatory work leading to the Conference, the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development

¹²⁰ *Ibid.*, para. 76 (a).

¹²¹ A/31/147.

¹²² Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

¹²³ Resolution 3281 (XXIX).

should advise, on request, the Secretary-General of the Conference and the Preparatory Committee on matters pertaining to the Conference and should assist and collaborate, at the request of the Secretary-General of the Conference, in the preparations for the Conference at the regional level;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to seek the co-operation of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council which may be in a position to contribute constructively to the preparation of the Conference;

14. *Invites* Governments to participate fully in the preparations for the Conference, taking into account the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolutions 2028 (LXI) and 2035 (LXI);

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution.

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31/185. United Nations Water Conference¹²⁴

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3513 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 and its decision 31/422 A of 21 December 1976 relating to the arrangements for the United Nations Water Conference,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982 (LX) of 19 April 1976 and 1983 (LX) of 23 April 1976,

Takes note with appreciation of the statement made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Water Conference¹²⁵ and of the report regarding the preparatory work for the Conference.¹²⁶

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31/186. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3336 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 entitled "Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories",

Recalling further its resolution 3516 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the same subject, in which it was noted that the report of the Secretary-General on the adverse economic effects on the Arab States and peoples resulting from repeated Israeli aggression and continued occupation of their territories¹²⁷ was inadequate in that it did not incorporate the necessary substantive and comprehensive studies required in conformity with paragraph 5 of resolution 3336 (XXIX), the related statements made at the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly on behalf of the co-sponsors of the

resolution¹²⁸ and submitted by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications,¹²⁹ as well as the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹³⁰

Noting that in its resolution 3516 (XXX) the Secretary-General was requested to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session his final comprehensive report, which should fulfil the above-mentioned requirements, taking into account the related statements on the administrative and financial implications submitted by the Secretary-General¹³¹ and approved by the Assembly at its thirtieth session,

Taking into account the note by the Secretary-General of 1 November 1976,¹³²

Bearing in mind the pertinent provisions of 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, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

1. *Reaffirms* the right of the Arab States and peoples whose territories are under Israeli occupation to regain full and effective control over their natural and all other resources and economic activities, as well as the rights of those States, territories and peoples to the restitution and full compensation for the exploitation, loss and depletion of, and damage to, their natural and all other resources and economic activities;

2. *Takes note* of the regret expressed in the note by the Secretary-General that the submission of the report as requested by the General Assembly in resolutions 3336 (XXIX) and 3516 (XXX) and of the related statements will be postponed until the thirty-second session of the Assembly;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take immediately all the measures necessary to secure the submission to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session of his final substantive comprehensive report, which should fulfil all of the above-mentioned requirements;

4. *Requests* the heads of the relevant specialized agencies and United Nations organs, particularly the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Economic Commission for Western Asia, to co-operate actively and adequately with the Secretary-General in the preparation of his final substantive comprehensive report.

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31/187. Assistance to Sao Tome and Principe

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned at the serious economic and social situation in Sao Tome and Principe as a result of the total lack of infrastructures for development inherited from the colonial period,

¹²⁴ See also sect. X.B.3 below, decision 31/422 A.

¹²⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Second Committee*, 61st meeting, paras. 1-8.

¹²⁶ A/31/356.

¹²⁷ A/10290 and Add.2.

¹²⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Second Committee*, 1635th meeting.

¹²⁹ A/C.2/L.1385, A/C.5/1649.

¹³⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 73, document A/9978/Add.1, para. 4.

¹³¹ A/C.2/L.1494, A/C.5/1759.

¹³² A/31/284.