

1423 (XIV). International measures to assist in offsetting fluctuations in commodity prices

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1324 (XIII) of 12 December 1958 and Economic and Social Council resolution 726 (XXVIII) of 24 July 1959,

Bearing in mind the responsibilities laid upon Member States by the Preamble, by Article 1, paragraph 3, by Article 13, paragraph 1, and by Article 55 of the Charter of the United Nations to promote international co-operation in the economic field, higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress,

Taking into account the harmful potentialities of the widening gap between the levels of *per caput* income in developed and under-developed countries,

Having examined the report of the Economic and Social Council on international commodity problems⁵ and the report of the Commission on International Commodity Trade on its seventh session,⁶ particularly paragraph 62 thereof relating to compensatory financing,

Commending the work programme drawn up by the Commission on International Commodity Trade at its seventh session and approved by the Economic and Social Council,

Considering the necessity of devising means to combat large fluctuations in commodity prices when accompanied by a general fall in the price levels of primary commodities and the rising price levels of manufactured goods, and the resulting decline in the terms of trade against the under-developed countries,

Considering that such fluctuations hamper world trade,

Considering further the repercussions of adverse trade balances on the capacity of the under-developed countries to contribute to their own development,

Recognizing the imperative necessity of urgent and effective measures to enable the under-developed countries to initiate and sustain their development programmes at adequate levels,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to appoint a group of not more than seven experts to assist the Commission on International Commodity Trade in its consideration of commodity problems by examining the feasibility of establishing machinery, within the framework of the United Nations, designed to assist in offsetting the effects of large fluctuations in commodity prices on balances of payments, with special reference to compensatory financing, and to submit its report and recommendations to the Commission on International Commodity Trade by its ninth session, and requests the Economic and Social Council to comment on and transmit this report to the General Assembly;

2. Further requests the Secretary-General to invite the International Monetary Fund and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to participate in the work of the group of experts in a consultative capacity.

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⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/4143), chapter II, section II.

⁶ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/3225).

1424 (XIV). United Nations capital development fund

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the determination expressed in the Preamble of the Charter of the United Nations to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom and to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

Considering the economic development of the under-developed countries as an essential condition for promoting world peace, stability and prosperity,

Mindful that the general problem of the economic development of the under-developed countries concerns, and is of paramount importance to, both developed and under-developed countries,

Considering the importance of using United Nations machinery for financially assisting the acceleration of the economic development of the under-developed countries, especially in the field of their economic and social infrastructure, which is basic to the substantial expansion of production and to the growth of their economies,

Recognizing that the flow of international capital and assistance has not been commensurate with the magnitude, diversity and urgency of the needs of the under-developed countries,

Believing that improved economic conditions of highly developed countries will make it possible for them to provide an additional contribution towards accelerating the economic development of under-developed countries,

Bearing in mind the previous resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council on the establishment of a United Nations capital development fund for financing the economic development of the under-developed countries,

1. Calls upon Member States to give further consideration to General Assembly resolutions 1317 (XIII) of 12 December 1958 and 1219 (XII), section III, of 14 December 1957 and Economic and Social Council resolution 740 (XXVIII) of 31 July 1959, and to reappraise their positions as regards extending material support for the early establishment of a United Nations capital development fund;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to examine, in consultation with the Government of Member States, ways and means of making further progress towards the early establishment of a United Nations capital development fund;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to report on this matter to the Economic and Social Council at its thirtieth session and to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session.

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1425 (XIV). Possibilities of international co-operation in the field of the development of the petroleum industry in the under-developed countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1319 (XIII) of 12 December 1958 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 711 B (XXVII) of 17 April 1959 and 740 B (XXVIII) of 31 July 1959,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 626 (VII) of 21 December 1952, which recognized the