

existing gaps in scientific knowledge and technology, and for further development of the world map of desertification on the basis of the relevant recommendations of the Conference;

15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to invite intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with desertification problems and their impact on development to participate in the implementation of the Plan of Action with a view to co-ordinating their activities within world-wide and regional programmes;

16. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Conference,¹¹³ especially resolution 2 of 9 September 1977 on financial and technical assistance to the least developed countries and resolution 4 of 9 September 1977 on the effect of weapons of mass destruction on ecosystems.

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32/173. Resources of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3327 (XXIX) of 16 December 1974 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation,

Believing that the current level of resources available to the Foundation is clearly inadequate,

Recognizing that the international community, at both the global and regional levels, should encourage and support Governments determined to take effective action to ameliorate conditions, especially for the least advantaged, in urban and rural settlements,

Bearing in mind the invitation of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, in its decision 92 (V) of 25 May 1977,¹¹⁴ to the General Assembly regarding the setting of a target for total voluntary contributions by Governments to the Foundation,

1. *Appeals* to all Governments to contribute generously to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation as soon as possible in order to expedite action programmes in the field of human settlements;

2. *Notes* the proposal of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme regarding the target of \$50 million as a minimum for the total voluntary contributions by Governments for the years 1978-1981;¹¹⁵

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene, during the thirty-third session of the General Assembly, a pledging conference on voluntary contributions by Governments to the Foundation if pledges to meet the minimum target referred to in paragraph 2 above are not forthcoming.

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32/174. Resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 107th plenary meeting

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, as well as its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its fourth session,¹¹⁶

Recalling the results of various United Nations conferences held during recent years on major topics relating to economic and social development, which pertain to the establishment of the new international economic order,

Recalling further its resolution 31/178 of 21 December 1976,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 2125 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977,

Noting the report of the Conference on International Economic Co-operation,¹¹⁷

Noting the report of the Committee on Review and Appraisal on its fourth session¹¹⁸ and the preliminary proposal of the developing countries contained in the annex to that report,

Recalling the role of the Economic and Social Council and of other organs, organizations, bodies and conferences of the United Nations system in the establishment of the new international economic order,

Emphasizing the need to oversee and monitor the implementation of the decisions and agreements reached in the negotiations in various appropriate forums of the United Nations system in their respective fields, and to determine further lines of action and provide impetus for further negotiations for the solution of issues remaining unresolved,

Deeply concerned at the deteriorating economic situation of developing countries and at negative trends in international economic developments,

Deeply concerned also that parts of the developing world are still subjected to colonialism, neo-colonialism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, foreign aggression and occupation and alien domination, which constitute major obstacles to the economic emancipation and development of the developing countries and peoples,

Recognizing the concern that the negotiations conducted so far on the establishment of the new international economic order have produced only limited results while the gap between the developed and devel-

¹¹³ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth Session*, vol. 1, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10 and corrigendum), part one, sect. A.

¹¹⁴ See A/31/478 and Corr.1, annex, and A/31/478/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

¹¹⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5994)*.

¹¹³ *Ibid.*, chap. II.

¹¹⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/32/25)*, annex I.

¹¹⁵ See UNEP/GC/93.

oping countries is growing, and emphasizing that further resolute efforts have to be made, particularly by the developed countries, to reduce the existing imbalance,

1. *Affirms* that all negotiations of a global nature relating to the establishment of the new international economic order should take place within the framework of the United Nations system;

2. *Decides* to convene a special session of the General Assembly in 1980, at a high level, in order to assess the progress made in the various forums of the United Nations system in the establishment of the new international economic order and, on the basis of that assessment, to take appropriate action for the promotion of the development of developing countries and international economic co-operation, including the adoption of the new international development strategy for the 1980s;

3. *Decides* to establish a committee of the whole,¹¹⁹ which shall meet, as and when required, during the intersessional periods until the special session of the General Assembly in 1980;

4. *Decides further* that the Committee¹²⁰ shall assist the General Assembly by acting as the focal point in:

(a) Overseeing and monitoring the implementation of decisions and agreements reached in the negotiations on the establishment of the new international economic order in the appropriate bodies of the United Nations system;

(b) Providing impetus for resolving difficulties in negotiations and for encouraging the continuing work in these bodies;

(c) Serving, where appropriate, as a forum for facilitating and expediting agreement on the resolution of outstanding issues;

(d) Exploring and exchanging views on global economic problems and priorities;

5. *Requests* the Committee to submit reports on its work and recommendations to the General Assembly at its thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions and at the special session to be held in 1980;

6. *Recommends* that representation on the Committee should be at a high level;

7. *Decides* that the Committee may establish appropriate working arrangements to accomplish its task;

8. *Also decides* that the election of officers of the Committee should take place annually;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Committee receives the necessary documentation to enable it to accomplish its tasks, as specified in paragraph 4 above, and authorizes the Committee to request the Secretary-General to provide specific reports in this regard in co-operation with the appropriate organs, organizations, other bodies and conferences of the United Nations system;

10. *Requests* in this context the Economic and Social Council, in discharging its functions under the Charter of the United Nations, to contribute effectively to the work of the Committee, bearing in mind the relationship between the overseeing and monitoring

¹¹⁹ It is understood that the committee of the whole will be open to all States, this term being interpreted in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly.

¹²⁰ Subsequently referred to as the Committee Established under General Assembly Resolution 32/174.

functions of the Committee and the role of the Council in the preparation of a new international development strategy;

11. *Affirms* that in the negotiations undertaken on the various issues in the appropriate bodies of the United Nations system the international community should, with a sense of urgency, make new and resolute efforts to secure positive and concrete results within agreed and specific time-frames.

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32/175. Effects of the world inflationary phenomenon on the development process

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 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 3515 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the Conference on International Economic Co-operation,

Bearing in mind that the States participating in the Conference on International Economic Co-operation recognized that inflation disturbs the functioning of the international economic and monetary order and is damaging to the economic progress of both developed and developing countries,¹²¹

Having regard to the fact that the effects of the present inflationary phenomenon have become universal in their negative impact and that the control of inflation is a matter requiring the priority attention of the international community as a whole,

Considering that the rapid spread of inflation indicates that isolated measures taken by States are not sufficient to control it successfully,

Bearing in mind that the measures within the scope of the developing countries are not in themselves capable of controlling internationally transmitted inflation,

Taking into account the report submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development by the Group of Experts on inflationary processes in the international economy and their impact on developing countries,¹²²

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to establish a high-level governmental group of experts, on a basis of equitable geographical representation:

(a) To prepare a broad and comprehensive study of the present inflationary phenomenon whose effects continue to exert a negative influence on the economies of all countries, particularly the developing countries;

¹²¹ See A/31/478/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, p. 138.

¹²² *Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Fifteenth Session (first part) Annexes*, agenda item 4, document TD/B/579.