

lomatic, human, economic, financial and material resources with a view to assisting Burundi in definitively overcoming the crisis which it has been facing for more than two years;

19. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to continue their respective and complementary missions aimed at securing effective national reconciliation in Burundi, and welcomes in particular the positive role played by the Organization of African Unity Mission observers;

20. *Expresses the hope* that the Secretary-General of the United Nations will undertake consultations, following the usual procedure, with the Government of Burundi for the appointment as soon as possible of a special representative possessing all the qualifications, particularly an in-depth knowledge of the socio-political situation in Burundi;

21. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "The situation in Burundi".

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50/160. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 46/151 of 18 December 1991, the annex to which contains the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, in paragraphs 43 (c) and (e) and 44 of which it decided, *inter alia*, to conduct a mid-term review and a final review and assessment of the implementation of the New Agenda,

Reaffirming also its resolutions 48/214 of 23 December 1993 and 49/142 of 23 December 1994 concerning the implementation of the New Agenda,

Recalling its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 on programme planning, in which the economic recovery and development of Africa was stated to be one of the five overall priorities in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997,¹⁶⁵

Taking note of the document entitled "Relaunching Africa's economic and social development: the Cairo Agenda for Action" adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its seventeenth extraordinary session, held at Cairo from 25 to 28 March 1995, and endorsed by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity in its resolution AHG/Res.236 (XXXI) of 28 June 1995,¹⁶⁶

Taking note also of resolution CM/Res.1596 (LXII) of 23 June 1995 of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity on the implementation of the New Agenda,¹⁶⁴ endorsed by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government,

Bearing in mind the report of the Secretary-General of 20 June 1995¹⁶⁷ to the high-level segment of the Economic

and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995, devoted to the consideration of the development of Africa, including the implementation of the New Agenda, and the summary made by the President of the Council of the debate during the high-level segment,¹⁶⁸

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 6 October 1995 on advancing financial intermediation in Africa¹⁶⁹ and of 11 October 1995 on diversification of Africa's commodities,¹⁷⁰

Recalling that the prime objective of the New Agenda is to stop and reverse the continuing deterioration in the socio-economic situation of African countries and to renew the commitment of the international community to support Africa's own efforts to achieve sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

Expressing serious concern about the limited progress made so far in the implementation of the New Agenda and the continuing deterioration of the economic and social situation in Africa,

Mindful of the urgent need for African countries to increase and mobilize internal resources for the implementation of the New Agenda through, *inter alia*, policies for the promotion of domestic savings, improved and accessible banking facilities and further improvements in traditional practices of capital formation at local levels, as well as to continue creating an enabling environment for domestic and foreign investment,

Acknowledging that effective, equitable, development-oriented and durable solutions have to be found to the problems of external debt and the burden of debt which continue to impede the socio-economic development of African countries despite measures taken on both a bilateral and a multilateral basis to reduce or reschedule their debt,

Recognizing the possible adverse effects and looking forward to the challenges and opportunities for African countries of the implementation of the agreements of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations¹⁷¹ and the urgent need for further technical and financial assistance to African countries, with a view, *inter alia*, to identifying the adverse effects and alleviating them through appropriate measures, including possible supportive measures, as appropriate, in order to maximize their participation in the world trading system,

Recognizing also the urgent need to continue to assist African countries in their efforts to diversify their economies,

Recognizing further that the mid-term review of the implementation of the New Agenda should provide an opportunity for the international community to conduct an in-depth assessment of the actions so far taken in the implementation of the New Agenda and the measures needed for sustained economic growth and sustainable development in Africa beyond the 1990s, and to continue to develop policies and measures, including new and/or corrective policies and measures, as appropriate, and continued external support to the efforts of African countries in

¹⁶⁵Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/47/6/Rev.1), vol. I, programme 45.

¹⁶⁶See A/50/647, annex II.

¹⁶⁷E/1995/81.

¹⁶⁸See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/50/3), chap. II.

¹⁶⁹A/50/490.

¹⁷⁰A/50/520.

¹⁷¹See Legal Instruments Embodying the Results of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994 (GATT secretariat publication, Sales No. GATT/1994-7), vol. I.

all areas, so as to ensure the timely, effective and full implementation of the New Agenda during the remaining part of the decade,

Bearing in mind its resolution 42/163 of 8 December 1987 on the critical economic situation in Africa, in which it established an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly as the most appropriate mechanism to prepare the review and appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, and its resolutions 43/27 of 18 November 1988 and 45/178 A of 19 December 1990 on that review and appraisal,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the reports of the Secretary-General on advancing financial intermediation in Africa and on diversification of Africa's commodities;

2. *Takes note also* of the summary made by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the debate during the high-level segment of the Council at its substantive session of 1995, devoted to the consideration of the development of Africa, including the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

3. *Reaffirms* the need for the effective implementation of the New Agenda and, to that effect, calls upon the donor countries and all other parties concerned to fulfil their respective commitments as stated in the New Agenda, and calls upon African countries to implement the measures necessary to achieve the goals of the New Agenda;

4. *Decides* to establish an ad hoc committee of the whole of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly as the most appropriate mechanism to prepare the mid-term review in 1996 of the implementation of the New Agenda, as provided for in the annex to resolution 46/151;

5. *Also decides* to convene an organizational session of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole as soon as possible but not later than 30 June 1996, for two working days, to consider and adopt the necessary arrangements for its work regarding, *inter alia*, the mid-term review of the implementation of the New Agenda, and that the Ad Hoc Committee should have its Bureau constituted at the highest appropriate level and composed of a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur;

6. *Further decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee should meet for a period of up to seven working days in September 1996, prior to the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, to prepare the mid-term review on the basis of a report to be prepared by the Secretary-General, including relevant inputs from Governments and/or organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations, in particular the Organization of African Unity and non-governmental organizations, regarding their efforts and experiences in implementing the New Agenda;

7. *Invites* the Economic Commission for Africa to submit a report to the Secretary-General by June 1996 on actions taken and progress achieved by African countries in the implementation of the New Agenda;

8. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee, in carrying out its mandate, should submit its findings to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session and propose concrete measures and recommendations for sustained economic growth and sustainable development in Africa beyond the 1990s;

9. *Urges* Member States and organs and bodies of the United Nations system to be represented at the highest ap-

propriate level and to participate actively in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Ad Hoc Committee a report on the implementation of the New Agenda, including a summary and assessment of national efforts based on relevant inputs from African countries, and to continue ensuring close cooperation and coordination with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity concerning the contributions of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the Economic Commission for Africa, the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Children's Fund, in the context of his report on the preparation of the mid-term review of the implementation of the New Agenda;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to include in his report to the Ad Hoc Committee estimates of the projected resource requirements from all sources, public and private, domestic and international, needed for the full implementation of the New Agenda, the amount expected to be mobilized and proposals for filling any resource gaps, taking into account the specific economic and development situation of African countries;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with the organs and organizations of the United Nations system concerned, to ensure the necessary preparation of the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session a report on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee and on the implementation of the present resolution.

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50/161. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/139 of 17 December 1991, 47/92 of 16 December 1992 and 48/100 of 20 December 1993,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council decision 1991/230 of 30 May 1991, resolutions 1992/27 of 30 July 1992 and 1995/60 of 28 July 1995, and agreed conclusions 1995/1 of 28 July 1995,¹⁷²

Having considered the report of the World Summit for Social Development, held at Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995,¹⁷³

Expressing its profound gratitude to the Government and people of Denmark for the hospitality extended to all participants at the Summit and for the facilities, staff and services placed at their disposal.

Expressing its satisfaction that for the first time in history, at the invitation of the United Nations, heads of State and Government gathered at Copenhagen to recognize the significance of social development and human well-being

¹⁷²Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/50/3), chap. III, para. 22.

¹⁷³A/CONF.166/9.