

twenty-sixth, twelfth special and twenty-seventh sessions,³⁵

Taking note of the Economic Declaration adopted by the Seventh Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at New Delhi from 7 to 12 March 1983,³⁶ and the proposals contained in the Buenos Aires Platform, adopted at the Fifth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Seventy-seven, held from 28 March to 9 April 1983,³⁷ as well as the intensive preparations at a high political level by other groups in this regard,

Considering that the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development took place against the background of the harmful effects of the world economic crisis, especially on the economic development of developing countries, and accordingly affirming the importance of achieving a sustained world economic recovery and ensuring a rapid expansion of international trade that is supportive of economic growth and development, in particular that of developing countries,

Recognizing the leading responsibility of developed countries in promoting conditions conducive to world recovery, the need for reviving development momentum in the developing countries and the need for sound policies in both developed and developing countries to restore sustainable development and growth,

Urging accordingly developed countries to take fully into account the international implications of their policy decisions, including their impact on developing countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its sixth session and the report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-sixth, twelfth special and twenty-seventh sessions;

2. *Notes with concern* that the Conference was unable to yield results commensurate with the dimension of the problems confronting the developing countries and the world economy as a whole;

3. *Further notes with concern* that the Trade and Development Board was unable, at its twenty-seventh session, to translate into a work programme and action resolutions and decisions of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its sixth session;

4. *Takes note* of resolutions 146 (VI), 147 (VI), 152 (VI) and 157 (VI) adopted on 2 July 1983 by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its sixth session;³⁸

5. *Endorses* all other resolutions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its sixth session;³⁸

6. *Urges* all Governments, bearing in mind the particular contribution developed countries can make, to exercise the necessary political will so as to enable the Trade and Development Board, at its twenty-eighth session, to reach agreement on the follow-up to the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and to ensure timely implementation of its results;

7. *Calls upon* all countries to exert every effort to adopt and implement the measures necessary for the revitalization of the development process in the developing countries and for dealing with structural problems in the global economy, and emphasizes the continuing important role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in this regard;

8. *Takes note* of the statement on the world economic situation with special emphasis on development: approaches to the current world economic crisis and perspectives for the 1980s, including issues, policies and measures relevant to the attainment of a new international economic order, adopted at the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;³⁸

9. *Calls upon* all countries to take appropriate action at the national and international levels on the resolutions of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its sixth session and on the immediate measures set out in paragraph 14 of the statement mentioned above;

10. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board, at its twenty-eighth session, and the subsidiary organs of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to take the appropriate necessary action on the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Conference at its sixth session;

11. *Invites* all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to respond positively to the requests addressed to them in the relevant parts of the resolutions of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its sixth session.

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38/156. Signature and ratification of the Agreement Establishing the Common Fund for Commodities

The General Assembly,

Recalling its 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, 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 also its resolutions 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and 37/211 of 20 December 1982 and resolution 153 (VI) adopted on 2 July 1983 by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its sixth session,³⁸

Noting with appreciation the offer made by the States members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, as well as by Norway and the European Economic Community, to pay the full capital subscriptions of the least developed countries and a number of other developing countries concerned,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General³⁹ on the status of the Agreement Establishing the Common Fund for Commodities,⁴⁰

Reiterating its concern at the slow rate of progress in the signing and ratification of the Agreement, and regretting that the Agreement did not enter into force on 30 September 1983.

1. *Reaffirms* its strong support for the Agreement Establishing the Common Fund for Commodities and for its early entry into force;

³⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/38/15).*

³⁶ A/38/132-S/15675 and Corr.1 and 2, annex, sect. III.

³⁷ *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Sixth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.II.D.6), annex VI.

³⁸ *Ibid.* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.II.D.6), part one, sect. A.

³⁹ A/38/487.

⁴⁰ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.II.D.8.

2. *Expresses the hope* that all States that have signed but not yet ratified, accepted or approved the Agreement will expedite the necessary action to that effect and strongly urges all States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify the Agreement without any further delay;

3. *Decides* to review the implementation of the present resolution at its thirty-ninth session.

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38/157. Long-term financial and institutional arrangements for the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development⁴¹ and General Assembly resolution 34/218 of 19 December 1979,

Also recalling its resolutions 36/183 of 17 December 1981 and 37/244 of 21 December 1982,

Taking into account the report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its fifth session,⁴² in particular decision 4 (V) of 20 June 1983 on the establishment of the long-term financial and institutional arrangements for the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development,⁴³

Noting with appreciation the support provided over the past four years by Governments to the Interim Fund and to the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development,

Concerned that it has not yet been possible to bring into full effect the provisions of resolution 37/244,

Noting that the informal open-ended meeting, called for by the Intergovernmental Committee in its decision 4 (V), indicates that a significant number of countries, developed and developing, are considering making financial contributions to the Financing System in an effort to attain the targets established by the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* that:

(a) The Secretary-General should be authorized to convene, in consultation with Governments, a pledging conference for the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development prior to the sixth session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development to enable interested Governments to announce their pledges for the first year and, if possible, to provide an indication of the amount they may contribute in the two following years;

(b) Thereafter, the Intergovernmental Committee will, at its sixth session, proceed to adopt decisions as required, including, if appropriate, the financing plan for the Financing System, and to elect the members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development, as decided by the General Assembly in resolution 37/244;

(c) In the meantime, the existing operating procedures of the present Financing System shall continue;

2. *Decides also* that the period up to the convening of the pledging conference should be fully utilized for all nec-

essary consultations to bring about the successful outcome of the pledging conference and the establishment of the long-term financial and institutional arrangements for the Financing System;

3. *Invites* those Governments that are prepared to do so to indicate to the Secretary-General the amount of their financial contributions to the Financing System at the earliest possible time;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to make all efforts to mobilize the support of Governments for the establishment of the long-term arrangements for the Financing System and appeals to all Governments to cooperate with the Secretary-General in this regard.

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38/158. Food problems

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, contained in its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, contained in its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Recalling the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition, as adopted by the World Food Conference,⁴⁴ and the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development,⁴⁵

Reaffirming its resolutions 37/245 on the situation of food and agriculture in Africa, 37/246 on an international year for the mobilization of financial and technological resources for food and agriculture in Africa and 37/247 on food problems, of 21 December 1982,

Recognizing the need for keeping food and agriculture issues at the centre of the global agenda,

Concerned that the achievement of the food and agriculture objectives of developing countries is being severely constrained by the world-wide economic recession and political environment, and that those countries are faced with depressed prices in commodity markets, sluggish demand, restricted access to markets, declining concessional flows in real terms and protectionist policies, coupled with the obligations of servicing a large international debt and with monetary market instability,

Expressing its deep concern at the fact that a substantial part of world resources, material as well as human, continues to be diverted to armaments, which has a detrimental effect on international security and on efforts to achieve the new international economic order, including the solution of food problems, and calling upon Governments to take effective measures in the field of real disarmament that would increase the possibilities of the allocation of the resources now being used for military purposes to economic and social development, especially development of

⁴¹ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, Vienna, 20-31 August 1979* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.I.21 and corrigenda), chap. VII.

⁴² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/38/37), part two.*

⁴³ *Ibid.*, annex, sect. B.

⁴⁴ *Report of the World Food Conference, Rome, 5-16 November 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), chap. I.

⁴⁵ See Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, Rome, 12-20 July 1979* (WCARRD/REP), part one.