

international co-operation as well as the conceptual and operational recommendations adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its eighteenth,¹⁴⁵ twenty-third¹⁴⁶ and twenty-fourth¹⁴⁷ sessions,

Aware of the need to implement those recommendations of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme through specific projects and programmes aimed at promoting technical co-operation among developing countries with the support of the participating and executing agencies of the United Nations system,

Bearing in mind the need for Governments and organs, organizations and other bodies within the United Nations system to contribute effectively, on the basis of experience gained in technical co-operation among developing countries, to the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,

Reaffirming its resolutions 3251 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974 and 3461 (XXX) of 11 December 1975,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,¹⁴⁸ as modified by the relevant decisions on technical co-operation among developing countries adopted at the eighteenth,¹⁴⁵ twenty-third¹⁴⁶ and twenty-fourth¹⁴⁷ sessions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;

2. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the executive heads of participating and executing agencies and regional commissions to take all necessary measures, in the light of paragraph 1 above, for the speedy implementation of all the recommendations contained in the report of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries as modified by the relevant decisions of the Governing Council;

3. *Also requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the executive heads of participating and executing agencies and regional commissions to assist the developing countries, at their request, in identifying, designing and executing development projects so as to promote technical co-operation among developing countries, particularly the least developed among them;

4. *Further requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the executive heads of participating and executing agencies and regional commissions, in conformity with the above-mentioned decisions of the Governing Council, to formulate for approval, as appropriate, by the inter-governmental bodies concerned, suitable changes in their rules, regulations, procedures and practices for recruiting experts and consultants, placing fellows, awarding subcontracts and procuring equipment and supplies in order to utilize fully the capacity of and develop the potential existing in developing countries, irrespective of the economy and social system of the individual developing country;

5. *Further requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to develop further,

¹⁴⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2A* (E/5543/Rev.1).

¹⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, *Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 3* (E/5940).

¹⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 3A* (E/6013/Rev.1).

¹⁴⁸ DP/69, chap. II, sect. E.

according to its increasing needs, technical co-operation among developing countries in connexion with the Information Referral System, to update regularly and revise its information, to cover new areas and to establish appropriate linkages with the information sources of other organizations in the United Nations system, as well as those of developing countries;

6. *Further requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the executive heads of participating and executing agencies and regional commissions to continue to report regularly on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries as modified by the above-mentioned decisions of the Governing Council, as well as on other activities undertaken by them for technical co-operation among developing countries, to the General Assembly, through the Governing Council and the Economic and Social Council, and, in relation to the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, to the Preparatory Committee for the Conference at its third session.

*107th plenary meeting
19 December 1977*

32/183. United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3251 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974, 3461 (XXX) of 11 December 1975 and 31/179 of 21 December 1976,

Recalling further 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 recommendations made by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976¹⁴⁹ and by the Conference on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, held at Mexico City from 13 to 22 September 1976,¹⁵⁰

Noting the Kuwait Declaration on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries of 5 June 1977,¹⁵¹

Noting also resolution CM/Res.560 (XXIX) adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-ninth ordinary session and endorsed by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its fourteenth ordinary session, held at Libreville from 23 June to 5 July 1977,¹⁵²

Recalling the relevant decisions on the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-

¹⁴⁹ See A/31/197.

¹⁵⁰ See A/C.2/31/7.

¹⁵¹ See A/CONF.79/PC/18.

¹⁵² See A/32/310, annex I.

operation among Developing Countries adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-second,¹⁵³ twenty-third¹⁵⁴ and twenty-fourth¹⁵⁵ sessions,

Taking note of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on its first and second sessions¹⁵⁶ and of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-third session¹⁵⁴ and of its special meeting held on 3 October 1977,¹⁵⁷

Taking note further of the conclusions and recommendations of the regional intergovernmental meetings on technical co-operation among developing countries, held in Asia and the Pacific, Latin America, Africa and Western Asia,¹⁵⁸

Expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General of the Conference for the ongoing preparations for the Conference,

Recognizing that the basic objectives of technical co-operation among developing countries are the furthering of the national and collective self-reliance of developing countries and the enhancement of their creative capacity to solve their development problems,

1. *Decides* to convene the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at Buenos Aires from 30 August to 12 September 1978;

2. *Approves* the programme of activities envisaged in the recommendations on the budget for the Conference to be financed under the regular budget of the United Nations as submitted in the report of the Secretary-General of the Conference;¹⁵⁹

3. *Calls upon* developing countries to continue to participate actively in the preparations for the Conference and, to this end, to intensify the activities of the Governments' focal points, to establish committees for national preparations or other bodies, as appropriate, and to organize the participation of professional, technical, voluntary and other organizations in all the stages of the preparatory process and the Conference;

4. *Calls upon* developed countries to continue to participate actively in the preparations for the Conference, particularly by identifying such measures in their development aid and co-operation as would promote and strengthen programmes and projects for technical co-operation among developing countries;

5. *Urges* all countries and relevant organizations of the United Nations system to take the necessary measures to strengthen their public information programmes relating to the Conference with a view to creating an awareness of the importance of technical co-operation among developing countries;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to transmit the present resolution to the Governments of Member States, with the request that they provide information to the Preparatory Committee for the Conference before its third session on the meas-

ures adopted to strengthen or implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 3 to 5 above;

7. *Requests* the participating and executing agencies, including the regional commissions, to continue to give priority to their participation in the preparations for the Conference and to use their wide experience of technical co-operation in their contributions within the inter-agency task force for the Conference towards the preparation of the relevant documentation and of the plan of action and to ensure that their public information material includes items on the objectives and current state of preparations for the Conference;

8. *Requests* all organizations of the United Nations system actively to assist developing countries and the representatives invited to the Conference referred to in paragraph 3 (b) and (c) of its resolution 31/179 in their preparations for the Conference.

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32/185. Action programme in favour of developing island countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3338 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 dealing, *inter alia*, with efforts to meet the special problems of developing island countries,

Recalling resolution 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,¹⁶⁰ 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,

Recalling also its resolution 31/156 of 21 December 1976, in which it called upon the Secretary-General to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, a progress report on the implementation of specific action in favour of developing island countries,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 2126 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977, in which the Council recommended that the General Assembly at its thirty-second session should give full consideration to the progress report of the Secretary-General with a view to the stimulation of further attention to the need for specific action in favour of developing island countries,

Mindful that the particular impediments hampering the economic development of many developing island countries, especially their difficulties in respect of transport and communications, their distance from market centres, the smallness of their economies and markets, their low resource endowment and their heavy dependence on a few commodities for foreign exchange earnings, call for the continued attention of Governments and of organizations in the United Nations system,

Convinced that specific action in favour of developing island countries, supplementary to the general measures applicable to all developing countries, is required to meet these particular impediments,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of specific action in

¹⁵³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 2A* (E/5846/Rev.1).

¹⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, *Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 3* (E/5940).

¹⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 3A* (E/6013/Rev.1).

¹⁵⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 42* (A/32/42 and Corr.1 and 2).

¹⁵⁷ DP/SR.592 and corrigendum.

¹⁵⁸ See A/CONF.79/PC/10 and Corr.1.

¹⁵⁹ A/CONF.79/PC/8 and Add.1.

¹⁶⁰ 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.