

Programme in accordance with the provisions of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, requests him to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the organizational and substantive arrangements for the first meeting, to be held in 1980, and also decides that Arabic will be an official language at these meetings.

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33/135. Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling 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, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling further its resolutions 1824 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, 2083 (XX) of 20 December 1965, 2259 (XXII) of 3 November 1967, 2528 (XXIV) of 5 December 1969 and 32/192 of 19 December 1977,

Bearing in mind the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation,¹⁰⁶ adopted at the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, held at Lima from 12 to 26 March 1975, in which it is declared, *inter alia*, that in order to carry out their national development plans, in particular those involving industrialization, the developing countries should raise the general cultural standard of the peoples in order to have available a qualified work force not only for the production of goods and services, but also for management skills, thus making possible the assimilation of modern technologies,

Taking note of the relevant provisions of, and recommendations contained in, the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries¹⁰⁷ and the resolutions¹⁰⁸ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, held at Buenos Aires from 30 August to 12 September 1978,

Taking into account the necessity for the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the field of training qualified national personnel at the international, regional and subregional levels to be in keeping with the national plans and requirements of the developing countries in this area,

Taking into account also the necessity for the organs and agencies within the United Nations system, in formulating proposals concerning a new international development strategy for the 1980s, to take fully into consideration the problems of training qualified national personnel,

Expressing the conviction that, in order to hasten the economic and social progress of the developing countries, it is necessary to intensify measures for the full utilization of human resources, especially for the training of national personnel, taking due account of the national plans of each country and its present and long-term requirements for qualified personnel at all levels and in all important sectors of socio-economic activity,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and with the assistance of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and other organizations concerned, to undertake a study containing concrete recommendations on the training of qualified national personnel in developing countries in accordance with their respective national development plans;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to pay special attention to the formulation of recommendations, especially on:

(a) Enhancing the role of qualified national personnel in industrialization and creating adequate scientific and technological capacities in developing countries, in particular in the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries;

(b) Enhancing the role of qualified national personnel in the field of trade and development and in related areas of industrial economic co-operation;

(c) Measures designed to enhance the role of qualified national personnel in integrated rural development in developing countries;

(d) Measures designed to create adequate conditions for ensuring general school education in developing countries as a pre-condition for the effective implementation of their long-term strategy for training qualified national personnel and for eliminating illiteracy among the adult population;

(e) Measures for strengthening the capacity of developing countries to encourage patterns of voluntary migration in the interests of their development and for assisting in reversing the phenomenon of the "brain-drain";

(f) Enhancing the role of qualified national personnel in public health;

3. *Recommends* that the competent United Nations organs should take into account the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries when identifying possible elements for a new international development strategy for the 1980s;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the study and recommendations to be made in accordance with the present resolution, together with a progress report, to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1979.

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¹⁰⁶ See A/10112, chap. IV.

¹⁰⁷ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

¹⁰⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. II.