

for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>47</sup> concerning the preliminary results of the survey, including the emerging awareness of the important actual and potential contribution of women to economic development around the world,

*Recognizing* that further efforts will be required to collect adequate data on the participation of women in economic sectors and that further research is needed to determine the steps to be taken to ensure the effective mobilization and integration of women in development, especially in relation to the formulation and implementation of economic policies and to economic production and the use of resources,

*Recommends* that the survey in its final form should be considered by the General Assembly at its fortieth session under the item entitled "Effective mobilization and integration of women in development", together with any comments on the survey and related decisions taken at the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace.

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**39/173. Implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, contained in its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, contained in its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

*Reaffirming* the importance of the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy<sup>48</sup> as the basic framework of reference for action by the international community in this field,

*Emphasizing* the need for development of new and renewable sources of energy in order to improve the welfare of the people,

*Bearing in mind* the need for financial and technical support by the international community and the vital role to be played in this respect by the United Nations system and emphasizing in this context that special attention should be paid to the development of new and renewable sources of energy of developing countries in accordance with their national plans and priorities,

*Recalling* its resolutions 36/193 of 17 December 1981, 37/250 of 21 December 1982 and 38/169 of 19 December 1983 on the immediate implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action,

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its second session,<sup>49</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its second session;

2. *Notes with concern* that the implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy had been slow and falls far short of the urgent needs of developing countries, and, in this regard, stresses the need for continuous commitment and action by the international community at the national, regional and global levels, in particular with respect to the mobilization of financial resources, to which the General Assembly has attached high priority;

3. *Calls* for the early and effective implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action and of the conclusions and recommendations adopted to this end by the Committee at its second session;<sup>50</sup>

4. *Expresses its concern* at the results of the few regional consultative meetings thus far convened and reiterates that thorough preparation, as well as financial and technical support, is necessary for ensuring the convening and success of such meetings at the national, regional and global levels;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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**39/174. Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed 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,

*Reaffirming* the provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade relating to the least developed countries,<sup>51</sup>

*Reaffirming* the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,<sup>52</sup> adopted unanimously by the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 36/194 of 17 December 1981,

*Expressing serious concern* at the continued deterioration of the economic and social situation of the least developed countries in spite of their national efforts at development, as well as efforts made by the international community, including donor countries, even three years after the adoption of the Substantial New Programme of Action, and stressing the immediate need for greatly expanded support measures, including a major increase in the transfer of additional resources for the realization of the objectives of the Programme,

<sup>47</sup> A/39/566.

<sup>48</sup> Report of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, Nairobi, 10-21 August 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.1.24), chap. I, sect. A.

<sup>49</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 44 (A/39/44).

<sup>50</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. V.

<sup>51</sup> See resolution 35/56, annex, sect. III.K.

<sup>52</sup> Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.1.8), part one, sect. A.

*Deeply concerned* at the very slow pace at which the Substantial New Programme of Action is being implemented,

*Recalling* resolution 142 (VI) of 2 July 1983 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development<sup>53</sup> on progress in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,

*Recalling also* its resolution 38/195 of 20 December 1983,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,<sup>54</sup>

*Recognizing* that the mid-term global review of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action will provide an opportunity for the international community to consider ways and means of enhancing the implementation of the Programme during the rest of the 1980s and adjusting it, as appropriate, in the second half of the decade of the 1980s,

1. *Emphasizes* that, in view of their deteriorating socio-economic situation, the least developed countries need the urgent and special attention of the international community and its large-scale support on a continuous basis to enable them to progress towards self-reliant development, consistent with the plans and programmes of each least developed country;

2. *Reaffirms* the commitment of the international community to the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries and urges all countries, international institutions and others concerned to implement fully and effectively their commitments under the Programme;

3. *Decides* to convene the high-level Meeting of the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development from 30 September to 11 October 1985 to carry out, *inter alia*, the mid-term global review of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action and readjust, as appropriate, the Programme for the second half of the Decade of the 1980s in order to ensure its full implementation, pursuant to paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 36/194 and paragraph 119 of the Substantial New Programme of Action;<sup>52</sup>

4. *Urges* all countries as well as multilateral and bilateral financial and technical assistance institutions to take the necessary steps to ensure appropriate preparations for an in-depth review at the high-level meeting;

5. *Stresses* the importance of the timely preparation of all necessary documentation, as requested in the Programme, including specific recommendations for the full and expeditious implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other competent organizations;

6. *Welcomes* decision 284 (XXVIII) of 6 April 1984 of the Trade and Development Board,<sup>55</sup> in which the Board decided to convene from 1 to 10 May 1985, as part of the preparatory process for the mid-term global review of the progress made towards the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action, a meeting of governmental experts of donor countries and multilateral and

bilateral financial and technical assistance institutions with representatives of the least developed countries to consider the following:

(a) Areas for possible improvement of aid practices and management with respect to the least developed countries, taking into account the experience to be drawn from the national review meetings, and in particular:

(i) Measures to improve the co-ordination of assistance programmes;

(ii) Measures that the least developed countries are already taking with the support of the international community, as well as possible additional measures that could be undertaken for accelerated progress of the least developed countries and full and expeditious implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action, taking into account the economic situation of the least developed countries;

(iii) Ways of better adapting the implementation of development assistance programmes to the specific needs of the least developed countries, taking into account the agreed conclusions of the Second Meeting of Multilateral and Bilateral Financial and Technical Assistance Institutions with Representatives of the Least Developed Countries, held at Geneva from 11 to 20 October 1982;<sup>56</sup>

(b) Organizational issues related to the 1985 mid-term global review of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action, including the state of preparation of documentation for that review, especially documents concerning the economic situation of the least developed countries;

7. *Takes note* of decision 289 (XXVIII) of 6 April 1984 of the Trade and Development Board,<sup>55</sup> in which the Board decided that the results of the comprehensive review, to be carried out at its thirtieth session in March 1985, of the implementation of section A of its resolution 165 (S-IX) of 11 March 1978,<sup>57</sup> called for in paragraph 1 of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development resolution 161 (VI) of 2 July 1983,<sup>53</sup> and of the implementation of resolution 165 (S-IX) as stated in the Substantial New Programme of Action and in Conference resolution 142 (VI), are to be taken into account during the preparatory process for the mid-term global review;

8. *Emphasizes* the need for the conclusion of the first round of remaining country review meetings for the least developed countries as soon as possible and, at the latest, before the mid-term global review;

9. *Requests* all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to submit reports containing a review of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action within their fields of competence and proposals for further action as input into the preparation for the mid-term global review;

10. *Requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, in conformity with paragraph 123 of the Substantial New Programme of Action,<sup>52</sup> to continue, in close collaboration with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the executive secretaries of the regional commissions and the lead agencies for the aid consultative groups, to ensure at the secretariat level the full mobilization and co-ordination of the United Nations system for

<sup>53</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Sixth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.II.D.6), part one, sect. A.

<sup>54</sup> A/39/578.

<sup>55</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/39/15)*, vol. I, part one, sect. II.B.

<sup>56</sup> See *Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 6, document TD/B/933, part two.

<sup>57</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/33/15)*, vol. I, part two, annex I.

the purpose of implementation and follow-up of the Substantial New Programme of Action, taking into account, in particular, the mid-term global review:

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to obtain extrabudgetary resources to ensure effective participation of the representatives of the least developed countries, through provision of necessary resources to finance travel expenses of at least two representatives from each least developed country to attend the high-level Meeting on the mid-term global review of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action and one representative from each least developed country to attend the meeting referred to in paragraph 6 above;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fortieth session a report on the high-level Meeting on the mid-term global review and on the implementation of the present resolution.

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### **39/175. Immediate measures in favour of the 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,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 38/200 of 20 December 1983,

*Gravely concerned* that the immediate measures referred to in resolution 38/200 are far from being implemented fully and that the critical problems facing developing countries in areas identified in that resolution still exist and in many cases have worsened further, particularly in Africa,

1. *Calls upon* all Governments, in particular those of developed countries, to adopt and intensify measures aimed at the full implementation of General Assembly resolution 38/200 and to fulfil, as a matter of urgency, the existing international commitments in the areas identified in that resolution;

2. *Requests* the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to intensify their efforts to develop specific proposals and expedite actions for the implementation of resolution 38/200;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the heads of organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to follow up on the actions taken by the agencies and to submit a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

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### **39/176. Development of the energy resources of developing countries**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic

Order, contained in its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, contained in its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade contained in the annex to its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

*Recalling* its resolutions 37/251 of 21 December 1982 and 38/151 of 19 December 1983,

*Considering* that the principal impediments to the realization of the indigenous energy potential of the developing countries are, in addition to inadequate exploration, the scarcity of financial resources, insufficient exploration data, inadequate access to technology and a shortage of skills,

*Reaffirming* the principle of the full and permanent sovereignty of each State over its natural resources,

*Reaffirming also* that effective and urgent measures need to be taken by the international community to assist and support the efforts of the developing countries, in particular the energy-deficient among them, for developing their energy resources, in order to meet their needs through co-operation, assistance and investment in the field of conventional and of new and renewable sources of energy, consistent with their national plans and priorities, as called for in the International Development Strategy,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 38/151 and calls for the immediate and effective implementation of all its provisions;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to improve further and update the contents of his report on the development of the energy resources of the developing countries<sup>58</sup> and, in so doing, to consider all sources of energy, including new and renewable sources of energy, in a balanced and integrated manner and to submit a consolidated and comprehensive report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session;

3. *Urges*, in this connection, early consideration of possible avenues that would increase energy financing, including, *inter alia*, the mechanisms being examined by the World Bank, such as an energy affiliate, and calls upon Member States to take appropriate measures to this end in the relevant forums;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the organs and organizations of the United Nations system, to promote international co-operation for the development of internal technological and other capabilities in developing countries in order to achieve the development of their energy resources;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly at its fortieth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution and to include in that report the results of symposia and similar undertakings in support of efforts by developing countries for the exploration and development of their energy resources.

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<sup>58</sup> See E/1983/91 and Corr.1, A/38/512 and A/39/420 and Corr.1.