

mary commodities, in accordance with the mandate of the Conference;

4. *Decides* to review at its forty-second session the relevant outcome of the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and to give impetus to follow-up action in the field of commodities.

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**41/169. Seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, as amended,<sup>16</sup> on the establishment of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as an organ of the General Assembly, and 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 resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and its decision 40/438 of 17 December 1985 concerning the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Strategy,

*Recalling further* its resolutions 38/155 of 19 December 1983 on the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its sixth session, and 40/189 of 17 December 1985,

*Having considered* Trade and Development Board decision 341 (XXXIII) of 3 October 1986, as adopted,<sup>15</sup> on the provisional agenda, place, date and duration of the seventh session of the Conference, and noting the recommendation contained in that decision to accord priority to the seventh session of the Conference in relation to other United Nations activities at Geneva,

1. *Notes* the adoption by the Trade and Development Board, in its decision 341 (XXXIII), of the provisional agenda for the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the related understandings reached;

2. *Decides* to convene the seventh session of the Conference at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 9 to 31 July 1987, the final week to be devoted to the conclusion of the work of the session at the ministerial level;

3. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board to undertake the necessary intergovernmental preparations for the Conference and, at the second part of its thirty-third session, to agree on organizational arrangements for the Conference that will encourage ministerial participation, particularly in the conclusion of its work;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary facilities and resources are allocated so that adequate substantive preparations and logistic arrangements may be made for the seventh session of the Conference;

5. *Calls upon* all States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue and intensify, through consultations among themselves, their preparations for the seventh session of the Conference, with a view to ensuring that the session makes a significant

contribution to multilateral action for the revitalization of development, growth and international trade;

6. *Notes* the desire of the Group of Latin American States to hold the eighth session of the Conference in one of the countries of Latin America, on the understanding that the final decision on the venue would be taken at the appropriate time, and notes the interest of the Government of Cuba in acting as host to the eighth session of the Conference.

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**41/170. Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 36/193 of 17 December 1981, 37/250 of 21 December 1982, 38/169 of 19 December 1983 and 39/173 of 17 December 1984,

*Stressing* that, while recent changes in the energy sector may have had a significant impact on the cost-effectiveness of some forms of new and renewable sources of energy, the importance of their continued development and efficient utilization is not diminished,

*Taking into account* the fact that new and renewable sources of energy constitute a significant share of world energy supplies, in particular in developing countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its third session<sup>17</sup> and endorses the resolutions and decision contained therein;

2. *Reaffirms* the significance and importance of the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy<sup>18</sup> as the basic framework for action by the international community and the United Nations system in that field;

3. *Expresses concern* at the slow rate of implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action, and invites all Governments and the appropriate international financial institutions, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and organs and bodies of the United Nations system to continue their support and intensify their efforts towards the accelerated and comprehensive implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action, and, to this end, stresses the importance of increasing inter-agency co-ordination within the United Nations system as well as co-ordination of development activities for new and renewable sources of energy at all levels;

4. *Recommends*, in that regard, that the effective implementation of the proposals put forward by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination<sup>19</sup> be pursued and calls for the preparation of a set of updated or new proposals, within the framework of the Nairobi Programme of Action, for the consideration of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy at its fourth session, taking into account technological innovations as well as the conclusions and recommendations of technical panels and expert group meetings in that field, in order to help identify areas in which activities should be undertaken;

<sup>17</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 44 (A/41/44).*

<sup>18</sup> *Report of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, Nairobi, 10-21 August 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.I.24), chap. I, sect. A.*

<sup>19</sup> *Sec A/AC.215/5.*

<sup>16</sup> See resolutions 2904 (XXVII), 31/2 A and B and 34/3.

5. *Endorses* resolution 1 (III) of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy,<sup>20</sup> in which it decided to adopt a substance-oriented approach that would enable it, at each of its sessions, to give depth to its deliberations by placing one or two specific themes on the agenda, within the scope of its mandate, and calls for the increasing participation of experts at future sessions of the Committee and a more effective exchange of information on technology and experience regarding the development of new and renewable sources of energy;

6. *Reiterates* the need to utilize fully existing channels, including the United Nations Trust Fund for New and Renewable Sources of Energy, and actively to pursue ways and means of mobilizing adequate additional financial resources, commensurate with the needs of developing countries in the field of new and renewable sources of energy, and, in this connection, *inter alia*, emphasizes the importance of positive measures for promoting investment in the development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy in accordance with national laws, regulations, plans and priorities, and invites the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to intensify its efforts to attract additional voluntary contributions to the Energy Account of the Programme to enable it to expand its activities in responding to the needs of the developing countries for the development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy;

7. *Invites* the appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to provide assistance to developing countries, upon request and within the context of their national policies, in identifying specific and viable projects in the areas of their most pressing needs and in strengthening their national frameworks for new and renewable sources of energy;

8. *Urges* that greater attention be given to the development of new and renewable sources of energy for the rural sector and to their integration into the overall rural economy, bearing in mind the depletion of the fuelwood supply taking place in many regions of the world;

9. *Invites* the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy, at its fourth session, to review its working methods so as to ensure further improvement in the fulfilment of its mandate;

10. *Invites* all the organizations of the United Nations system concerned to take the necessary steps to contribute effectively to the preparation, convening and follow-up of consultative meetings at the national, subregional, regional and global levels for the appraisal of projects and the mobilization of additional financial resources for the implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action;

11. *Also invites* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in particular its Inter-Agency Group on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, and the appropriate intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations to take into account in their future work the relevant content of paragraphs 218 to 223 of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 44 (A/41/44)*, annex.

<sup>21</sup> See *Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

## 41/171. Operational activities for development

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the parts of the report of the Economic and Social Council for the year 1986 that concern the policy review of operational activities for development,<sup>22</sup>

*Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/74 of 23 July 1986, entitled "Policy review of operational activities for development", the text of which is annexed to the present resolution.

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### ANNEX

#### Policy review of operational activities for development

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*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, 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* General Assembly resolutions 38/171 of 19 December 1983 and 40/211 of 17 December 1985,

*Appreciating* the overall impact of operational activities for development, which have become an established and important dimension of the development efforts of the organizations of the United Nations system,

*Reaffirming* that the primary objective of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system is to promote the economic self-reliance of developing countries through multilateral co-operation and, in this context, emphasizing the need to maintain the multilateral character of the operational activities of the United Nations system and for all Governments to enhance their commitment in this regard,

*Stressing* the urgent need to strengthen multilateral co-operation for development through, *inter alia*, increased voluntary contributions to the operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

*Reaffirming* the exclusive responsibility of the Government of the recipient country in formulating its national development plan, priorities and objectives, as set out in the consensus contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, and emphasizing that the integration of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system with national programmes would enhance the impact and relevance of those activities,

*Reaffirming* that economic and technical co-operation among developing countries should be a significant dimension of all operational activities for development, as a key element in the strategy of collective self-reliance and an essential instrument to promote changes contributing to a balanced and equitable process of global economic development,

*Emphasizing* the need to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system in supporting the efforts of developing countries,

*Emphasizing also* the urgency for the United Nations system to respond in an effective and coherent manner to the increasing requirements for external assistance and, in this context, reaffirming the need for new and purposeful efforts at all levels to improve the provision, utilization, administration and co-ordination of development assistance,

*Aware* that a substantial part of world resources, material as well as human, continues to be diverted to armaments, with a detrimental effect on international security and on bilateral and multilateral co-operation, including the operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

<sup>22</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Supplement No. 3 (A/41/3)*, chap. VI, sect. B.