

(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.

519th meeting,
27 April 1977