

39/230. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa²⁰⁰

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 38/150 of 19 December 1983 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, by which it approved the organization of technical consultative meetings and studies on the harmonization and co-ordination of the various modes of transport and communications,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/68 of 27 July 1984,

Considering the priority attached to transport and communications in the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa²⁰¹ and the Final Act of Lagos,²⁰² and the endorsement of the programme for the second phase (1984-1988) of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa in its resolution 487 (XIX) of 26 May 1984,²⁰³

Noting the approval of the programme for the second phase of the Decade by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning at its fourth session, held at Conakry from 7 to 11 February 1984,²⁰⁴ and the efforts made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa in the preparation of the plan,

Bearing in mind that the programme for the Decade requires regular adjustment throughout the Decade,

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General²⁰⁵ transmitting the progress report of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa on the implementation of the programme for the first phase (1980-1983) of the Decade and the approved programme for the second phase (1984-1988),

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 38/150 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and calls for its immediate and effective implementation;

2. *Endorses* the programme for the second phase of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa approved by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa in its resolution 487 (XIX);

3. *Notes* the financial support provided by the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to the Economic Commission for Africa for the preparation of the programme for the second phase of the Decade and for the continued operations of the Decade Co-ordination Unit;

4. *Invites* all Governments, particularly those of the developed countries, and international financial institutions to increase substantially their financial support for the programme for the second phase of the Decade and to accord particular attention to the financing and implementation of transport and communications projects of the land-locked countries, to participate fully and positively in the scheduled technical consultative meetings and to provide financial and technical resources on liberal terms to African countries for the implementation of the programme for the second phase of the Decade;

5. *Appeals* to the international community and international financial institutions to provide the Economic

Commission for Africa with experts for short terms who would carry out specialized activities in the programme for the Decade, including the preparation of project documents;

6. *Appeals also* to the United Nations Development Programme to continue to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with funds during the next programming cycle;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with adequate financial resources from the regular budget of the United Nations to enable it:

(a) To fully implement the activities previously mandated in paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 38/150;

(b) To ensure the preparation of relevant financial and technical documents of selected projects for the programme for the second phase of the Decade;

(c) To ensure prompt follow-up on interest expressed by Governments and international financial institutions, during technical consultative meetings, in financing Decade projects;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the implementation of the present resolution and to submit to the General Assembly at its fortieth session a report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the Decade programme.

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39/231. Conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/213 of 20 December 1982 and 38/193 of 20 December 1983,

Bearing in mind that the Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization²⁰⁶ has been ratified, accepted or approved by more than the minimum number of States whose agreement is required for its entry in force,

1. *Takes note with interest* of the consensus reached at the consultations on the conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency that were held at Vienna prior to and in April and May 1984;

2. *Endorses* the contents of the report of the Secretary-General on the conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency²⁰⁷ and calls upon all countries to abide by the outcome of the consultations as set out in that report;

3. *Expresses its confidence* that the new organization will honour the contents of the report of the Secretary-General;

4. *Calls upon* those States that have not yet done so to ratify the Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization without further delay;

5. *Decides* that adequate resources should be provided in the regular budget of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the biennium 1984-1985

²⁰⁰ See also sect. X.B.4, decision 39/445, paras. (b) and (c).

²⁰¹ A/S-11/14, annex I.

²⁰² *Ibid.*, annex II.

²⁰³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 11 (E/1984/21)*, chap. IV.

²⁰⁴ See the report of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning on the work of its fourth session (E/ECA/CM.10/22).

²⁰⁵ A/39/271-E/1984/98.

²⁰⁶ A/CONF.90/19.

²⁰⁷ A/39/376.

to ensure the provision of the necessary funds, in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 34/96 of 13 December 1979, for the first General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to be held in two parts for a total duration of no more than thirteen days, and other costs associated with the conversion of the organization into a specialized agency;

6. *Decides further* that, in anticipation of the speedy conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency, the Secretary-General should adjust the calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for the biennium 1984-1985²⁰⁸ so that only one session of the Industrial Development Board will be held in 1985;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 38/193, for the immediate conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency.

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39/232. Industrial development co-operation

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, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, in which, *inter alia*, the importance of industrialization in the development of developing countries is stressed,²⁰⁹

Recalling also the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation,²¹⁰ in which were laid down the main measures and principles for industrial development and co-operation within the framework of the establishment of the new international economic order, and the New Delhi Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrialization of Developing Countries and International Co-operation for their Industrial Development,²¹¹ in which a strategy was spelt out for the further industrialization of developing countries.

Reaffirming its resolution 38/192 of 20 December 1983, as well as all other relevant resolutions in the field of industrial development co-operation,

Concerned about the continuing negative impact of the world economic crisis on the economic development and industrialization of the developing countries,

Urging developed countries to take fully into account the broad international implications of their policy decisions, including their impact on developing countries and industrial development,

Also urging developed countries to promote conditions conducive to the sustained world economic recovery so necessary for revitalizing the industrialization of developing countries by, *inter alia*, substantially increasing their financial and technical assistance,

Stressing the importance of economic co-operation among developing countries as an integral part of a global development effort and of an interdependent world economy and urging the enhancement of such co-operation in the field of industrialization,

Reaffirming the role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as the central co-ordinating organ in the United Nations system having a primary responsibility for promoting the transfer of industrial technology to developing countries and for the promotion and acceleration of their industrial development,

Expressing its concern that contributions to the United Nations Industrial Development Fund have remained far below the agreed desirable level of \$50 million and that the level of the Fund has gradually declined in real terms since its establishment,

Reaffirming the importance and effectiveness of the Senior Industrial Development Field Advisers Programme in implementing the wide range of programmes and services rendered by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

Expressing its concern that the availability of funds from the United Nations Development Programme, which is the main source of funding for the technical assistance activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, has been reduced substantially in the past few years,

Recognizing that the efforts of developing countries to develop their industrial technological capabilities should be supported by the international community and the importance of facilitating the transfer of technology to developing countries,

Having considered the report of the Fourth General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,²¹² held at Vienna from 2 to 19 August 1984, and the report of the Industrial Development Board on its eighteenth session,²¹³

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1. *Takes note* of the report of the Fourth General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

2. *Notes with concern* that the Conference was unable to yield results commensurate with the dimensions of the problems confronting the developing countries concerning their industrialization and confronting the world economy as a whole;

3. *Endorses* the resolutions adopted by the Conference²¹⁴ and calls for their immediate and effective implementation;

4. *Notes with regret* that the Conference could not adopt two draft resolutions concerning world industrial restructuring and redeployment and the mobilization of financial resources for industrial development;²¹⁵

5. *Welcomes* the decision of the Conference to accord high priority to industrial co-operation among developing

²⁰⁸ A/AC.172/92.

²⁰⁹ Resolution 35/56, annex, paras. 72-80.

²¹⁰ Sec A/10112, chap. IV.

²¹¹ ID/CONF.4/22 and Corr.1, chap. VI.

²¹² ID/CONF.5/46 and Corr.1.

²¹³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/39/16).

²¹⁴ See ID/CONF.5/46 and Corr.1, chap. II, sect. B.

²¹⁵ *Ibid.*, sect. C. See also sect. X.B.4, decisions 39/446 and 39/447.