

Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the heads of other relevant agencies to continue their efforts to assist developing countries in establishing centres for the transfer and development of technology at the national and regional levels and in providing extension services, and, in this context, to bear in mind the possibilities of the network concept;

8. *Endorses* Industrial Development Board decision V (XI) regarding the pilot operation of an industrial and technological information bank;

9. *Recommends* that work on the network, as well as on the bank, should take into account their inter-relationship and also the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, a progress report on the work requested in the present resolution, with a view to submitting a final report to the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

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19 December 1977*

32/179. Role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries

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 3488 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, in which, *inter alia*, it recognized the important and vital role the public sector in developing countries could play in achieving the over-all economic and social development goals in accordance with their national development plans,

Recognizing the necessary and important role of the public sector, including public administration, finance and management, in enhancing national capacities for the full and effective realization of national development objectives,

Recalling its resolution 2845 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolutions 1977 (LIX) of 30 July 1975 and 2018 (LXI) of 3 August 1976 on public administration and finance for development,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation,¹³³ adopted by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at its Second General Conference, held at Lima from 12 to 26 March 1975, which, *inter alia*, recognized the importance of

ensuring an adequate role for the public sector in the expansion of the industrial development of developing countries,

Recalling the pertinent provisions of the above-mentioned resolutions which reaffirm the right of every State to exercise full and permanent sovereignty over its natural resources for the benefit of its people,

Bearing in mind that every State has the sovereign and inalienable right to choose its economic and social system in accordance with the will of its people, without outside interference,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,¹³⁴ prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3488 (XXX);

2. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council decision 274 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977, in which the Council recommended to the General Assembly, *inter alia*, the continued study of the subject;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue studying the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries, as provided for in Economic and Social Council decision 274 (LXIII), through the fullest utilization of existing possibilities and resources and existing Secretariat departments;

4. *Recommends* that the competent United Nations organs should take into account the studies on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries in formulating a new international development strategy;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in his study on the role of the public sector in the socio-economic development of developing countries, to take into account especially the following aspects:

(a) Capital formation and full realization by developing countries of their natural resources for the benefit of their entire population;

(b) Role of the public sector in implementing the long-term strategy of industrialization;

(c) Role of the public sector in promoting agricultural production;

(d) Role of the public sector in developing an effective national potential in research and development in the fields of science and technology;

(e) Attainment of the aims of a unified approach to economic and social development, including the achievement of an equitable distribution of income and wealth in the nation;

(f) Creation of broader employment opportunities and reduction of unemployment;

(g) Role of the public sector in the expansion of the share of developing countries in international trade, including the improvement of their export and import capacity and balance of payments;

(h) Role of the public sector in adjusting to changing economic circumstances and undertaking necessary structural and other adjustments;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to identify, based on national requirements, international measures re-

¹³³ See A/10112, chap. IV.

¹³⁴ E/5985 and Corr.1.

quired to support national public administration, finance and management for the development of the developing countries;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions through the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-fifth and sixty-seventh sessions, respectively;

8. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to examine the progress reports and to make appropriate recommendations on this subject to the General Assembly.

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32/180. Economic co-operation among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3177 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, 3241 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974, 3442 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and 31/119 of 16 December 1976 and resolution 92 (IV) of 30 May 1976 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development¹³⁵ relating to measures of support by developed countries and international organizations for the programme of economic co-operation among developing countries,

Recalling also 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,

Noting the programme of economic co-operation among developing countries, adopted at the Third Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Seventy-seven, held at Manila from 26 January to 7 February 1976,¹³⁶

Noting also the decisions taken by the non-aligned countries on economic co-operation among developing countries and, in particular, the Action Programme for Economic Co-operation and other relevant resolutions adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976,¹³⁷

Noting further the measures set out in the report of the Conference on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, held at Mexico City from 13 to 22 September 1976,¹³⁸

Noting that economic co-operation among developing countries, based on the concept of individual and collective self-reliance, has been identified by them as a major strategy to promote their development and as an important means of consolidating their unity and solidarity,

Recognizing that, in the context of international economic co-operation, the achievement of the goal of greater co-operation among the developing countries is an important contribution to the establishment of the new international economic order,

Stressing that fundamental structural changes in existing international economic relations on the basis of equity and justice are essential for an enduring solution to the world economic problems and the promotion of international peace and security,

Reaffirming that efforts by the developing countries to promote co-operation among themselves do not diminish the responsibilities of all other countries to establish just and equitable economic relations between them and the developing countries and to contribute to the development of the developing countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on economic co-operation among developing countries;¹³⁹

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, through the appropriate machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, effective co-ordination of activities within the United Nations system in support of measures of economic co-operation among developing countries, as identified in the relevant decisions of the United Nations on the subject, including those based on the Programme of Action adopted at the Third Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Seventy-seven,¹⁴⁰ the Action Programme for Economic Co-operation adopted at the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, and the report of the Conference on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to include in the medium-term plan of the United Nations an intersectoral presentation of the activities envisaged to implement the relevant resolutions of the United Nations on economic co-operation among developing countries and to secure the same kind of intersectoral presentation on a system-wide basis;

4. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, in accordance with their established procedures and practices, to support measures of economic co-operation among developing countries, including, as and when requested, the continued provision of the necessary secretariat support 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. *Takes note* of Trade and Development Board decision 161 (XVII) of 2 September 1977,¹⁴¹ by which the Board adopted the terms of reference for the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries and endorsed the work programme of the Committee;

6. *Urges* developed countries to provide appropriate support, as and when requested by the developing

¹³⁵ 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 and corrigendum), part one, sect. A.

¹³⁶ *Ibid.*, annex V, annex I, resolution I.

¹³⁷ See A/31/197, annexes III and IV.

¹³⁸ See A/C.2/31/7, part one.

¹³⁹ A/32/312 and Add.1.

¹⁴⁰ 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 and corrigendum), annex V, part two.

¹⁴¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/32/15)*, vol. II, part one, annex I.