

Having considered the statement of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the results of the above Conference,¹⁴⁸

Being conscious of the great importance of concluding an international arrangement to replace the International Wheat Agreement of 1971, as extended,

1. *Expresses its deep regret and great concern* at the suspension of the negotiations to replace the International Wheat Agreement of 1971, as extended;

2. *Calls upon* the Chairman of the United Nations Conference to Negotiate an International Arrangement to Replace the International Wheat Agreement of 1971, as Extended, to carry out as early as feasible the consultations envisaged in the resolution of 24 November 1978 of the Conference;

3. *Urges* all countries to participate constructively in the consultations referred to above;

4. *Calls upon* the Interim Committee of the United Nations Conference to Negotiate an International Arrangement to Replace the International Wheat Agreement of 1971, as Extended, to consider, as a matter of urgency, addressing a recommendation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development with a view to the resumption of the Conference;

5. *Urges* all Governments to intensify their efforts towards an early and successful conclusion of an international arrangement to replace the International Wheat Agreement of 1971, as extended.

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33/157. United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/188 of 19 December 1977,

Taking note of the resolution of the United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology adopted on 11 November 1978¹⁴⁹ and of the progress achieved at the Conference towards the negotiation and adoption of an international code of conduct on the transfer of technology,

1. *Strongly urges* intensified efforts towards a successful conclusion of the United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to take the necessary measures for convening a resumed session of the above-mentioned Conference in the first quarter of 1979, as well as a subsequent session if requested.

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¹⁴⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Second Committee, 54th meeting, para. 3; and ibid., Second Committee, Sessional Fascicle, corrigendum.*

¹⁴⁹ See TD/CODE TOT/10.

33/158. United Nations Negotiating Conference on a Common Fund under the Integrated Programme for Commodities

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 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling resolution 93 (IV) of 30 May 1976 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the Integrated Programme for Commodities,¹⁵⁰

Having considered the statement of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the progress achieved at the resumed second session of the United Nations Negotiating Conference on a Common Fund under the Integrated Programme for Commodities,¹⁵¹

1. *Takes note* of the decision adopted on 30 November 1978,¹⁵² at its resumed second session, by the United Nations Negotiating Conference on a Common Fund under the Integrated Programme for Commodities, for the convening of its third session before the fifth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. *Endorses* the decision referred to in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Requests* all participating countries at the third session of the Conference to exert all the necessary efforts so as to reach agreement at that session on the basic aspects of the Common Fund so as to provide the necessary basis for work on the articles of agreement on the Common Fund;

4. *Stresses* the need for reaching such agreement before the fifth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

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33/159. Debt problems 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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling its resolution 32/187 of 19 December 1977 on the debt problems of developing countries,

¹⁵⁰ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10 and corrigendum), part one, sect. A.

¹⁵¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Second Committee, 54th meeting, paras. 4-9.*

¹⁵² TD/IPC/CF/CONF/14 (Part II), annex I.

Recalling also resolution 94 (IV) of 31 May 1976 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,¹⁵³

Recalling further Trade and Development Board resolutions 132 (XV) of 15 August 1975¹⁵⁴ on the increasing burden of debt servicing in developing countries, adopted by the Board at the first part of its fifteenth session, and 165 (S-IX) of 11 March 1978¹⁵⁵ on debt and development problems of developing countries, adopted at the third part of its ninth special session, at the ministerial level,

Taking note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on its eighteenth session¹⁵⁶ and of the provisional agenda for the fifth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,¹⁵⁷

Having considered the statement of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development with regard to work on the elaboration of detailed features for future operations concerning debt problems undertaken within the Conference,

Concerned that many developing countries are experiencing great difficulties in servicing their external debt and are unable to pursue or initiate important development projects,

Noting with concern that official development assistance flows are stagnating and that balance-of-payments support facilities to developing countries have been inadequate,

Convinced that net capital inflows, especially those relating to development assistance to developing countries and in particular to the most seriously affected, least developed, land-locked and island developing countries, must be increased substantially and rapidly,

Aware that the majority of developing countries do not enjoy proper access to international capital markets and that, in any event, loans in such markets are available at high interest rates and on short maturities,

1. *Welcomes* the decision of some developed countries which have adopted measures for the adjustment of past bilateral official development assistance in respect of the least developed countries;

2. *Notes*, however, that such measures have not been made applicable to many of the developing countries specified in paragraph 2 of Trade and Development Board resolution 165 (S-IX), which are facing serious problems;

3. *Calls upon* all developed countries to implement in full the agreement on debt problems contained in Trade and Development Board resolution 165 (S-IX) in respect of the most seriously affected, least developed, land-locked and island developing countries, particularly the least developed among them;

¹⁵³ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10 and corrigendum), part one, sect. A.

¹⁵⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/10015/Rev.1), part three, annex I.

¹⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/33/15), vol. I, part two, annex I.

¹⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, vol. II.

¹⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, annex II.

4. *Further calls upon* all developed countries and competent international institutions to implement the provisions of Trade and Development Board resolution 132 (XV) on the increasing burden of debt servicing in developing countries;

5. *Welcomes* the inclusion in the provisional agenda for the fifth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development of the following items:

(a) Review of implementation and further action that may be required pursuant to Trade and Development Board resolution 165 (S-IX);

(b) Detailed features for future operations relating to the debt problems of interested developing countries;

6. *Recommends* that additional financial resources should be committed by multilateral development finance institutions to the developing countries experiencing debt servicing difficulties;

7. *Urges* all developed countries to work towards the adoption at the fifth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development of action-orientated decisions on the debt problems faced by the developing countries.

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33/160. United Nations Conference on a Convention on International Multimodal Transport

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the Trade and Development Board at its eighteenth session authorized the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group on Multimodal Transport, should it complete its work at its fifth session, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, its recommendations concerning the convening of a conference of plenipotentiaries on a convention on international multimodal transport,¹⁵⁸

Noting that the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group did not complete its work and consequently has not submitted any recommendations concerning a conference,

Noting further that the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group will now hold a sixth session from 26 February to 9 March 1979 at Geneva,

1. *Decides* that a conference of plenipotentiaries on a convention on international multimodal transport be convened;

2. *Requests* the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group at its sixth session to make recommendations concerning the appropriate dates, either in 1979 or 1980, for the convening of the United Nations Conference on a Convention on International Multimodal Transport;

3. *Requests further* the Trade and Development Board at its tenth special session, in March 1979, to consider this question on the basis of the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group.

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¹⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, annex I, decision (h).