

34/214. Implementation of section VII of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

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 also its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, by which it, *inter alia*, established the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System for the purpose of preparing detailed action proposals with a view to initiating the process of restructuring the United Nations system so as to make it more fully capable of dealing with problems of international economic co-operation and development in a comprehensive and effective manner, and to make it more responsive to the requirements of the provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order as well as those of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling also its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, by which it, *inter alia*, endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee,

Recalling further its resolution 33/202 of 29 January 1979, in which it, *inter alia*, requested certain actions and measures within the framework of the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee,

Reaffirming that the process of restructuring the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system is an integral part of the efforts required to ensure the equitable, full and effective participation of the developing countries in the formulation and application of all decisions within the United Nations system in the field of development and international economic co-operation,

Having considered the progress report of the Secretary-General for 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,²³⁰

1. Requests the Economic and Social Council to work out, as envisaged in paragraph 56 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, mutually convenient procedures for improving communications between the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the intergovernmental bodies concerned, including procedures to enable the members of its Bureau and that of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to participate in an appropriate manner in the work of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

2. Reiterates that, at the intersecretariat level, interagency co-ordination should aim at effectively assisting in the preparatory work for intergovernmental decisions, in the implementation of such decisions and in their translation into mutually complementary or joint programme activities;

3. Reiterates its request that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should give the highest priority in its work to substantive questions of central importance to the development of developing countries and to international economic co-operation and should

keep its functioning and reporting systems geared to the concerns, directives and programmes of work of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

4. Requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, when it submits its suggestions and studies, to state options and alternative courses of action in order to facilitate the decision-making role of the appropriate legislative organs;

5. Decides to review at its thirty-seventh session the further implementation of section VII of the annex to resolution 32/197 and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report in this regard, taking fully into account the present resolution and the provisions of section II of General Assembly resolution 33/202.

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34/215. Implementation of section VIII of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

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 also its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, by which it, *inter alia*, established the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System for the purpose of preparing detailed action proposals with a view to initiating the process of restructuring the United Nations system so as to make it more fully capable of dealing with problems of international economic co-operation and development in a comprehensive and effective manner, and to make it more responsive to the requirements of the provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order as well as those of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Reaffirming its resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 33/202 of 20 January 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, in particular section VIII of the annex to resolution 32/197 and section IV of resolution 33/202 regarding the United Nations Secretariat,

Recalling also the specific functions assigned to the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in paragraph 64 of the annex to resolution 32/197,

Taking note of the first²³¹ and second²³² progress reports of the Secretary-General for 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

Noting in particular paragraph 34 of the second progress report,

1. Expresses its deep concern at the late submission of the second progress report;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake immediate implementation of the provisions of section IV of General Assembly resolution 33/202, including the

²³⁰ E/1979/81.

²³¹ E/1979/81.

²³² A/34/736.

various issues identified therein, and to submit a report thereon, including an organizational chart, to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

3. *Recommends* that consideration of the above-mentioned report should be allocated to the Second and Fifth Committees and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the availability of the report to delegations at the outset of the work of the General Assembly.

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34/216. International monetary reform

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 also its resolution 33/193 of 29 January 1979 on the preparations for an international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade, in which it stressed, *inter alia*, the need to enhance the responsiveness of the international monetary system to the needs and interests of the developing countries in the context of further reform of the system for the benefit of the international community,

Recalling further resolution 128 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development²³³ on international monetary reform,

Taking note with satisfaction of the Outline for a Programme of Action on International Monetary Reform adopted by the Group of Seventy-seven at its ministerial meeting held at Belgrade on 29 September 1979,²³⁴

Recognizing the urgent need for comprehensive reform of the international monetary system, with a view to making it more responsive to the needs and interests of the developing countries,

Recognizing also that the effective and full participation of the developing countries is necessary for such comprehensive reform of the current international monetary system,

1. *Invites* the appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to examine positively the Outline for a Programme of Action on International Monetary Reform, to take the necessary decisions to implement the measures therein, with a view to ensuring that progress in this area shall contribute to the establishment of the new international economic order, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the progress made in this field;

2. *Welcomes with satisfaction* the establishment, by resolution 128 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, of an *ad hoc* intergovernmental high-level group of experts to examine fundamental issues regarding the future evolution of the international monetary system, and requests that its report, together with the comments of the Trade and Development Board

²³³ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

²³⁴ See A/C.2/34/13.

thereon, should be made available to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

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34/217. Immediate measures in favour of most seriously affected countries²³⁵

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by its resolution 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, it decided to launch a special programme to provide emergency relief and development assistance to the developing countries most seriously affected by the economic crisis, as a matter of urgency and for the period of time necessary, at least until the end of the Second United Nations Development Decade, to help them to overcome their difficulties and to achieve self-sustaining development,

Recalling also that, in its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, it called upon donor countries and international organizations to take specific measures to assist the most seriously affected countries in meeting their serious balance-of-payments deficits,

Noting with concern that the special programme in general remained largely unfulfilled,

Mindful of the inadequacy of concessional multilateral and bilateral assistance to developing countries identified as most seriously affected,²³⁶ despite efforts made by the international community,

Noting with deep concern the deterioration of the economic and financial situation of those developing countries which, given their low *per capita* income as a reflection of relative poverty, low productivity and low level of technology and development, merit consideration as most seriously affected by the current economic crisis caused by sharp increases in the prices of their essential imports,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to review and study speedily the situation of those developing countries which, given their low *per capita* income as a reflection of relative poverty, low productivity and low level of technology and development, merit consideration as most seriously affected by the current economic crisis caused by sharp increases in the prices of their essential imports, to submit a preliminary report to the Committee of the Whole Established under General Assembly Resolution 32/174 at its first substantive session in 1980, as well as to the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy at its fourth session, and to include a final report in the analytical report to the Assembly at its special session in 1980;

2. *Calls upon* all donor countries, in the meantime, to consider extending relief and assistance to those countries which may be most seriously affected by the current economic crisis, bearing in mind immediate balance-of-payments and development needs; to this end, urgent consideration should be given, *inter alia*, to the following measures:

(a) *Making* their best efforts to increase substantially financial assistance on grant or highly concessional terms

²³⁵ See also sect. I, foot-note 11.

²³⁶ According to the definition in section X of resolution 3202 (S-VI).