

Bearing in mind the widespread and growing concern about the growth of protectionism in developed countries against the exports of the developing countries,

1. *Calls upon* the developed countries to adhere strictly to the commitment concerning the standstill on new tariff and non-tariff barriers or intensification of existing ones against the exports of developing countries;

2. *Urges* the developed countries to eliminate speedily all forms of protectionist measures and practices against the exports of developing countries, bearing in mind, *inter alia*, section I.3, paragraph (a) (x), of General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) and section I, paragraph 8, of Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII);

3. *Calls upon* the developed countries to carry out structural changes with respect to less competitive sectors of their economies with a view to expansion of existing, and creation of new, production capacities in developing countries.

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29 January 1979

33/197. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing 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,

Noting with satisfaction the initiative taken by the Organization of African Unity and the Economic Commission for Africa to establish an integrated African road network and to rationalize Africa's railway systems and other transport systems in order to facilitate the promotion of multinational economic co-operation in Africa, intra-African trade and the political, social and economic integration of Africa, as well as the work carried out since June 1977,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, proclaimed a Transport and Communications Decade in Africa during the years 1978-1988 and requested the Secretary-General to mobilize all necessary resources to make the Decade a success,

Taking note of resolution ECO(XVIII)/Res.2 adopted by the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa at its eighteenth meeting, held at Khartoum from 2 to 4 May 1978,¹⁸⁹ in which measures were proposed for the implementation of the global strategy and comprehensive programme of work for the Decade,

¹⁸⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 10, Addendum (E/1978/50/Add.1)*, chap. II.

Noting with appreciation the work carried out so far by the Economic Commission for Africa and the Organization of African Unity in preparation for the Decade,

1. *Endorses* resolution ECO(XVIII)/Res.2 of the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa in which the Committee decided to convene early in 1979 a meeting of African Ministers concerned with matters relating to transport, communications, works and planning, in order to adopt Africa's global strategy and a comprehensive plan of action for the implementation of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa, as the lead agency for the Decade, with the necessary financial and staff resources that will enable it to make all preparatory arrangements for the Decade, including the preparations for and the convening of the meeting of Ministers referred to in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to make all necessary arrangements, as appropriate, for the convening of a pledging conference of donor countries and institutions in the first half of 1979 on the basis of the global strategy and the comprehensive plan of action and of specific projects contained therein;

4. *Urges* the international community, in particular the developed countries, to give full support and to contribute substantially to the implementation of the programmes and projects for the attainment of the objectives of the Decade.

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33/198. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly in 1980

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/174 of 19 December 1977, in which it decided, *inter alia*, to convene a special session of the General Assembly in 1980,

Bearing in mind 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,

Considering that the General Assembly is requested to assess at the special session the progress made in the various forums of the United Nations system in the establishment of the new international economic order and, on the basis of that assessment, to take appropriate action for the promotion of the development of developing countries and international economic co-operation,

Bearing in mind the ongoing process of the preparation of the new international development strategy,

Recognizing the importance of various United Nations conferences held in recent years on major topics relating to economic and social development,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Director-General for Development and International

Economic Co-operation with the task of co-ordinating all preparations for the special session and of preparing, after consultation with the executive heads of all the organs, organizations and bodies concerned within the United Nations system, an analytical report on developments in the field of international economic co-operation towards the establishment of the new international economic order since the sixth special session;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit the preliminary version of the report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1979;

3. *Invites* the governing bodies of the organs and organizations concerned within the United Nations system to assess, within their respective areas of competence, the progress made towards the establishment of the new international economic order, as well as to indicate the obstacles that impede its establishment, and to present interim reports to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, with a view to submitting comprehensive reports to the Assembly at its special session in 1980.

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33/199. Multilateral trade negotiations

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 the Tokyo Declaration of 1973,¹⁹⁰ calling for the Tokyo round of multilateral trade negotiations and setting forth the framework and principles to govern the negotiations, including, *inter alia*, the principles of non-reciprocity in trade relations between developed and developing countries, special and differential treatment for developing countries, and securing additional benefits for the international trade of developing countries,

Recalling the modified Part IV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade on co-operation and development, stipulating that developed countries should not expect reciprocity in their trade relations with developing countries,

Recalling also resolutions 82 (III) of 20 May 1972¹⁹¹ and 91 (IV) of 30 May 1976¹⁹² of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in which the Conference recognized the importance of the multilateral trade negotiations for the developing countries,

Recalling further that the multilateral trade negotiations were aimed at the achievement of the expansion and liberalization of world trade in favour of developing countries,

Noting with concern the developments in the multilateral trade negotiations and the virtual exclusion of the interests of developing countries from the process of negotiation,

Concerned that developed countries are insisting on reciprocal concessions from developing countries in the field of trade and that the developing countries may emerge with a negative balance-sheet from the negotiations, both in substantive and normative areas,

Emphasizing that the vital interests of developing countries must be provided for in the outcome of the multilateral trade negotiations,

1. *Calls upon* the developed countries to abide by agreements arrived at in Tokyo, especially with regard to the principle of non-reciprocity and special and differential treatment for the developing countries;

2. *Declares once again* that the results of the negotiations must reflect the following elements:

(a) Substantial reduction and ultimate abolition of tariff and non-tariff restrictions against the trade of developing countries, in particular on products of special interest to developing countries;

(b) Removal of discriminatory and escalatory barriers against developing countries;

(c) Non-application of safeguard measures, on a selective basis, to the trade of developing countries;

(d) Improvement in the operation of the generalized system of preferences to provide wider coverage and deeper cuts in tariffs, bearing in mind the provision of section I.3, paragraph (a) (x), of General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) and section I, paragraph 8, of Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) on this subject, as well as the improvement of the system of information on the generalized system of preferences in order to enable all developing countries to make better use of the latter;

3. *Reiterates* the need for continued efforts aimed at the reform of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the international trade régime in accordance with the principle of special and differential treatment for developing countries;

4. *Emphasizes* that any new codes or rules in the normative areas of negotiations affecting the trade of developing countries should not be adopted without the full participation of and acceptance by the developing countries;

5. *Urges* all participants in the multilateral trade negotiations, before the closure of the negotiations, to assess jointly the implementation, or otherwise, of the objectives of the Tokyo Declaration concerning additional benefits to the developing countries and to take corrective measures as necessary in the light of such a review;

6. *Urges* the developed countries to extend full co-operation to ensure the successful conclusion of the current multilateral trade negotiations, having full regard to the special needs and circumstances of developing countries and bearing in mind their just demands for an equitable international trading system in line with the Tokyo Declaration;

¹⁹⁰ See General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, *Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, Twentieth Supplement* (Sales No. GATT/1974-1), p. 19.

¹⁹¹ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

¹⁹² *Ibid.*, *Fourth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10 and corrigendum), part one, sect. A.