

1. *Calls upon* the developing countries of the region to strengthen technical and economic co-operation among themselves in shipping matters at the sub-regional and regional levels with a view to securing adequate and economic shipping, port and cargo-handling services to meet the needs of their growing trade and economy, enabling their national shipping lines to carry a reasonable share of liner cargo and assisting the development of their respective merchant marines;

2. *Urges* the developing countries of the region to co-operate closely among themselves in establishing and strengthening regional bodies of shippers, ship-owners and port organizations concerned so as to facilitate the achievement of collective self-reliance in shipping matters;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to intensify support for the efforts of the developing countries of the region to establish such close co-operation among themselves and to facilitate co-ordination of these efforts at the regional and international levels.

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199 (XXXV). Regional inputs into the new international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade¹⁵

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling further its resolution 180 (XXXIV) of 17 March 1978 entitled "Economic and social development strategy for the 1980s",

Taking full account of General Assembly resolution 33/193 of 29 January 1979 on preparations for an international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade,

Emphasizing the importance of the objectives contained in section I of that resolution,

Emphasizing further the fundamental importance, for the new international development strategy, of bringing to a speedy and successful conclusion the

current and projected negotiations and conferences under the auspices of the United Nations before the new international development strategy is launched,

Underlining, in this context, the importance of concrete progress at the forthcoming fifth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development and the Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

Noting that there is a relationship between development and peace, security and disarmament,

Taking note of document E/ESCAP/103 containing a progress report on the implementation of resolution 180 (XXXIV),

Recognizing that the new international development strategy should be a major step in the continuing efforts of the international community towards the establishment of the new international economic order through, *inter alia*, the removal of the structural inequities and imbalances in the existing international economic order which constitute major obstacles to the development of developing countries,

Recognizing further the close interdependence between the economies of countries at different stages of development and the shared responsibility of all in devising economic and social measures for the benefit of all, consistent with national development plans and priorities of each country,

Emphasizing that, in the context of the urgent need for changes in the structure of the existing international economic order, essential elements of the new international development strategy include the following issues of special interest to its members and associate members:

(a) Changes in the structure of world production to accelerate the industrialization of developing countries and to achieve an equitable global distribution of productive capacity,

(b) Promotion of equity in trade relations between the developing and the developed countries with a view, *inter alia*, to ensuring a substantial increase in the share of developing countries in world exports,

(c) Improvement in the terms of trade of developing countries, and the general effort to liberalize world trade, particularly in favour of developing countries, *inter alia*, through the reduction of barriers to world trade,

(d) Improvements in the organization and development of the primary commodity sector in the world economy,

(e) Arrangements conducive to the rapid growth of the technological capacity of developing countries,

¹⁵ See paras 417-439 and 495-497 above.

(f) Measures to increase substantially the flow of resources in real terms to developing countries and to enhance the responsiveness of the international monetary system to their needs and interests,

Recalling that the new international development strategy should reflect in an appropriate manner the need for adequate policies for the promotion of social development, to be defined by each country within the framework of its development plans and priorities and in accordance with its socio-economic structure and stage of development, with full mobilization of national resources, taking into account that the final aim of development must be the constant increase of the well-being of the entire population on the basis of its full participation in the process of development and a fair distribution of the benefits therefrom,

Bearing in mind discussions and recommendations on the regional input to the new international development strategy in various forums of the Commission held since its thirty-fourth session, notably the Ministerial Conference on Co-operation in Trade for Asia and the Pacific, the Meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Ministers of Industry and the legislative committees of the Commission,

Recognizing that the international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade should be within the framework of viable and consistent specific quantitative and qualitative goals and objectives — both over-all and sectoral — defining the role of, and where appropriate, containing agreed commitments of all countries, expressed in quantified terms or in a time framework, or in both, for the adoption and implementation of policy measures to achieve the above goals and objectives,

Stressing the need for recognition that international economic policies, in particular those of developed countries, which have world-wide economic implications, should contribute to the growth of developing countries, thus further enhancing global prosperity, and that an important objective of such policies should be to increase the productive capacity and purchasing power of developing countries,

Affirming that the primary objective of the new strategy should be to promote the development of developing countries, bringing about improved standards of living for all with social justice, in accordance with the objectives of the new international economic order,

1. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary, in preparing the input into the new international development strategy as requested in General Assembly resolution 33/193, to undertake studies which would identify viable goals and targets for over-all and sectoral growth in the region in the light of the experience over the last decade, particularly in those areas where the goals and targets of the International Development Strategy

for the Second United Nations Development Decade have not been achieved, bearing in mind the special situation of the region as well as the varying stages of development of developing countries of Asia and the Pacific;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to ensure that this input is based on the objectives contained in General Assembly resolution 33/193 and the issues set out in Commission resolution 180 (XXXIV), emphasizing those issues in which the developing countries have a vital interest, such as:

(a) Liberalization of international trade and improvement in the developing countries' terms of trade;

(b) Food and agricultural development, including access to markets of agricultural products of developing countries;

(c) Improvement in the organization and development of the primary commodity sector in the world economy in the light of ongoing negotiations in other forums;

(d) Enlarging the shipping services of the developing countries;

(e) Enlarging the developing countries' share in total world industrial production;

(f) Increasing the flow of resources in real terms;

(g) Promotion of the transfer of technology to the developing countries, by securing the removal to the fullest extent possible of obstacles to, and taking positive measures for, such transfer,

bearing in mind the importance of ensuring justice, equality and mutual benefit in these sectors of international trade and economic relations for the promotion of accelerated economic growth of the developing countries of the region and for the amelioration of social problems in the region;

3. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to give special attention, in the formulation of the proposals, to action to meet the special needs of the least developed, land-locked, developing island and most seriously affected countries;

4. *Decides* that the regional input into the formulation of the new international development strategy should place adequate emphasis on the possibilities and development of co-operation among developing countries at the subregional, regional and interregional levels, so as to promote the attainment of the objectives of national and collective self-reliance of the developing countries of the region;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to maintain close contact with the ongoing negotiations on the formulation of the new international development strategy in the United Nations to ensure adequate and

timely reflection of the needs of the region in that process;

6. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to present a full report on the input from the region into the formulation of the new international development strategy to the Commission at its thirty-sixth session;

7. *Decides* to consider this question as a matter of priority at that session.

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200 (XXXV). Organization on human settlements at the regional level¹⁶

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements, in which, *inter alia*, the General Assembly recommended that the regional commissions should consider the establishment of regional intergovernmental committees on human settlements, comprising all members,

Recalling its resolution 184 (XXXIV) of 15 March 1978 on human settlements,

Noting that in its resolution 32/162 the General Assembly recommended the establishment of regional committees which should be responsible for policy formulation and programming and should report to the Commission on Human Settlements through the regional commissions,

Reiterating the need for a unified and integrated approach to economic and social development, and bearing in mind that most of the problems of human settlements are aspects of social development,

Conscious that the majority of the members and associate members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific are developing countries, which have serious and immense problems of human settlements,

Convinced of the need to give new impetus to activities for the solution of human settlements problems at the national, regional and global levels, and to improve the mechanism within the Commission for this purpose,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to give further consideration to the implementation of the recommendations in General Assembly resolution 32/162 concerning human settlements organization at the regional level and Commission resolution 184 (XXXIV) on human settlements and to prepare, in consultation with the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission, a comprehensive report on the best organizational set-up for the Commission to implement the above resolutions, including the question of the establishment of a separate intergovernmental committee on human settlements indicating, *inter alia*, the resources required as well as sources from which these could be obtained, for consideration by the Commission at its thirty-sixth session;

2. *Further requests* that in formulating his report the Executive Secretary should take into account General Assembly resolution 32/162, Commission resolution 184 (XXXIV) and the discussions on human settlements at the Commission's thirty-fifth session;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to take into account in his report the need to rationalize the conference structure of the Commission and to submit specific proposals to integrate within any new committee on human settlements all or part of the relevant functions of one or several of the committees existing at present;

4. *Recommends* that, pending finalization of that report, emphasis on human settlements should be consistent with other priorities set by the Commission;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to examine, in the light of General Assembly resolution 32/162, the adequacy of secretariat arrangements to meet growing requirements in the field of human settlements.

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201 (XXXV). Regional activities on the International Year of the Child, 1979¹⁷

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 31/169 of 21 December 1976, in which the General Assembly proclaimed the year 1979 International Year of the Child, and 32/109 of 15 December 1977, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, reaffirmed that the major focus of the International Year of the Child was at the national level, but that that should be supported by regional and international co-operation,

¹⁶ See paras. 523-528 and 842 above.

¹⁷ See para. 638 above.