

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.

favour of developing island countries¹⁶¹ and welcomes the initiation of the measures specified therein;

2. *Welcomes*, in particular, the activities undertaken by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, including the establishment of a unit in its secretariat devoted to the problems of the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries;

3. *Also welcomes* the progress achieved by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in its implementation of the special technical assistance programme for developing island countries;

4. *Urges* all organizations in the United Nations system to continue to identify and implement, within their respective spheres of competence, appropriate specific action in favour of developing island countries, in accordance with the recommendations in resolution 98 (IV) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in particular those concerning the fields of transport and communications, trade and commercial policies, industrialization, tourism, the transfer of technology, marine and submarine resources development, the flow of external resources, environment protection and response to natural disasters;

5. *Further urges* the United Nations organizations concerned, in particular the United Nations Development Programme and the regional commissions, to give attention to programmes of regional and subregional co-operation in respect of developing island countries;

6. *Calls upon* Governments, in particular those of the developed countries, to take fully into account, in their bilateral and regional development efforts and in relevant negotiations towards the attainment of the objectives of the new international economic order, the special problems of developing island countries;

7. *Decides* to keep under review all progress in the implementation of the present resolution and requests the Secretary-General to submit for the consideration of the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session a sectoral analysis of action undertaken in favour of developing island countries and proposals for further consideration, taking into account the consideration of this question by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its fifth session.

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32/186. Assistance to Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision 32/413 of 28 November 1977, by which it deferred until its thirty-third session consideration of the question of Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent,¹⁶²

Aware of the special problems faced by Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent with regard to territorial size, geographical location and limited economic resources, as well as the serious adverse effects on their economies of recent world-wide economic and financial problems,

Mindful that these Territories require the continued attention and assistance of the United Nations in the achievement by their peoples of their development objectives,

¹⁶¹ A/32/126 and Add.1.

¹⁶² See sect. X.B.6.

Recalling also its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to these Territories and peoples,

Noting the action taken by the specialized agencies and the organizations within the United Nations system, as well as the regional bodies, particularly the Caribbean Community and Common Market, to provide economic, financial and technical assistance to these countries, as set out in the report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of specific action in favour of developing island countries,¹⁶³

Recalling that the question of Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent is currently under consideration in the relevant and competent organs of the United Nations,

1. *Stresses* the urgency of rendering all necessary assistance to the peoples of Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent in their efforts to strengthen their national economies and calls upon the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in consultation with the freely elected representatives of the peoples of those Territories, to take adequate steps to establish and finance an appropriate programme of development of the Territories;

2. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, including in particular the United Nations Development Programme, international financial institutions and aid donors to intensify their assistance within their respective spheres of competence to the peoples of those Territories.

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32/187. Debt problems of developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975,

Recalling its resolution 31/158 of 21 December 1976 on debt problems of developing countries,

Recalling also resolution 94 (IV) of 31 May 1976 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,¹⁶⁴

Noting that no substantive action has been taken in pursuance of the resolutions noted above and that the growing external debt of developing countries amounting to nearly \$200 billion, resulting from a decline in their export earnings, increased import costs and inadequate concessional assistance, places a heavy burden on their limited foreign exchange resources,

Concerned that many developing countries are experiencing extreme difficulties in servicing their external debts and are unable to pursue or initiate important

¹⁶³ A/32/126 and Add.1.

¹⁶⁴ 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.