

11. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-fourth session on the progress made in implementing this resolution.

*520th meeting,
29 April 1977*

176 (XXXIII). Co-operation in trade

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, particularly referring to the specific measures contained in part I of resolution 3202 (S-VI) for the expansion and diversification of the international trade of the developing countries,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also the various resolutions in this regard adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its fourth session,

Recalling its resolution 169 (XXXII) on special measures in favour of the least developed, land-locked and island countries,

Noting the progress made in implementing the elements of the Kabul Declaration on Asian Economic Co-operation and Development,

Recognizing that the developments both within and outside the region since the adoption of the Kabul Declaration have been both fundamental and far-reaching,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to explore the possibility of convening a meeting at the ministerial level, preferably before the thirty-fourth session of the Commission, to discuss matters and problems relating to trade in the region;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the offer of host facilities made by the Government of India.

*520th meeting,
29 April 1977*

177 (XXXIII). Special measures in favour of the land-locked developing countries

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Reaffirming the Kabul Declaration on Asian Economic Co-operation and Development,

Reaffirming also its resolution 154 (XXXI) containing the New Delhi Declaration on the regional contribution to the establishment of a new international economic order,

Recalling the Manila Declaration and Programme of Action,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 31/157 on specific action in favour of land-locked developing countries and resolution 31/177 on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1755 (LIV) on special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries,

Noting resolution 98 (IV) adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the least developed among the developing countries, developing island countries and developing land-locked countries,

Recalling its resolution 169 (XXXII) on special measures in favour of the least developed, land-locked and island countries,

Appreciating the continued support by UNDP of project activities relating to least developed land-locked countries of the region,

1. *Calls upon* all Member States of the United Nations in general and those of the Asia and Pacific region in particular to the extent possible:

(a) To provide the necessary assistance to land-locked developing countries of the region through the adoption of practical measures to facilitate their free access to and from the sea and alleviate the transit difficulties of the land-locked countries of the region;

(b) To consider the application of single and multimodal customs, facilitation and transport conventions, such as the TIR Convention,¹ so as to achieve more integrated and free-flowing circulation of road, rail, sea and air transport;

¹ Customs Convention on the International Transport of goods under cover of TIR (Transport International Routier) Carnets.

(c) To implement the agreed provisions of resolution 98 (IV), part IV, of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries;

2. *Further calls upon* multilateral and bilateral financial institutions to provide, to the extent possible, adequate resources on concessional terms for the economic development of land-locked countries and especially for the realization of the objectives set out in this resolution;

3. *Invites* all international organizations and financial institutions as well as potential donors to contribute to the Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries in order to make it operational;

4. *Urges* the United Nations Development Programme to continue to provide and increase technical co-operation programmes for the least developed land-locked countries in the Asia and Pacific region, on a priority basis;

5. *Further urges* that the joint project of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on assistance to the least developed land-locked countries of the region be continued and effectively implemented;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-fourth session on the progress made in implementing this resolution.

*519th meeting,
27 April 1977*

178 (XXXIII). Special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Reaffirming the Kabul Declaration on Asian Economic Co-operation and Development,

Reaffirming its resolution 154 (XXXI) containing the New Delhi Declaration on the regional contribution to the establishment of a new international economic order,

Recalling the Manila Declaration and Programme of Action,

Recalling also Trade and Development Board

resolution 100 (XIII) on special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries,

Recalling further resolutions 62 (III) and 98 (IV) adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Recognizing that, in accordance with the above-mentioned resolutions, assistance to the least developed among developing countries should be supplementary to the general measures applicable to all developing countries,

Considering that during the Second United Nations Development Decade the least developed countries have not been able to progress at the rate set in the International Development Strategy and that many have shown little or no over-all growth,

1. *Calls upon* member States, in accordance with the agreed provisions of resolutions 62 (III) and 98 (IV) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to the extent possible:

(a) To provide the least developed countries of the region with a higher proportion of official development assistance flow to help them to achieve the targets set in the International Development Strategy;

(b) To provide all future assistance to the least developed countries of the region essentially in the form of grants or on highly concessional terms;

(c) To provide assistance for the promotion and expansion of the export sales of the least developed countries and encourage the conclusion of longer-term purchase arrangements;

(d) To give serious consideration to according favourable treatment, in government procurement, to imports from the least developed countries;

(e) To assist the least developed countries in developing their production potentials in food, energy and other resources, including manufactures;

(f) To promote joint ventures with the least developed countries involving the transfer of equipment and technology and the provision of technical assistance for this purpose;

(g) To invite and urge shipowners and members of liner conferences, as far as is feasible, to establish special freight rates for the least developed countries that will encourage and assist them in the expansion of their export trade and to establish promotional rates for the opening-up of new markets and the development of new trade flows for these countries;