

able discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade and that, in this respect, unilateral actions to deal with environmental challenges outside the jurisdiction of the importing country should be avoided;

16. *Requests* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue its special role in the field of trade and environment, including policy analysis, conceptual work and consensus-building, with a view to ensuring transparency and coherence in making environmental and trade policies mutually supportive, and taking into account the work being done by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and other competent international and regional economic institutions;

17. *Invites* the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and requests the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in accordance with their respective mandates and competencies and in close cooperation with other competent United Nations bodies and the regional commissions, to address trade and environmental matters comprehensively, and to submit, through the Commission on Sustainable Development, a report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994.

*75th plenary meeting  
10 December 1993*

**48/164. Follow-up to the report of the South Commission**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 46/155 of 19 December 1991, in which it recognized the relevance of the report entitled *The Challenge to the South: The Report of the South Commission*<sup>15</sup> in addressing the issues of interest to the South in the 1990s, especially the North-South dialogue, trade, finance, technology, regional cooperation and integration among developing countries,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on developments pertaining to the implementation of the recommendations of the report of the South Commission,<sup>16</sup> in which he proposed a comprehensive approach to the questions of South-South cooperation,

*Welcoming* the support given by the United Nations Development Programme in distributing copies of the report of the South Commission in developing countries,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to draw upon the discussions and conclusions in the report in elaborating an agenda for development;

2. *Considers* that a comprehensive and systematic overview and analysis of South-South cooperation worldwide is required to stimulate intergovernmental debate, decisions and actions, as appropriate, within the United Nations system and to promote such cooperation within and between regions of the South, and globally;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report entitled "State of South-South cooperation", containing quantitative data and indicators on all aspects of South-South cooperation and prepared with the help of all relevant organizations of the United Nations, in particular the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

4. *Calls upon* all organs, organizations and agencies of the United Nations system, in particular the regional commissions and subregional organizations, to provide analytical and empirical materials for the preparation of the report;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit his report on the state of South-South cooperation to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session, at which time the Assembly will decide on the need for further reports on the matter.

*86th plenary meeting  
21 December 1993*

**48/165. Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership**

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the validity of the objectives and commitments with regard to development adopted by the General Assembly and other United Nations bodies, especially the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,<sup>2</sup> the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,<sup>3</sup> the Declaration on the Right to Development,<sup>17</sup> the United Nations ew genda for the evelopment of Africa in the 1990s,<sup>4</sup> the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s,<sup>5</sup> the Cartagena Commitment,<sup>6</sup> the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development<sup>18</sup> and Agenda 21,<sup>7</sup> which provide an overall framework for furthering international economic cooperation for development,

*Noting* the ongoing work of the Secretary-General in the preparation of a report on an agenda for development, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/181 of 22 December 1992.

*Recognizing* the trends towards regional cooperation and integration, interdependence of nations and the globalization of economic issues and problems,

*Convinced* that universal peace, security and prosperity cannot be fully achieved in the absence of economic and social development and improvements in international economic relations,

*Bearing in mind* the interlinkages between economic problems and between the economic and social aspects of development, and aware that among the most compelling challenges facing the world community are the acceleration of development, the eradication of poverty, and the need to address disparities among countries and to forge genuine international economic cooperation and partnership for development,

*Reaffirming* that the United Nations has a central role to play in promoting international cooperation for development and in bringing development issues to the attention of the international community,

*Noting* the role of the Secretary-General in encouraging all countries to engage in a constructive dialogue for advancing development and in facilitating their efforts in that regard,

*Convinced* that the commitment to cooperation and partnership for development, which has been evolving in various forums in recent years, constitutes a good foundation from which to advance and promote international economic cooperation for development, the commitment to which has been clearly manifested in several documents, especially the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, the Declaration on the Right to Development, the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, the Cartagena Commitment, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and Agenda 21,

*Also convinced* of the importance of continuing to build upon the spirit of cooperation and partnership for development through constructive dialogue among all countries, in particular between the developed and developing countries, for the purpose of promoting an international economic environment conducive to sustainable development,

1. *Reaffirms* the need to strengthen constructive dialogue and partnership in order to promote further international economic cooperation for development;

2. *Also reaffirms* that such a dialogue should be conducted in response to the imperatives of mutual interests and benefits, genuine interdependence, shared responsibilities and the partnership for sustainable development as established at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, and that the United Nations system should play a central role in facilitating such a dialogue;

3. *Further reaffirms* that the United Nations has a central role to play in promoting international cooperation for development and in bringing development issues to the attention of the international community;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session an analysis and recommendations on ways and means to promote such a dialogue, reflecting the ongoing work on an agenda for development and taking into account the progress achieved in fulfilment of the commitment referred to in the eighth preambular paragraph above.

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**48/166. An agenda for development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 47/181 of 22 December 1992,

*Convinced* of the need to elaborate a framework to promote international consensus in the field of development,

*Committed* to strengthening the effectiveness of the United Nations in the economic and social sectors, and recognizing, in this respect, the need to revive the role of the United Nations in fostering and promoting international cooperation for economic and social development,

*Taking note* of the views expressed by States on an agenda for development,

*Welcoming* the intention of the Secretary-General to issue in the early months of 1994 the report requested in its resolution 47/181,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the note by the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/181;<sup>19</sup>

2. *Decides* that the intergovernmental discussions to consider an agenda for development and the reports of the Secretary-General thereon should be held at the substantive session of 1994 of the Economic and Social Council and at the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly to promote, as early as possible in 1994, in an open-ended format, broad-based discussions and an exchange of views on an agenda for development, on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General requested in its resolution 47/181;

4. *Also invites* the President of the General Assembly, in order to ensure the broad-based nature of those discussions, to invite relevant programmes, funds and agencies of the United Nations system, relevant multilateral institutions and other relevant organizations, including scientific and academic institutions, to participate fully in or present their views during those discussions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session further recommendations, as appropriate, to follow up his report on an agenda for development, taking into account the views expressed during the substantive session of 1994 of the Economic and Social Council, as well as the views expressed during the discussions promoted by the President of the General Assembly and summarized under his own responsibility;

6. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council, at its organizational session for 1994, consider "An agenda for development" as a possible topic for the high-level segment of its substantive session of 1994;

7. *Decides* to hold special plenary meetings at a high level, at its forty-ninth session, to consider ways of promoting and giving political impetus to an agenda for development;

8. *Also decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session an item entitled "An agenda for development".

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