

2091 (XX). Transfer of technology to developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1713 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 on the role of patents in the transfer of technology to the developing countries,

Having considered the recommendations contained in annex A.IV.26 of the Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,³⁷

Noting with appreciation the reports of the Secretary-General on the role of patents in the transfer of technology to developing countries³⁸ and on enterprise-to-enterprise arrangements for the supply of financial, managerial and technological needs of developing countries,³⁹

Noting the request made by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1013 (XXXVII) of 27 July 1964 for appropriate action in the light of the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Reaffirming that access to patented and unpatented technological and managerial know-how is essential to the economic development and industrialization of developing countries,

Considering that the existing international agreements and practices may not deal adequately with the problems arising in connexion with the transfer of technological know-how,

Considering further that such transfer should be encouraged by appropriate measures on the part of developed and developing countries,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in annex A.IV.26 of the Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and in Economic and Social Council resolution 1013 (XXXVII);

2. *Welcomes* the initiative taken by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development in including in its work programme the subject "Arrangements between enterprises (public and private) for the transfer of patented and unpatented technology";

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, keeping in mind the work of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, the Committee for Industrial Development, the Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade of the Trade and Development Board, and in consultation with interested regional and international organizations, to continue his studies of:

(a) The adequacy of existing national and international practices for the transfer of patented and unpatented technology to developing countries and the possible development of improved practices, including model clauses;

(b) National and international action and institutional arrangements, including the systematic collection and dissemination of scientific and technological data and materials, so as to promote the expeditious and effective transfer of technology, especially from private

and public industrial enterprises in the developed countries, to industrial enterprises in the developing countries;

(c) The problems encountered, especially by developing countries, in obtaining technical know-how;

(d) Other measures for specific technical and financial assistance to developing countries in their efforts to secure an increased inflow of technological and managerial know-how and to adapt it to their individual needs;

4. *Requests* that the competent international bodies, including United Nations bodies and the Bureau of the International Union for the Protection of Industrial Property, give particular attention to requests from Governments of developing countries for technical assistance in the field of industrial property legislation and administration;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps in order to ensure effective co-ordination and co-operation in the work to be undertaken by the United Nations bodies and other international organizations referred to above for the purpose of implementing the tasks outlined in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the present resolution;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-second session and to other competent United Nations bodies at their 1967 sessions a progress report on the activities assigned to him under paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

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2092 (XX). Conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1837 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 and 1931 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 on the conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament,

Taking into account its resolution 1710 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 on the United Nations Development Decade, which calls for proposals relating, *inter alia*, to the utilization of resources released by disarmament for the purpose of economic and social development, in particular that of the developing countries,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 982 (XXXVI) of 2 August 1963 on the economic and social consequences of disarmament, concerning, *inter alia*, the advantages which disarmament could have on the economic and social programmes throughout the world, and Council resolution 1087 (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965.

Bearing in mind the recommendation contained in annex A.VI.10 of the Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,⁴⁰ which pointed to the necessity of paying due attention to the trade aspects of the economic programme of disarmament in considering studies and working out proposals within the framework of the United Nations on the economic and social consequences of disarmament as provided by the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on conversion to peaceful needs of the resources

³⁷ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development*, vol. I, *Final Act and Report* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 64.II.B.11), p. 57.

³⁸ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 65.II.B.1.

³⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 8, documents E/4038 and Add.1.

⁴⁰ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development*, vol. I, *Final Act and Report* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 64.II.B.11), p. 65.