

(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;

(h) To implement as quickly as possible the agreed provisions of resolution 98 (IV), part II, of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on action on special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries;

2. *Further calls upon* international and regional multilateral financial agencies:

(a) To provide assistance to the least developed countries in the form of grants or, if this is not feasible, on the highest concessional terms permitted by their statutes and financial position, if possible as concessional as those provided by the International Development Association;

(b) To keep under constant review the needs of the least developed countries for additional resources, to take action where appropriate and, in particular, to avoid cut-backs in programmes and maintain at least the levels of support for programmes in those countries;

3. *Invites* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to continue to keep under constant review the needs of the least developed countries for additional resources and to take appropriate action, including, whenever necessary, revision of the criteria for allocation;

4. *Calls upon* all donor countries to increase their over-all voluntary contributions in freely convertible currencies to the United Nations Development Programme for the second cycle, so as to enable it to meet the increasing technical co-operation requirements of developing countries and in particular to secure additional resources for the least developed countries in the region;

5. *Invites* all interested countries, to the extent possible, to give special consideration to the problems and needs of the least developed countries within the context of commodity agreements, to give special attention to the products of export interest to the least developed countries in the generalized schemes of preferences and also, through their work in the multilateral trade negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, to accord special treatment to the least developed countries;

6. *Invites* interested parties to bear in mind the problems of shortfalls in the export earnings of the least developed countries in any evaluation of compensatory financing facilities;

7. *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

**179 (XXXIII). Legislative arrangements on shipping, ports and inland waterways**

*The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 143 (XXX) on the rationalization of the conference structure of the Commission and 160 (XXXI), in which it decided that there should in principle be one forum for shipping and ports in the Commission's conference structure,

*Recalling further* its resolution 168 (XXXII), in which it decided that the existing Transport and Communications Committee should be restructured and redesignated as the "Committee on Shipping, and Transport and Communications", which would have two separate and distinct wings, one attending exclusively to matters concerning shipping and ports, and the other dealing with all other matters pertaining to transport and communications,

*Reaffirming* the need to avoid overlapping and duplication of the functions of the legislative committees in matters relating to shipping, ports and inland waterways,

1. *Endorses* the terms of reference of the restructured Committee on Shipping, and Transport and Communications as formulated by the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Group Meeting on Legislative Arrangements on Shipping, and Transport and Communications and adopted with minor amendments by the Transport and Communications Committee at its twenty-fifth session in October 1976;

2. *Decides* that the shipping, ports and inland waterways wing of the Committee on Shipping, and Transport and Communications shall be the sole forum to deal with all matters concerning shipping, ports and inland waterways, including ocean freight rates;

3. *Decides further* that any references to shipping, ports, inland waterways and ocean freight rates contained in the terms of reference of any other legislative committees shall be deleted accordingly.

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27 April 1977