

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1726 (LIII) of 28 July 1972, in which the Council, *inter alia*, requested the Committee for Development Planning to undertake an examination of the latest updated statistical information on the relevant economic, social and other variables in respect of the developing countries, with a view to making recommendations to the Council on any modification that might appear necessary in the list of hard-core least developed countries on the basis of the criteria used in drawing up the list,

Taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1976 (LIX) of 30 July 1975,

Decides to include Bangladesh, the Central African Republic, Democratic Yemen and the Gambia in the list of hard-core least developed countries.

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3488 (XXX). Role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3201 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration 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,

Further recalling the provisions of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation,⁶³ which, *inter alia*, recognizes the importance of ensuring an adequate role for the public sector in the expansion of the industrial development of the developing countries,

Reaffirming the right of every country to exercise permanent sovereignty over its natural resources for the benefit of its people,

Bearing in mind that every State has the sovereign and inalienable right to choose its economic and social system in accordance with the will of its people, without outside interference,

Noting the growth of the public sector in the socio-economic life of the developing countries and its role in the acceleration and diversification of their economic progress in concurrence with the basic needs and varying socio-economic requirements of the countries concerned,

1. *Recognizes* the important and vital role that the public sector in the developing countries can play in enhancing their capacity to achieve the over-all economic and social development goals in accordance with their national development plans;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,⁶⁴ prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3335 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to undertake, in conjunction with the biennial review and appraisal of

⁶³ Adopted by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at its Second General Conference, held at Lima from 12 to 26 March 1975 (see A/10112, chap. IV).

⁶⁴ E/5690 and Add.1.

progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, a further comprehensive study of all available data on the present and potential capacity of the public sector to promote economic development with a view to facilitating the exchange of information and experience among countries;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in carrying out these tasks, to utilize the capacity and experience available in relevant national institutions, especially those in developing countries, to take into account views expressed by Governments on the subject and to bear in mind, *inter alia*, the impact of the public sector on:

(a) The criteria and practices employed by developing countries with regard to the role and place of the public sector in the over-all development policy;

(b) Capital formation and the fuller utilization by developing countries of their natural resources for the benefit of their entire population;

(c) The attainment of the aims of a unified approach to economic and social development, including the achievement of a more equitable distribution of income and wealth in the nation;

(d) The creation of broader employment opportunities and the reduction of unemployment;

(e) The expansion of the role of developing countries in international trade, including the improvement of their export capacity and balance of payments;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the study, together with the comments of the competent United Nations organs and specialized agencies, to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session through the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session.

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3489 (XXX). Acceleration of the transfer of real resources to developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3176 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 on the first biennial over-all review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the Strategy, 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 resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, particularly the provisions on the transfer of real resources for financing the development of developing countries,

Acknowledging that the above-mentioned resolutions constitute the bases and blueprints for pragmatic co-operation in the attainment of the principles and objectives of the new international economic order and for the achievement of global economic and social justice,

Recognizing the need of developing countries to have foreknowledge of the external assistance available to them on a sustained, consistent and long-term basis

throughout a given time frame, in order to enable them to plan their national economic development in a more systematic and productive manner,

Aware that total disbursements of official development assistance have been steadily decreasing from an estimated 0.5 per cent of gross national product some ten years ago to about 0.3 per cent in 1975,

Realizing the necessity of enlisting popular support for the new international economic order, *inter alia* through the mobilization of public opinion in both developed and developing countries, as called for in the International Development Strategy,

Stressing the need for observance of the principles of justice, mutual understanding, co-operation, interdependence and equity in the economic behaviour of nations and peoples towards one another,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the heads of other appropriate bodies, as well as with the Committee for Development Planning, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session a study on ways and means of accelerating the transfer of real resources to developing countries on a predictable, assured and continuous basis, bearing in mind the relevant provisions of the above-mentioned resolutions, particularly those of Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII);

2. *Urges* anew the economically advanced countries which have not yet done so to reach the target for official development assistance laid down in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade by taking appropriate measures, such as including in their national budgets, if possible through forward planning, a provision for the financing of such assistance;

3. *Decides* to consider the above-mentioned study at its thirty-first session.

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3490 (XXX). Implementation of the World Plan of Action adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year

The General Assembly,

Recalling the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year, adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year,⁶⁵ held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975,

Convinced that a comprehensive and thorough review and appraisal of progress made in meeting the goals of the World Plan of Action is of crucial importance for the success of the Plan and should be undertaken at regular intervals by organizations of the United Nations system,

Recognizing that the results of the exercise of the implementation of the World Plan of Action will contribute to the consideration of the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and will consequently promote the role of women in the development process,

1. *Calls upon* the governing bodies of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations

⁶⁵ Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

Children's Fund, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the relevant specialized agencies and the regional commissions to review annually the activities they have undertaken in accordance with the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year and to integrate such reviews into the reports submitted to the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Affirms* that a system-wide review and appraisal of the implementation of the World Plan of Action should be undertaken, in the years of the biennial review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, as an input to the process of review and appraisal of progress made under the Strategy;

3. *Urges* all States and the relevant organs of the United Nations to report to the Secretary-General on measures they have taken for implementing the World Plan of Action and to include relevant information about the integration of women in development;

4. *Requests* the Commission on the Status of Women to consider reports submitted on measures undertaken in implementation of the World Plan of Action, in accordance with the International Development Strategy, and to report its findings and conclusions on major trends and policies with regard to the status of women, particularly the integration of women in development, to the Economic and Social Council through the Committee for Development Planning and the Committee on Review and Appraisal;

5. *Urges* the Committee for Development Planning, the Committee on Review and Appraisal and the Economic and Social Council to pay special attention to the question of the status of women in the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to make appropriate arrangements for the first review and appraisal of the implementation of the World Plan of Action.

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3503 (XXX). Establishment of an International Fund for Agricultural Development⁶⁶

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the continuing food problem of the world is afflicting a large segment of the people of the developing countries and is jeopardizing the most fundamental principles and values associated with the right to life and human dignity,

Considering the need to improve the conditions of life of the poor in the developing countries and to promote socio-economic development within the context of the priorities and objectives of the developing countries, giving due regard to both economic and social benefits,

Conscious of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade⁶⁷ and especially the need to spread the benefits of assistance to all,

Bearing in mind its resolution 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, with special reference to developing countries most seriously affected by the economic crisis and to the

⁶⁶ See also p. 79, item 60.

⁶⁷ Resolution 2626 (XXV).