

6. *Requests* Mr. Scheyven to make to the Economic and Social Council, and the Council specially to consider at its twentieth session, such report as may then be possible on the results of his missions and to present his final report to the General Assembly at its tenth session, so that the General Assembly may consider the report together with such comments as may be forwarded by the Economic and Social Council on the report made to it earlier;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the above-mentioned *ad hoc* group and Mr. Scheyven with all necessary assistance and facilities.

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823 (IX). Question of the establishment of an international finance corporation

The General Assembly,

Being convinced of the need for international co-operation to facilitate the setting up and expansion of productive private enterprise in under-developed countries by the investment of capital without the necessity for governmental guarantees,

Recalling resolution 532 B (XVIII) of the Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind the reports⁴ submitted by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on the establishment of an international finance corporation and the views of the Bank management regarding the useful contribution which an international finance corporation could make to the stimulation of private investment,

Believing that an international finance corporation, in appropriate form, could contribute materially to the economic development of under-developed areas and to the general stability of the world economy,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the studies carried out by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development;

2. *Takes note* of the statement of the United States Administration of 11 November 1954 and declarations of other countries in support of an international finance corporation, and looks forward to its establishment as soon as practicable;

3. *Requests* the International Bank:

(a) To prepare draft statutes to govern the corporation, taking into account the views expressed in the United Nations and the responsibilities of existing financial organizations;

(b) To present the draft to the Governments of members of the Bank for discussion and invite them to indicate the degree of support that may be expected from them in providing the capital for the establishment of the corporation;

(c) To take steps to bring about agreement among its members on the draft statutes;

(d) To report on the results of its work to the Economic and Social Council at its twentieth session;

4. *Requests* the Council to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

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⁴ See document E/2215; *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/2441; and *ibid.*, *Eighteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/2616.

824 (IX). International flow of private capital for the economic development of under-developed countries

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the reports⁵ on the international flow of private capital prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to its resolution 622 C (VII) of 21 December 1952,

Recognizing that the international flow of private investment for productive activities contributes to the raising of living standards by assisting in the development of natural resources, the expansion and diversification of agricultural and industrial production, and the growth of technical skills,

Recognizing that the flow of private investment has not been commensurate with the needs in those areas where rapid development is essential for economic progress,

Recognizing that voluntary reinvestment in under-developed countries of profits and earnings of foreign capital not only reduces demand for foreign exchange, but also contributes directly to the expansion of economic activity and the increase in the national income of the country in which it takes place,

Recognizing that expanding international trade and continued progress towards wider convertibility of currencies will be conducive to a greater flow of such investment,

Recognizing the necessity for measures designed to remove the impediments to such a flow and to attract private investment,

1. *Recommends* continuing efforts by countries seeking to attract private foreign capital to:

(a) Re-examine, wherever necessary, domestic policies, legislation and administrative practices with a view to improving the investment climate; avoid unduly burdensome taxation; avoid discrimination against foreign investments; facilitate the import by investors of capital goods, machinery and component materials needed for new investment; make adequate provision for the remission of earnings and repatriation of capital;

(b) Develop domestic and foreign information services and other means for informing potential foreign investors of business opportunities in their countries and of the relevant laws and regulations governing foreign enterprise;

(c) Consider supplementing their efforts to attract foreign private investment by including in their requests for technical advice and assistance from the United Nations and its specialized agencies as well as from the countries well advanced technically, such matters as:

(i) Economic surveys to determine the sectors most likely to be of interest to private investors and to identify specific opportunities within those sectors;

(ii) The preparation of material regarding specific projects in a manner which will command the attention of private investors;

⁵ See United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1954.II.D.1, and document E/2546.

(iii) The establishment of channels for the presentation of specific projects to potential investors in capital-exporting countries;

2. *Recommends* continuing efforts by countries able to export capital to:

(a) Re-examine, wherever necessary, domestic policies, legislation and administrative practices with a view to encouraging the flow of private capital to capital-importing countries;

(b) Ensure to potential investors the availability of the fullest possible information on foreign investment opportunities and on the conditions and outlook for investment in individual foreign countries;

(c) Ensure to capital-importing countries (including firms and individuals therein) the availability of information on the investment desires of firms and individuals in the capital-exporting countries;

(d) Impress on investors the importance of endeavouring to secure local capital participation in their foreign enterprises whenever feasible and appropriate;

(e) Adopt, within the framework of their institutions, measures on taxation that will progressively reduce international double taxation with a view to its final elimination;

3. *Recommends* continuing efforts by the capital-exporting and capital-importing countries, where appropriate, to take such other steps as may be feasible and mutually acceptable to stimulate the flow of capital to under-developed countries and more especially to:

(a) Negotiate appropriate treaties, agreements, or other arrangements;

(b) Negotiate treaties on double taxation;

(c) Negotiate agreements, if consistent with national laws, providing for the insurability of certain non-business risks;

4. *Recommends* further that capital-importing and capital-exporting countries consider the desirability and feasibility of establishing investment corporations in individual countries designed to encourage the participation of private investors;

5. *Declares* that, in order for new foreign investments to be an effective contribution to the economic development of the under-developed countries, it is advisable to take into account, among other things, the situation with regard to previously established enterprises so as not to affect their normal development, provided that this is in harmony with the national interest;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare annually a report on the international flow of private capital and its contribution to an expanding international economy, and on the measures taken by Governments affecting such flow, or announced by them to be under consideration. In preparing the report account should be taken of the discussions on this subject in the Economic and Social Council and in the General Assembly and of the proposals made therein, and of suggestions which may be communicated by Governments, by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and by the International Monetary Fund for promoting the international flow of private capital.

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825 (IX). International tax problems

The General Assembly,

Noting that in resolution 486 (XVI) the Economic and Social Council, in addition to establishing the future lines of work of the Secretariat in the fiscal field, stated that it expected a report by the Fiscal Commission on the results of its future studies on the problem of the imposition by capital-exporting countries of any further taxes on the income from investments in under-developed countries beyond those applied by these latter countries,

Considering that, as one of the results of its review of the organization and operation of its commissions, the Economic and Social Council, by resolution 557 C (XVIII), section II, decided to discontinue the activity of the Fiscal Commission before it could complete the studies envisaged under resolution 486 (XVI) mentioned above,

Noting with satisfaction that the Secretary-General intends to continue his studies on the fiscal aspects of economic problems referred to in Economic and Social Council resolutions 486 (XVI) and 557 C (XVIII), section II,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) With a view to accelerating the rate of economic development of under-developed countries, to continue his studies of the taxation by capital-exporting and capital-importing countries on the income from foreign investments, particularly those made in the under-developed countries, making use in such studies of an analysis of replies of Governments to his questionnaire⁶ concerning the taxation of foreign nationals, assets and transactions;

(b) To submit his studies to the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to consider the reports of the Secretary-General mentioned in paragraph 1 above and to transmit the results of its deliberations to the General Assembly.

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826 (IX). Land reform

The General Assembly,

Considering the Secretary-General's reports "Progress in Land Reform"⁷ and "Rural Progress through Co-operatives"⁸ and Economic and Social Council resolution 512 C (XVII), section I, on land reform, in which the General Assembly is requested to continue its interest in land reform in all its aspects, giving particular attention to the problem of financing,

Bearing in mind that improvement of agrarian structure which in some under-developed countries constitutes an obstacle to economic development, together with other reforms referred to in General Assembly resolutions 401 (V), 524 (VI) and 625 (VII) and Economic and Social Council resolutions 370 (XIII) and 512 C (XVII), would not only help promote social progress and raise the standard of living, but would

⁶ See document E/CN.8/W.19.

⁷ See United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1954.II.B.3.

⁸ *Ibid.*, Sales No.: 1954.II.B.2.