

**212 (XXXVII). Review and appraisal of the implementation of the new International Development Strategy<sup>2</sup>**

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

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980 containing the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Urges* all Governments, in accordance with their national priorities and plans, to reflect appropriately the goals, objectives and policy measures of the International Development Strategy in their policy formulation;

2. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to present a report to the Commission at its thirty-eighth session:

(a) Elaborating regional and subregional strategies in the light of the Strategy as a matter of priority for consideration by the Commission;

(b) Proposing action programmes towards achieving the goals and objectives of the Strategy;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare as part of the regular activity of the Commission reviews of major aspects of development in different sectors identifying and appraising the progress towards, and factors which account for shortfalls in, the implementation of the Strategy, and to present the first of such reviews to the Commission at its thirty-ninth session.

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**213 (XXXVII). Unified approach to economic and social development and planning<sup>3</sup>**

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

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3409 (XXX) of 28 November 1975, in which, *inter alia*, the General Assembly endorsed the application of a unified approach to development analysis and planning in the regional commissions,

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly decisions 32/418 of 8 December 1977 and 34/419 of 29 November 1979 on a unified approach to development analysis and planning,

Recalling also the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade annexed to General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, particularly the provisions related to a unified approach to economic and social development,

<sup>2</sup> See paras. 250-251 above.

<sup>3</sup> See para. 326 above.

*Bearing in mind* that the Committee on Development Planning, at its third session, saw an increased role for the secretariat in activities related to development planning as a desirable outcome of the restructuring of activities and responsibilities within the worldwide United Nations system,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to pay appropriate attention to the need for adequate application of a unified approach to economic and social development and planning in the work of all divisions of the secretariat, especially in the priority areas of the programme of work of the Commission, in order to assist the developing countries of the region effectively in formulating and implementing their national development plans and programmes;

2. *Urges* the Governments of the Commission's members and associate members to co-operate actively with the Commission in facilitating an exchange of national experience in the field of economic and social planning, with particular emphasis on the problems of interest to the developing countries of Asia and the Pacific;

3. *Invites* the Executive Secretary, within the resources available to him, to take the appropriate measures to strengthen the activities of the Development Planning Division so as to enable effective implementation of its functions;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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**214 (XXXVII). United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries<sup>4</sup>**

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

*Deeply concerned* at the gravity of the deteriorating economic and social situation of the least developed countries, their continued critical lack of basic infrastructure and their dismal development during the past two decades, as well as their bleak development prospects in the 1980s,

Recalling resolution 122 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, by which it endorsed a Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in two phases, comprising an Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981) of greatly expanded assistance to provide an immediate boost to their economies and immediate support for projects for the provision of the most pressing needs and paving the way for much larger

<sup>4</sup> See paras. 427-428 above.

longer-term development efforts and a Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the least developed countries with the objective, *inter alia*, of transforming their economies towards self-sustained development,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolutions 34/210 of 19 December 1979, by which the Assembly endorsed the Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, and 35/205 of 16 December 1980 on the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980 containing the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

*Reaffirming* Commission resolution 204 (XXXVI) of 27 March 1980 on special measures in favour of the least developed countries,

*Deeply concerned* that, since the adoption of the Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981), very limited progress has been made towards its implementation,

*Recognizing* that primary responsibility for their development rests with the least developed countries themselves,

*Reaffirming* that there is an immediate need for a greatly expanded increase in the transfer of resources to meet the critical needs of the least developed countries and to help to promote their rapid and self-sustained socio-economic development,

*Emphasizing* the particular importance of the contribution that economic co-operation among developing countries can make, *inter alia*, to the development of the least developed countries among them,

1. *Calls upon* the international community and the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take all necessary measures to contribute to the success of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, which will, *inter alia*, finalize, adopt and support the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s called for in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. *Requests* the international community to take all necessary steps and measures and to accord due priority, in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, to the provisions relating to accelerated development of the least developed countries;

3. *Urges* all developed countries, developing countries in a position to do so, multilateral development institutions and other sources to take urgent steps to implement without any further delay, and

in any case before the end of 1981, the commitments undertaken in the Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981) contained in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

4. *Urges* donor countries and multilateral development institutions to allocate increased financial resources and technical assistance in support of activities aimed at major structural transformations in the least developed countries, taking into account the relative over-all performance of the donor countries;

5. *Also urges* donor countries to make equitable and all possible efforts with a view to doubling, at the earliest possible time within the first half of the 1980s, the flow of official development assistance to the least developed countries, in accordance with the commitments undertaken in paragraph 13 of resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and to give serious consideration to this end to the proposal that such a doubling should be in real terms, taking into account the relative performance of donor countries;

6. *Urges* all developed countries, developing countries in a position to do so, multilateral development institutions and other sources to extend substantial technical and/or financial assistance to the least developed countries for the survey, exploration and development of their energy resources;

7. *Urges* that special efforts be made to ensure and/or promote adequate markets for the exports of the least developed countries, in accordance with resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, taking into account the interests of other developing countries;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-eighth session on the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

9. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to focus his annual report to the Commission relating to the least developed countries of the ESCAP region in particular on progress in the implementation of the decisions of the Conference.

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## 215 (XXXVII). Charter of the Asian and Pacific Development Centre<sup>5</sup>

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

*Recalling* its resolution 191 (XXXV) of 14 March 1979, in which, *inter alia*, it decided that the Asian and

<sup>5</sup> See para. 789 above.