

ticular the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to make all necessary efforts to ensure that the mid-term review and appraisal is prepared and carried out in a co-ordinated and comprehensive manner covering all sectors of economic and social development, and to co-operate with the Secretary-General and with the Economic and Social Council in the review of the machinery for over-all review and appraisal, as mentioned in paragraph 3 above;

6. *Requests* the regional economic commissions to continue and intensify their efforts, in conformity with paragraph 81 of the International Development Strategy, in the preparation and carrying out of the mid-term review and appraisal at the regional level;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation in particular with the United Nations Development Programme and the regional economic commissions, to take all possible steps to increase the assistance which developing countries may need and request for strengthening their planning and evaluation machinery and procedures, which would also facilitate the mid-term review and appraisal at the country level;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify and stimulate efforts to mobilize public opinion in all countries, in particular the developed countries, in support of the objectives and policies for the Second United Nations Development Decade in the interest of the world community as a whole.

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3179 (XXVIII). Quantification of scientific and technological activities related to development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the recommendation contained in chapter IX of the report of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its first session⁸⁵ for the revision of paragraphs 60, 61 and 63 of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,⁸⁶ and the decision adopted on the subject by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fifth session,⁸⁷

Recalling further that in paragraph 63 of the International Development Strategy the General Assembly specifically recommended that, at the time of the first biennial review, consideration be given to the setting of quantitative targets for direct support by developed countries of the efforts of developing countries in the field of science and technology, in terms of a percentage of both the gross national product of the developed countries and their own research and development programmes,

Considering the importance of defining targets for the effective implementation of assistance programmes in the field of science and technology on levels compatible with the development requirements of the developing countries during the Second United Nations Development Decade,

⁸⁵ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5272 and Add.1/Rev.1 and E/5272/Add.2), para. 120.

⁸⁶ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

⁸⁷ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 1 (E/5400), p. 16.

Bearing in mind that the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Quantification of Scientific and Technological Activities related to Development, owing to its late convening, was not able to produce its report in time for consideration by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fifth session and by the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session,

1. *Decides* to request the Economic and Social Council to instruct the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to give priority at its second session to the consideration of the subject of quantitative targets in the field of science and technology to enable the Council to consider the subject at its fifty-seventh session and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session;

2. *Further decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-ninth session an item entitled "Quantification of scientific and technological activities related to development, including the definition of the quantitative targets contemplated in paragraph 63 of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade".

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3180 (XXVIII). World Food Conference

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the principal task of a world food conference, on which the greatest effort should be concentrated, consists in developing ways and means whereby the international community as a whole could take specific action to resolve the world food problem within the broader context of development and international economic co-operation,

Believing that a world food conference would provide members with a forum in which to bring about the improvement of world food security and emergency assistance,

Recognizing that the conference should, in the first instance, place emphasis on additional measures for increasing the food production, consumption and trade of developing countries,

Recalling that the Fourth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Algiers from 5 to 9 September 1973, called for the convening, as a matter of urgency, of a conference on food problems at the ministerial level, sponsored jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,⁸⁸ and further recalling the proposal of the United States of America for the convocation of a world food conference under the auspices of the United Nations,⁸⁹

1. *Decides* to convene a World Food Conference under the auspices of the United Nations for about two weeks, in November 1974, in Rome;

2. *Recommends* that the Conference be an inter-governmental conference at the ministerial level;

3. *Entrusts* the Economic and Social Council with over-all responsibility for the Conference;

⁸⁸ A/9330 and Corr.1, p. 99.

⁸⁹ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes, agenda item 105, document A/9194.

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after consultation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to appoint as soon as possible a Secretary-General of the Conference and to set up a small Conference secretariat drawing particularly upon the expertise and competence of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other relevant bodies of the United Nations system;

5. *Recommends* that, in preparing for the World Food Conference, proper account be taken of the recommendations of the seventeenth Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and of the recommendations made by legislative

bodies of other organizations in the United Nations system concerning the goals and objectives of the Conference, as requested by the Economic and Social Council in its decision of 18 October 1973;⁹⁰

6. *Invites* all the competent organizations of the United Nations system to collaborate closely in the organization of the Conference;

7. *Accepts with appreciation* the invitation of the Government of Italy to act as host to the Conference in Rome.

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⁹⁰ See *Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 1A (E/5400/Add.1)*, p. 3.

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Other decisions

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(Item 12)

At its 2203rd plenary meeting, on 17 December 1973, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee:⁹¹

(a) Decided to defer until its twenty-ninth session further consideration of the draft resolution entitled "Measures to improve the organization of the work of the Council", recommended by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1622 (LI) of 30 July 1971, and the amendments submitted thereto during the consideration of the draft resolution by the Second Committee,⁹² with a view to taking a decision at that session;

(b) Decided, in view of the request for triennial reports from the Protein Advisory Group, contained in paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1728 A (LIII) of 28 July 1972, that separate reports of the Secretary-General on the progress being made towards the solution of the protein problem, as requested in paragraph 6 of its resolution 2416 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968, should no longer be required, on the understanding that the present decision would not preclude the Secretary-General from issuing a covering note to those triennial reports incorporating a statement on the protein problem, so as to permit him to highlight his particular concerns in a distinctive manner;

(c) Decided to defer until its twenty-ninth session consideration of the question of the outflow of trained personnel from the developing to the developed countries, following examination of that question by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its second session;

(d) Took note of the *World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development*⁹³ as a means of strengthening the scientific and technological components in international co-operation and in national development plans;

(e) Took note of the report on the economic and social consequences of disarmament⁹⁴ prepared by the Secretary-General in pursuance of General Assembly resolutions 2685 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and 2171 (XXI) of 6 December 1966;

(f) Took note of the report on the problem of mass poverty and unemployment in developing countries⁹⁵ prepared by the Secretary-General in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 3018 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972.

⁹¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes, agenda item 12, document A/9400, para. 64.

⁹² See A/C.2/280.

⁹³ United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.II.A.18.

⁹⁴ E/5243 and Add.1/Rev.1.

⁹⁵ E/5343 and Corr.1 and E/5343/Add.1.