

the new international economic order, without being a substitute for or an alternative to co-operation between developed and developing countries, and that the Caracas Programme of Action<sup>160</sup> adopted by the High-level Conference on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, held at Caracas from 13 to 19 May 1981, provides their basic framework for specific activities and arrangements in the field of economic co-operation among developing countries,

*Mindful* of the various resolutions adopted within the United Nations system in support of economic co-operation among developing countries and calling for appropriate action on them,

*Looking forward* to the cross-organizational programme analysis on economic co-operation among developing countries, to be considered by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-fifth session, and to the cross-organizational programme review of the activities of the United Nations system on the same subject, to be held at the second regular session of the Economic and Social Council in 1985,

1. *Urges* the organs and organizations of the United Nations system to provide and to intensify support and assistance, in accordance with their mandates, to economic co-operation among developing countries, giving due regard to the Caracas Programme of Action;

2. *Urges* the Secretary-General, giving due consideration to the conclusions emerging from the ongoing cross-organizational programme analysis, to pay careful attention to economic co-operation among developing countries in preparing his programme budget proposals for the biennium 1986-1987 and to include in his future performance reports on the programme budget specific information on the implementation of activities for economic co-operation among developing countries;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive heads of the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and of the specialized agencies, to keep the activities of the United Nations system in support of economic co-operation among developing countries under periodic review in the existing inter-agency machinery;

4. *Recommends* that the documentation being prepared for the cross-organizational programme review of medium-term plans in economic and technical co-operation among developing countries and for the cross-organizational programme analysis should be combined into one report so as to ensure an integrated approach to this area;

5. *Requests* the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to continue to intensify activities to support economic co-operation among developing countries at the subregional, regional and interregional levels and to include an assessment of progress made in their reports to the Economic and Social Council;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in view of its key role in the area of economic co-operation among developing countries, to continue to intensify activities in this area, in accordance with its mandate;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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### 39/217. Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee

*The General Assembly.*

*Recalling* its decision 38/429 of 19 December 1983, in which it decided to adopt, beginning at its fortieth session, a biennial programme of work for the Second Committee, apart from its general debate,

*Taking note* of Economic and Social Council decision 1984/182 of 27 July 1984, in which it recommended to the General Assembly for its consideration a number of suggestions relating to the biennial programme of work for the Second Committee, contained in the annex to that decision,

1. *Decides* that the Second Committee, in drawing up its biennial programmes of work, should:

(a) Endeavour to adopt a biennial cycle of consideration of reports submitted to it, with the exception of those reports which are specifically mandated to be considered annually, once every three years or more, or on an *ad hoc* basis;

(b) Consider all reports of standing intergovernmental bodies on a biennial basis, except the reports of the Economic and Social Council, the Trade and Development Board and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;

(c) Consider, in principle, all recurrent Secretariat reports on a biennial basis, except the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on operational activities for development;

2. *Decides* to approve, in principle, annex I to the present resolution as the basis for the formulation of the biennial programme of work for the Second Committee and to review it periodically;

3. *Decides* that all requests for Secretariat reports to be submitted to the Second Committee should henceforth conform to the biennial programme of work, except where the urgency of the subject-matter requires otherwise;

4. *Requests* intergovernmental bodies reporting to the Second Committee to adjust their cycle of meetings to conform to the biennial programme of work;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Second Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work, taking into account relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly of that year;

6. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, in discharging its responsibilities in preparing the work of the General Assembly in the economic, social and related fields, to take fully into account the approved programme of work for the Second Committee of the General Assembly in formulating its own biennial programme of work and in this context:

(a) To concentrate, in its consideration of reports of intergovernmental bodies submitted through it to the General Assembly, on the co-ordination aspect of the work of those bodies in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations;

(b) To consider undertaking an in-depth review of the reports of intergovernmental bodies which the General Assembly does not consider directly in a given year and to submit substantive recommendations thereon to the Assembly for consideration and action;

(c) To consider reviewing those reports of intergovernmental bodies which the General Assembly considers

<sup>160</sup> A/36/333 and Corr.1, annex.

directly in a given year but not to consider draft proposals on them, except specific recommendations contained in the reports which require action by the Council and proposals that concern matters relating to the co-ordination aspect of the work of those bodies;

(d) To transmit in some cases, as it deems appropriate, certain reports directly to the General Assembly without debate;

7. *Decides* to approve the biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1985-1986 contained in annex II to the present resolution.

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#### ANNEX I

##### Programme of work for the Second Committee

###### A. Annual consideration

1. General debate
2. Development and international economic co-operation
3. Report of the Economic and Social Council
4. Report of the Trade and Development Board
5. Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on operational activities for development of the United Nations system
6. Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

###### B. Biennial consideration in odd years

1. Environment
2. Human settlements
3. Science and technology for development
4. Economic and technical co-operation among developing countries
5. Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries
6. Effective mobilization and integration of women in development
7. Technical co-operation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General
8. United Nations Capital Development Fund
9. United Nations Volunteers programme
10. Special programmes of economic assistance<sup>161</sup>

###### C. Biennial consideration in even years

1. Industrialization
2. Food problems
3. New and renewable sources of energy
4. Development of the energy resources of developing countries
5. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator
6. World Food Programme
7. United Nations Fund for Population Activities
8. United Nations Children's Fund
9. United Nations Institute for Training and Research
10. United Nations University
11. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region
12. Special programmes of economic assistance<sup>161</sup>

<sup>161</sup> Upon a request of the General Assembly that a special programme of economic assistance be organized for a specific country, the Secretary-General arranges for a mission to that country and submits an individual report to the Assembly at its following session. Thereafter, the periodicity of review missions and individual reports is at the discretion of the country concerned. As a general rule, individual reports would be submitted every two years on the basis of a review mission. In alternate years, reporting to the Assembly is based on information provided by the Government concerned, which is included in a report covering a number of countries.

<sup>162</sup> The Second Committee should consider this item every three years, and the cycle of its consideration should correspond to that of the proposed medium-term plan by the General Assembly.

###### D. Consideration as required or at longer intervals

1. Review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade
2. Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States
3. Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system<sup>162</sup>
4. United Nations Special Fund
5. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration
6. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries
7. Unified approach to development analysis and planning
8. Long-term trends in economic development
9. Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries
10. Role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries

#### ANNEX II

##### Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1985-1986<sup>163</sup>

###### 1985

###### Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council<sup>164</sup>

- (a) *Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories
  - (b) *Assistance to the Palestinian people*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people  
Report of the Secretary-General on economic development projects in the occupied Palestinian territories
  - (c) *Transport and Communications Decade in Africa*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa
  - (d) *Critical situation of food and agriculture in Africa*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the critical situation of food and agriculture in Africa
  - (e) *Industrial Development Decade for Africa*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa
  - (f) *Countries stricken by desertification and drought*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on countries stricken by desertification and drought
  - (g) *Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1987-1988*
  - (h) *Code of conduct on transnational corporations*  
Documentation Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its reconvened special session
  - (i) *World Tourism Organization*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization on the implementation of the Manila Declaration and the Acapulco Document on World Tourism
- Item 2. *Development and international economic co-operation*<sup>165</sup>  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation in the fields of money, finance, debt

<sup>163</sup> The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

<sup>164</sup> The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized only after the Economic and Social Council completes its work each year.

<sup>165</sup> Under this item the Second Committee will also have before it the reports of the Industrial Development Board and the World Food Council. The Committee may wish to decide not to consider draft proposals on these reports, except specific proposals requiring action by the General Assembly contained in the reports of these bodies or in the report of the Economic and Social Council.

- and resource flows, including development assistance and trade, with special attention to the interests of developing countries
- (a) *International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on immediate measures in favour of developing countries
- (b) *Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States*  
Documentation Report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Whole to Review the Implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States
- (c) *Trade and development*  
Documentation Report of the Trade and Development Board  
Report of the Secretary-General on the development aspects of the reverse transfer of technology  
Report of the Secretary-General on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries
- (d) *Science and technology for development*  
Documentation Report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development
- (e) *Economic and technical co-operation among developing countries*  
Documentation Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries  
Report of the Secretary-General on activities of the United Nations system in support of economic co-operation among developing countries
- (f) *Environment*  
Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme  
Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification  
Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region  
Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment  
Report of the Secretary-General on remnants of war
- (g) *Human settlements*  
Documentation Report of the Commission on Human Settlements  
Report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories  
Report of the Secretary-General on the co-ordination of human settlements programmes within the United Nations system
- (h) *Effective mobilization and integration of women in development*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the world survey on the role of women in overall development
- (i) *Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action
- (j) *New international human order: moral aspects of development*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 38/170
- (k) *Long-term trends in economic development*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000
- (l) *Immediate measures in favour of the developing countries*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on immediate measures in favour of developing countries
- (m) *New and renewable sources of energy*<sup>166</sup>  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy
- (n) *Development of the energy resources of developing countries*<sup>166</sup>  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the development of the energy resources of developing countries
- Item 3. *Operational activities for development*
- (a) *Operational activities of the United Nations system*  
Documentation Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the operational activities of the United Nations system  
Report of the Secretary-General on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries
- (b) *United Nations Development Programme*  
Documentation Relevant chapters of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme
- (c) *United Nations Capital Development Fund*  
Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme
- (d) *United Nations technical co-operation activities*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities  
Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme
- (e) *United Nations Volunteers programme*  
Documentation Relevant chapters of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme
- (f) *Liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and allocation of the remaining balance*
- Item 4. *United Nations Institute for Training and Research*<sup>166</sup>  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the future programmes and needs of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research
- Item 5. *Special programmes of economic assistance*  
Documentation Reports of the Secretary-General on individual countries  
Report of the Secretary-General presenting summary reports on countries with no separate individual reports in that year

1986<sup>167</sup>Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*<sup>164</sup>

- (a) *Population and development*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on action taken on the recommendations of the International Conference on Population for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action
- (b) *Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994
- (c) *Confidence-building in international economic relations*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on confidence-building in international economic relations

<sup>166</sup> Sub-items 2 (m) and (n) and item 4 are included, as an exception, for 1985 in the light of requests contained in resolutions 39/173, 39/176 and 39/177 for reports of the Secretary-General

<sup>167</sup> The programme of work and documentation list for 1986 will be updated in 1985, taking into account relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

- (d) *Protection against products harmful to health and the environment*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on protection against products harmful to health and the environment
- Item 2. *Development and international economic co-operation*<sup>168</sup>
- (a) *Trade and development*  
Documentation Report of the Trade and Development Board  
Report of the Secretary-General on special measures in favour of island developing countries
- (b) *Industrialization*  
Documentation Report of the Industrial Development Board  
Report of the Secretary-General on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa
- (c) *Food problems*  
Documentation Report of the World Food Council  
Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of food and agriculture in Africa
- (d) *New and renewable sources of energy*  
Documentation Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy
- (e) *Development of the energy resources of developing countries*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the development of the energy resources of developing countries
- Item 3. *Operational activities for development*
- (a) *Operational activities of the United Nations system*  
Documentation Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on a comprehensive policy review of the operational activities of the United Nations system
- (b) *United Nations Development Programme*  
Documentation Relevant chapters of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme
- (c) *United Nations Fund for Population Activities*  
Documentation Relevant chapters of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme  
Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund
- (d) *United Nations Children's Fund*  
Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council
- (e) *World Food Programme*  
Item 4. *Training and research*
- (a) *United Nations Institute for Training and Research*  
Documentation Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research
- (b) *United Nations University*  
Documentation Report of the Council of the United Nations University
- (c) *Unified approach to development analysis and planning*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on a unified approach to development analysis and planning
- Item 5. *Special economic and disaster relief assistance*
- (a) *Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator
- (b) *Special programmes of economic assistance*

- Documentation Reports of the Secretary-General on individual countries  
Report of the Secretary-General presenting summary reports on countries with no separate individual reports in that year
- (c) *Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region*  
Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

### 39/218. Development and international economic co-operation

*The General Assembly.*

*Emphasizing* the vital importance of issues related to money, finance, debt, resource flows and trade for development, prosperity and good relations among peoples and the urgency of measures to promote wider co-operation among nations on these issues,

*Emphasizing also* the need for consistency between the international trade, monetary and financing systems and policies,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and to ascertain their specific views on expanding international co-operation in the fields of money, finance, debt and resource flows, including development assistance and trade, with special attention to the interests of the developing countries, taking into account the effects of the economic crisis on their economic and social development;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to seek the views of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, as well as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, on enhancing their effectiveness to support in every respect the actions taken by States to strengthen international co-operation in these areas.

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report based on the outcome of the consultations in relation to the issues referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above to be circulated to Governments not later than the first quarter of 1985 and to be updated subsequently, as appropriate, for submission to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

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### 39/219. Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries<sup>169</sup>

*The General Assembly.*

*Referring* to its resolutions 33/135 of 19 December 1978, 35/80 of 5 December 1980 and 37/228 of 20 December 1982 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

*Referring also* to its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the

<sup>168</sup> Under this item the Second Committee will also have before it the reports of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development and the Commission on Human Settlements. The Second Committee may wish to decide not to consider draft proposals on these

reports, except specific recommendations requiring action by the General Assembly contained in the reports of these bodies or in the report of the Economic and Social Council.

<sup>169</sup> See also sect. X B.4, decision 39/439, para. (b).