

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).

need for effecting the transfer of technology, particularly for food and agricultural development,

Recalling paragraph 13 of its resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 and resolutions I and II,⁶⁸ adopted by the World Food Conference on 16 November 1974, on the objectives and strategies of food production and on the priorities for agricultural rural development, respectively,

Recalling resolution XIII,⁶⁸ adopted by the World Food Conference on 16 November 1974, in which the Conference recognized that:

(a) A substantial increase in investment in agriculture is needed for increasing food and agricultural production in the developing countries,

(b) Provision of an adequate supply and proper utilization of food are the common responsibility of all members of the international community,

(c) The prospects of the world food situation call for urgent and co-ordinated measures by all countries,

Recalling further that, in resolution XIII, the World Food Conference resolved that an International Fund for Agricultural Development should be established immediately to finance agricultural development projects primarily for food production in the developing countries, that all developed countries and all those developing countries that are in a position to contribute to the Fund should do so on a voluntary basis, that the Fund should be administered by a governing board, consisting of representatives of contributing developed countries, contributing developing countries and potential recipient countries, taking into consideration the need for ensuring equitable distribution of representation among these three categories and regional balance among the potential recipient representations, and that the disbursements from the Fund should be carried out through existing international and/or regional institutions in accordance with the regulations and criteria to be established by its governing board,

Recalling that at its seventh special session, devoted to development and international economic co-operation, the General Assembly decided, in section V, paragraph 6, of resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, to set in motion the establishment of an International Fund for Agricultural Development, to come into being by the end of 1975 with initial resources of SDR 1 billion of the International Monetary Fund,

1. *Notes* the progress made by the Meeting of Interested Countries on the Establishment of an International Fund for Agricultural Development,⁶⁹ convened by the Secretary-General, in advancing the proposals made by the World Food Conference in its resolution XIII;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make all necessary preparations for and to convene in Rome, as soon as possible after the Meeting of Interested Countries has indicated to him that it has completed the preparatory work, a conference of plenipotentiaries on the establishment of an International Fund for Agricultural Development, to which shall be invited:

(a) All States;

(b) Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under the auspices of the Assembly, in the capacity of observers, in accordance with its resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974;

(c) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity, in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(d) Representatives of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as of interested organs of the United Nations;

(e) Observers from regional intergovernmental organizations;

(f) Observers from interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Desires* that the Secretary-General, in convening the conference of plenipotentiaries, take into account paragraph 6 of resolution XIII of the World Food Conference and the prospects, based on indications of the intentions of States, of reaching as closely as possible the target for the initial resources of the proposed International Fund for Agricultural Development referred to by the General Assembly at its seventh special session;

4. *Invites* the conference of plenipotentiaries:

(a) To adopt and open for signature an agreement for the establishment of an International Fund for Agricultural Development, which is to become a specialized agency of the United Nations;

(b) To receive and appropriately record pledges to the Fund, taking into account a target of SDR 1 billion;

(c) To establish a Preparatory Commission for the International Fund for Agricultural Development to make all arrangements necessary to enable the Fund to commence its operations at the earliest possible date, considering the urgency expressed by the General Assembly in resolution 3362 (S-VII);

5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to make available to the conference of plenipotentiaries amounts, including expenses for summary records, not exceeding \$22,000 and to the Preparatory Commission for the International Fund for Agricultural Development amounts not exceeding \$272,000, provided that these amounts, together with other expenses to be incurred by the United Nations or by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in connexion with the establishment of the Fund subsequent to the adoption of the present resolution by the General Assembly, are to be repaid by the Fund as soon as possible after it has been established and resources become available to it;

6. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to arrange for the negotiation with the Preparatory Commission for the International Fund for Agricultural Development of an agreement with the Fund to constitute it as a specialized agency in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter of the United Nations,

⁶⁸ See *Report of the World Food Conference, Rome, 5-16 November 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), chap. II.

⁶⁹ See A/10333, annex.

to enter into such agreement, subject to the approval of the General Assembly, and to arrange with the Preparatory Commission for the provisional application of that agreement as appropriate.

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3504 (XXX). Special fund for the land-locked developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3311 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974, by which it requested the Secretary-General to submit to it, at its special session devoted to development and international economic co-operation, a comprehensive study on the transit problems of the land-locked developing countries and a complete study on the establishment of a fund in favour of those countries,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1755 (LIV) of 16 May 1973, by which the Council defined the scope of a complete study on the establishment of the fund,

Aware of the recognized problems and particular needs of the land-locked developing countries,

Bearing in mind the various resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and its related organs and by the specialized agencies emphasizing special and urgent measures in favour of the land-locked developing countries,

Aware also of the need to implement immediately the resolutions adopted by the United Nations, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other related organs of the United Nations calling for special measures in favour of those countries,

Reaffirming that the land-locked developing countries, as a result of their geographical limitation, are doubly disadvantaged, especially with regard to their additional transport, transit and transshipment costs,

Expressing its conviction that this adverse situation has severely limited and hindered the development efforts of those countries, and noting with concern that, up to this date, not enough concrete and effective operational measures have been taken,

Expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for the preparation of the comprehensive report on this subject,⁷⁰

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries⁷⁰ with a view to the establishment of a special fund,

Recalling its decision at its seventh special session regarding the immediate establishment of a special fund in favour of the land-locked developing countries,⁷¹

Reaffirming further the need to assist the land-locked developing countries in accelerating and intensifying the development of their transport infrastructure,

1. *Decides* to establish immediately a special fund for the land-locked developing countries to compensate for their additional transport and transit costs;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to submit to the

⁷⁰ A/10203.

⁷¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Special Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/10301)*, p. 10, item 7.

General Assembly, at its thirty-first session, proposals on the organizational arrangements of the special fund, including draft statutes, in order to enable the fund to become operational not later than 1977.

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3505 (XXX). Integration of women in the development process

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3010 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 in which it proclaimed the year 1975 International Women's Year,

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,

Recalling also its resolution 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,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 3276 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 on the World Conference of the International Women's Year and 3342 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on women and development, and also Economic and Social Council resolution 1959 (LIX) of 28 July 1975 on the World Conference of the International Women's Year,

Taking note of the principles of the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975,⁷² and the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year,⁷³ adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, and also the resolutions of the Conference relating to the full integration of women in development,⁷⁴

Recognizing that the results of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, in particular the World Plan of Action, indicate that the role of women in the development process must be made an integral part of the establishment of the new international economic order,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1855 (LVI) of 16 May 1974 on the significance of the full integration of women in development,

Aware that the economic value of the substantial contribution of women to over-all development has not been widely recognized,

Recognizing that women, owing to the unequal treatment they have endured, constitute a vast potential force in the process of economic and social change, as well as in the struggle against all forms of exploitation and oppression,

Emphasizing that accelerated development requires the real and effective participation of men and women in all areas of national activity and the creation of the necessary conditions for equality of rights, opportunities and responsibilities for men and women,

⁷² *Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. I.

⁷³ *Ibid.*, chap. II, sect. A.

⁷⁴ *Ibid.*, chap. III.