



UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL
ASSEMBLY



Distr.
GENERAL

A/35/592/Add.5 +6,7
2 December 1980

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Thirty-fifth session
Agenda item 61

DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Report of the Second Committee (Part VI)

Rapporteur: Mrs. Maureen STEPHENSON-VERNON (Jamaica)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Committee continued its consideration of this item at its 39th, 41st and 46th meetings, on 5, 11 and 20 November 1980. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/35/SR.39, 41 and 46). Action on subitems (p) and (q) is discussed in section II below.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

A. United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy (subitem (p))

Draft resolutions A/C.2/35/L.51 and A/C.2/35/L.112

2. At the 39th meeting, on 5 November, the representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/35/L.51), entitled "United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy", which read as follows:

"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,

"Recalling also its resolutions 33/148 of 20 December 1978 and 34/190 of 18 December 1979, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 2119 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977, 1978/61 of 3 August 1978 and 1979/66 of 3 August 1979 regarding the convening and preparation of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy,

"Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1980/187 of 25 July 1980,

"Mindful of the importance of developing new and renewable sources of energy in order to contribute to meeting requirements for continued economic and social development, particularly in the developing countries through, inter alia, the transition to the increased use of new and renewable sources of energy,

"Stressing the importance of intensive international co-operation in the field of new and renewable sources of energy,

"Taking note of the reports of the first and second sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, 1/

"Taking note also of the progress reports of the Secretary-General and of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy on the preparations for the Conference, 2/

"Bearing in mind paragraph 1 of its resolution 34/190, in which it decided that the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy should be held at Nairobi in August 1981, as well as the recommendation of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference concerning the dates of the Conference, 3/

"Concerned at the slow pace in the preparations for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy in light of the time constraints,

"1. Strongly urges the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy to make all efforts to intensify and to accelerate the preparations for the Conference;

"2. Urges all Member States to promote heightened awareness of the importance of the Conference and to intensify its preparation at the national, subregional and regional levels in order to ensure its success;

1/ A/35/43 (Parts I and II).

2/ A/35/321.

3/ Decision 1 (II) of 1 August 1980.

"3. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy at its second session, held at Geneva from 21 July to 1 August 1980; 4/

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that such additional personnel and technical expertise from the United Nations Secretariat as may be required be made available to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy to facilitate the completion on time of the preparations for the Conference;

"5. Urges all concerned organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions to strengthen their participation and to continue to extend their fullest contribution to the preparatory process for the Conference as well as co-operation and support to the Secretary-General of the Conference in this process;

"6. Decides that the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy will be held from 10 to 21 August 1981 at Nairobi, preceded by one week of pre-conference consultations, beginning at Nairobi on 3 August 1981;

"7. Decides to provide the necessary facilities to the Preparatory Committee so that it can hold its scheduled meetings from 30 March to 17 April and from 8 to 26 June 1981, and authorizes the Preparatory Committee to extend its fourth session by one week, if it so decides, in order to ensure adequate and timely preparations for the Conference;

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements, including the requisite financial provisions, are made for the continuation of regional and interregional preparations for the Conference, including arrangements for pre-conference consultations;

"9. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to provide, in co-operation with the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, technical assistance to developing countries, at their request, in the preparations for the Conference, including the preparation of national papers;

"10. Welcomes the contributions provided by Member States and others to facilitate the preparations for the Conference and calls upon other Member States, as well as organizations of the United Nations system, to contribute further to the strengthening of the preparations for the Conference;

"11. Calls upon all States to submit national papers and their respective summaries by 31 December 1980, in conformity with decision ⁴ (II) adopted on 1 August 1980 by the Preparatory Committee at its second session, and requests that the summaries of the national papers be distributed in all working languages of the Conference;

4/ See A/35/43 (Part II).

"12. Requests the Preparatory Committee, at its third session, to consider and finalize the draft agenda for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and to submit it to the Conference;

"13. Requests the Preparatory Committee to consider and finalize the draft rules of procedure of the Conference during its third session and to submit it to the Conference;

"14. Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to prepare the following for consideration by the Preparatory Committee:

"(a) At its third session, a preliminary draft outline of a programme of action on new and renewable sources of energy for development consolidating the conclusions and recommendations submitted by the technical panels, ad hoc expert groups, the synthesis group and by the organizations of the United Nations system;

"(b) By 15 May 1981, or shortly thereafter, a comparative report containing conclusions and recommendations from the various reports classified according to the area of such new and renewable sources of energy as referred to in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 33/148, into those that are common to all regions, to some and to specific regions regarding:

"(i) the role and potential of new and renewable sources of energy in meeting present and future energy needs;

"(ii) the main technologies for the production and use of new and renewable sources of energy of interest to the regions concerned in the foreseeable future;

"(iii) the main constraints limiting the utilization of those technologies, in the following fields:

"a. Financing;

"b. Research and development and transfer of technology;

"c. Education and training;

"d. Information flow;

"e. Rural energy, including its utilization in agriculture;

"f. Industrial issues, including transportation, industry and other sectors;

"g. Any other constraints;

"(iv) the means to overcome those constraints at the national, subregional, regional and international levels;

/...

"(v) the scope for subregional, regional and international co-operation;

"(c) At its fourth session, a preliminary draft programme of action, which would be elaborated on the basis of the conclusions the Preparatory Committee will reach at its third session after considering the information provided for in the foregoing paragraph;

"15. Requests the Secretary-General to invite:

"(a) All States to participate in the Conference;

"(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 its auspices, in the capacity of observers, to participate in the Conference in that capacity, in accordance with Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976;

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

"(d) The United Nations Council for Namibia to participate, in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 32/9 of 4 November 1977;

"(e) The specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as interested organs of the United Nations, to be represented at the Conference;

"(f) Interested intergovernmental organizations to be represented by observers at the Conference;

"(g) Interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to be represented by observers at the Conference;

"(h) Other interested non-governmental organizations that may have a specific contribution to make to the work of the Conference to be represented by observers at the Conference;

"16. Invites the co-ordinating committee, to which reference is made in decision 8 (II) adopted on 1 August 1980 by the Preparatory Committee, to play an active role in ensuring the effective implementation of the work programme of the Conference;

"17. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements are made for the effective participation in the Conference of representatives of the organizations referred to in paragraph 15 (b) and (c) above, including the requisite financial provisions for their travel expenses and per diem;

/...

"18. Requests the Secretary-General to mobilize further the assistance of the Department of Public Information and other relevant services of the United Nations system in the implementation of the programme of information for the Conference to ensure world-wide awareness of the Conference and its objectives, particularly in the developing countries;

"19. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all documentation for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and its Preparatory Committee will be made available well in advance for timely consideration by Member States;

"20. Decides that the languages of the Conference shall be those of the General Assembly and its Main Committees;

"21. Decides to consider at its thirty-sixth session the results of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy."

3. At its 46th meeting, on 20 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/35/L.112) submitted by Mr. J. Valtasaari, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.51. In introducing the draft resolution, the Vice-Chairman orally revised it as follows:

(a) In the third line of operative paragraph 19, the phrase "in paragraph 15" was changed to "in paragraph 18";

(b) The order of operative paragraphs 22 and 23 was reversed.

4. A statement by the Secretary-General on the financial and administrative implications of draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.112 was circulated in document A/C.2/35/L.100.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.112 as orally revised (see para. 16, draft resolution I).

6. In the light of the adoption of the draft resolution, the sponsors withdrew draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.51.

7. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (also on behalf of Canada, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, and the United States of America), Czechoslovakia (also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Luxembourg (on behalf of the States members of the European Economic Community), Kenya, Israel, the United States of America, France, Canada, Japan, Sweden (also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway), Australia, Austria and New Zealand (see A/C.2/35/SR.46).

B. United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (subitem (a))

Draft resolutions A/C.2/35/L.66 and A/C.2/35/L.111

8. At the 41st meeting, on 11 November, the representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/35/L.66) entitled "United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries", which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Deeply concerned at the gravity of the deteriorating economic and social situation of the least developed countries and their dismal development during the past two decades, as well as at their bleak development prospects for the 1980s,

"Also deeply concerned at the continued critical lack of basic infrastructure in the least developed countries,

"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 economic co-operation,

"Recalling also resolution 122 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 5/ by which it adopted, as one of its major priorities, a Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in two phases: an Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981) and a Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s, aimed at:

"(a) Providing an immediate boost to their economies and immediate support for projects for meeting the most pressing social needs,

"(b) Paving the way for comprehensive and much larger long-term development efforts,

"Recalling its resolution 34/210 of 19 December 1979, in which it endorsed the Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries,

5/ Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

"Recalling also its resolution 34/203 of 19 December 1979, in which it decided to convene the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in 1981,

"Recalling further its resolution S-11/4 of 15 September 1980 on measures to meet the critical situation in the least developed countries,

"Having considered the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries on its first and second sessions, 6/

"Reaffirming that there is an immediate need for a greatly expanded increase in the transfer of resources to meet the critical needs of the least developed countries and to help promote their rapid and self-sustained socio-economic development,

"Emphasizing the particular importance of the contribution that economic co-operation among developing countries can make, inter alia, to the development of the least developed among them,

"Deeply concerned that, even more than one year after the adoption of the Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981), contained in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, very limited progress has been made towards its implementation,

"Recognizing the need for extensive public awareness throughout the world of the desperate plight of the least developed countries and the importance and objectives of the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

I

"1. Urges all developed countries, developing countries in a position to do so, multilateral development institutions and other sources to take urgent steps to implement without any further delay, on an immediate basis, the commitments undertaken in the Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981), contained in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

"2. Also urges donor countries to make equitable and all possible efforts with a view to doubling, at the earliest possible time within the first half of the 1980s, the flow of official development assistance to the least developed countries, in accordance with the commitments undertaken in paragraph 13 of resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and to give serious consideration to this end to the proposal that such a doubling should be in real terms, taking into account the relative performance of donor countries;

6/ A/35/45 (Parts I and II); to be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/35/45).

"3. Further urges donor countries, in the context of the over-all increase of official development assistance, to give serious consideration, not later than at the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to be held in 1981, to the proposals for further measures to provide an adequate minimum flow of official development assistance, including, inter alia, those proposals for tripling the net disbursement of concessional assistance by 1984 and quadrupling it by 1990, at 1977 prices, on a predictable, continuous and assured basis;

"4. Calls upon all developed countries to provide official development assistance to the least developed countries as a general rule in the form of untied grants;

"5. Expresses satisfaction at the readiness of other developing countries to take concrete measures to assist in meeting the development needs of the least developed countries on a priority basis and to give particular attention to the least developed countries within the framework of economic co-operation among developing countries and to make special efforts to ensure that all least developed countries can actively participate in and benefit from economic co-operation among developing countries;

"6. Urges donor countries and multilateral development institutions to allocate increased financial resources and technical assistance in support of activities aimed at major structural transformations of the least developed countries;

"7. Requests multilateral development agencies, including international interregional, regional and intergovernmental funds, to accord priority to the least developed countries in the programming and allocation of their resources;

"8. Urges all developed countries, developing countries in a position to do so, multilateral development institutions and other sources to extend substantial assistance to the least developed countries for the development of their energy resources;

"9. Invites all countries, as well as organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to accord due priority, in the implementation of the international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade, to the provisions relating to accelerated development of the least developed countries;

"10. Requests the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to invite all donor countries to provide information on the steps they are taking to implement the Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981);

II

"1. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations put forward by the

/...

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries at its second session; 7/

"2. Decides to hold the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries from 1 to 14 September 1981, to be preceded by a two-day consultation of senior officials, to take place on 27 and 28 August 1981;

"3. Accepts with appreciation the offer of the Government of France to act as host to the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, to be held in Paris;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to invite:

"(a) All States to participate in the Conference;

"(b) Representatives of organizations that have a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate, in the capacity of observers, in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices to participate in the Conference in that capacity, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976;

"(c) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate in the Conference in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1970;

"(d) Namibia, represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia, to participate in the Conference in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 32/9 E of 4 November 1977;

"(e) The specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as interested organs of the United Nations, to be represented at the Conference;

"(f) Intergovernmental bodies in consultative status with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to be represented by observers at the Conference;

"(g) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status (general category) with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Economic and Social Council, to be represented by observers at the Conference;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure effective participation of representatives of the least developed countries in the Conference by seeking extrabudgetary funds to finance travel expenses of three representatives from each least developed country;

7/ See A/C.2/35/7.

"6. Decides to hold the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries from 29 June to 10 July 1981 at Geneva;

"7. Requests the Preparatory Committee to consider and finalize the draft agenda and draft rules of procedures for the Conference during its third session and to submit them to the Conference;

"8. Requests the least developed countries to submit their individual country presentations to the Conference secretariat not later than 1 March 1981, since they are of crucial importance to the success of the Conference;

"9. Calls upon the international community and the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take all necessary measures to contribute to the success of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, the primary objective of which will be to finalize, adopt and launch the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s, as called for in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

"10. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements to ensure the availability of all relevant documents for the Conference well in advance for timely consideration by Member States;

"11. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements for requisite financial provisions are made to ensure the success of the Conference, including the arrangements for pre-Conference consultations;

"12. Decides that the languages of the Conference shall be those used in the General Assembly and its Main Committees;

"13. Requests the Secretary-General, in pursuance of paragraph 8 of its resolution 34/203 of 19 December 1979, to entrust the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation with the responsibility for taking necessary steps in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Conference to ensure the full mobilization and co-ordination of all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the preparations for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

"14. Also requests the Secretary-General and the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to provide appropriate assistance, including technical assistance, to the least developed countries, at their request and in accordance with established procedures, in their preparations for the Conference at the national, subregional, regional and global levels;

"15. Invites also the Governments in a position to do so to provide similar assistance;

"16. Calls upon donor countries to provide assistance bilaterally or through appropriate multilateral channels such as the United Nations Development Programme, the Special Measures Fund for Least Developed Countries of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Capital Development Fund, in response to requests from the least developed countries for immediate additional financial support for preparations for the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s, including identification of planning bottle-necks and steps to correct them, a survey of resources, feasibility studies and detailed preparation of country programmes and investment projects;

III

"1. Requests the Secretary-General and the Secretary-General of the Conference, and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to undertake a programme of public opinion activities designed to ensure awareness throughout the world of the importance of the Conference and its objectives;

"2. Invites Member States to actively promote public awareness of the Conference by disseminating relevant information through their national mass communication media networks;

"3. Recommends the exchange of high-level national delegations to generate public awareness with regard to the critical situation of the least developed countries and the importance and objectives of the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

"4. Expresses the view that an International Year of the Least Developed Countries could focus the attention of the international community on the situation in the least developed countries;

"5. Requests the United Nations Postal Administration to issue special stamps commemorating the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

"6. Invites Member States to consider issuing special national stamps of a commemorative nature on the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

IV

"Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its thirty-sixth session, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution and the outcome of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, including recommendations for further follow-up action, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development."

/...

9. A statement by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.66 was circulated in document A/C.2/35/L.94 and Corr.1.

10. At its 46th meeting, on 20 November, the Committee considered a draft resolution (A/C.2/35/L.111) submitted by Mr. J. Valtasaari, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.66. In introducing draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.111, the Vice-Chairman orally revised it as follows:

(a) The following two new operative paragraphs 4 and 5 were inserted after operative paragraph 3 of section I:

"4. Also urges donor countries to make equitable and all possible efforts with a view to doubling, at the earliest possible time within the first half of the 1980s, the flow of official development assistance to the least developed countries, in accordance with the commitments undertaken in paragraph 13 of resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and to give serious consideration to this end to the proposal that such a doubling should be in real terms, taking into account the relative performance of donor countries;

"5. Further urges donor countries, in the context of the over-all increase of official development assistance, to give serious consideration, not later than at the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to be held in 1981, to the proposals for further measures to provide an adequate minimum flow of official development assistance, including, inter alia, those proposals for tripling the net disbursement of concessional assistance by 1984 and quadrupling it by 1990, at 1977 prices, on a predictable, continuous and assured basis;"

(b) In the first line of operative paragraph 6 of section I, the word "certain" was deleted;

(c) In the second line of operative paragraph 11 of section II, the words "to the maximum extent possible" were inserted between the words "provisions" and "within";

(d) In the second line of operative paragraph 14 of section II, the words ", inter alia" were inserted between the words "using" and "existing resources";

(e) In the ninth line of operative paragraph 16 of section II, the words "and detailed preparation of country programmes" were deleted;

(f) In the penultimate line of operative paragraph 1 of section III, the words "to the maximum extent possible" were inserted between the words "objectives" and "within the";

(g) In the third line of operative paragraph 4 of section III, the words "the implementation of" were deleted and the phrase "as adopted by the General Assembly in its decision (A/C.2/35/L.7)" was added at the end of the paragraph;

/...

(h) As a result of the insertion of new operative paragraphs 4 and 5 in section I, the paragraphs following them were renumbered accordingly.

11. A statement by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.111 was circulated in document A/C.2/35/L.119.

12. At the 46th meeting, on 20 November, the representative of Chad made a statement.

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.111, as orally revised (see para. 16, draft resolution II).

14. In the light of the adoption of the draft resolution, the sponsors withdrew draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.66.

15. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Israel, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Japan, France, Canada (also on behalf of France, Germany, Federal Republic of, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America), Czechoslovakia (also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Venezuela (on behalf of the States members of the Group of 77) (see A/C.2/35/SR.46).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

16. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy

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,

Recalling also its resolutions 33/148 of 20 December 1978 and 34/190 of 18 December 1979 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 2119 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977, 1978/61 of 3 August 1978 and 1979/66 of 3 August 1979 regarding the convening and preparation of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy,

Noting Economic and Social Council decision 1980/187 of 25 July 1980,

Mindful of the importance of developing new and renewable sources of energy in order to contribute to meeting requirements for continued economic and social development, particularly in the developing countries, through, inter alia, the transition to the increased use of new and renewable sources of energy,

Stressing the importance of intensive international co-operation in the field of new and renewable sources of energy,

Taking note of the reports of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference on its first and second sessions, 8/

Taking note also of the progress reports of the Secretary-General and of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the preparations for the Conference, 9/

Bearing in mind paragraph 1 of its resolution 34/190, in which it decided that the Conference should be held at Nairobi in August 1981, as well as decision 1 (II) of the Preparatory Committee of 1 August 1980 10/ concerning the dates of the Conference,

Concerned at the slow pace in the preparations for the Conference in light of the time constraints,

1. Strongly urges the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy to take all the necessary measures to intensify and to accelerate the preparations for the Conference;

2. Urges all Member States to promote heightened awareness of the importance of the Conference and to intensify its preparation at the national, subregional and regional levels in order to ensure its success;

3. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the Conference at its second session, held at Geneva from 21 July to 1 August 1980;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that such additional personnel and technical expertise be drawn from the United Nations Secretariat as may be required and that it be made available to the Secretary-General of the Conference to facilitate the completion on time of the preparations for the Conference;

5. Urges all concerned organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, to strengthen their participation and

8/ A/35/43 (Parts I and II); to be issued subsequently as Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 43 (A/35/43).

9/ A/35/321 and A/35/531.

10/ See A/35/43 (Part II), sect. VII B.

to continue to extend their fullest contribution to the preparatory process for the Conference as well as co-operation and support to the Secretary-General of the Conference in this process;

6. Welcomes the co-operation provided by Member States and others to facilitate the preparations for the Conference and calls upon them to contribute further to the strengthening of the preparations for the Conference;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to take all steps necessary, consistent with the rules and regulations of the United Nations, to ensure the utilization of co-operation offered, taking fully into account the interests of all groups of countries;

8. Decides that the Conference will be held at Nairobi from 10 to 21 August 1981 and be preceded by interregional meetings and pre-conference consultations at Nairobi, beginning on 1 August 1981;

9. Decides that the third session of the Preparatory Committee, scheduled to be held from 30 March to 10 April, will be extended by one week and that the fourth session of the Committee will be held from 8 to 26 June 1981;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements, including the requisite financial provisions, are made for the continuation of regional preparations for the Conference;

11. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to provide, in co-operation with the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, technical assistance to developing countries, using, inter alia, to the greatest extent possible existing resources, at their request and in accordance with established procedures in the preparations for the Conference, including the preparation of national papers;

12. Calls upon all States wishing to do so to submit national papers and brief summaries thereof by 31 December 1980, in conformity with decision 4 (II) adopted on 1 August 1980 by the Preparatory Committee, and requests that the summaries of the national papers should be distributed in all the working languages of the Conference;

13. Requests the Preparatory Committee, at its third session, to consider and finalize the draft agenda for the Conference and to submit it to the Conference;

14. Requests the Preparatory Committee to consider and finalize the draft rules of procedure of the Conference during its third session and to submit them to the Conference;

15. Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to prepare, for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its third session, a preliminary draft outline of a programme of action reflecting the consolidated conclusions and recommendations submitted by the technical panels, ad hoc expert groups, the synthesis group and organizations of the United Nations system;

16. Invites the Preparatory Committee at its third session to provide guidance on the elaboration of the preliminary draft programme of action;

17. Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to provide by 15 May 1981 the following documents for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session:

(a) A synoptic table classifying conclusions and recommendations into those of common concern to all regions, those of concern to some regions and those specific to one region, with an indication of their origin;

(b) A report containing, in a format similar to that suggested as reference for the preparation of national papers, additional information that may be relevant for the preparation of the draft programme of action, including proposals and recommendations arising in national papers and regional reports;

18. Requests the Secretary-General to invite:

(a) All States to participate in the Conference;

(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 its auspices, in the capacity of observers, to participate in the Conference in that capacity, in accordance with Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976;

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

(d) The United Nations Council for Namibia to participate, in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 32/9 E of 4 November 1977;

(e) The specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as interested organs of the United Nations, to be represented at the Conference;

(f) Interested intergovernmental organizations to be represented by observers at the Conference;

(g) Interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to be represented by observers at the Conference;

(h) Other interested non-governmental organizations that may have a specific contribution to make to the work of the Conference to be represented by observers at the Conference;

19. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements are made for the effective participation in the Conference of representatives of

/...

the organizations referred to in paragraph 18 (b) and (c) above, including the requisite financial provisions for their travel expenses and per diem;

20. Invites the co-ordinating committee, to which reference is made in decision 8 (II), adopted on 1 August 1980 by the Preparatory Committee, to play an active role in ensuring the effective implementation of the preparatory work programme of the Conference;

21. Requests the Secretary-General to mobilize further the assistance of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat and other relevant services of the United Nations system in the implementation of the programme of information for the Conference to ensure world-wide awareness of the Conference and its objectives, particularly in the developing countries;

22. Requests the Secretary-General to ascertain immediately the views of Member States concerning plans which have been drawn up for the organization of exhibitions-cum-demonstrations in the area of new and renewable sources of energy at Nairobi during the Conference and to keep in close touch with the Government of Kenya to ensure the best possible conditions for the exhibitions-cum-demonstrations;

23. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the entire documentation for the Conference and its Preparatory Committee in all the working languages of the Conference is made available well in advance for consideration by Member States;

24. Decides that the languages of the Conference shall be those of the General Assembly and its Main Committees;

25. Decides to consider the results of the Conference at its thirty-sixth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned at the gravity of the deteriorating economic and social situation of the least developed countries and their dismal development during the past two decades, as well as at their bleak development prospects for the 1980s,

Also deeply concerned at the continued critical lack of basic infrastructure in the least developed countries,

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,

/...

Recalling also resolution 122 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 11/ by which it endorsed, as one of its major priorities, a Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in two phases: an Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981) and a Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s,

Recognizing that the primary responsibility for their development rests with the least developed countries themselves,

Recalling its resolution 34/210 of 19 December 1979, by which it endorsed the Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries,

Recalling also its resolution 34/203 of 19 December 1979, in which it decided to convene the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in 1981,

Recalling further its resolution S-11/4 of 15 September 1980 on measures to meet the critical situation in the least developed countries,

Having considered the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries on its first and second sessions, 12/

Reaffirming that there is an immediate need for a greatly expanded increase in the transfer of resources to meet the critical needs of the least developed countries and to help promote their rapid and self-sustained socio-economic development,

Emphasizing the particular importance of the contribution that economic co-operation among developing countries can make, inter alia, to the development of the least developed among them,

Noting with appreciation that some developed countries have taken positive steps towards the implementation of resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Deeply concerned that, even more than one year after the adoption of the Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981), contained in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, very limited progress has been made towards its implementation,

Recognizing the need for extensive public awareness throughout the world of the desperate plight of the least developed countries and the importance and objectives of the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

11/ See Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

12/ A/35/45 (Parts I and II); to be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/35/45).

I

1. Urges all developed countries, developing countries in a position to do so, multilateral development institutions and other sources to take urgent steps to implement without any further delay, and in any case before the end of 1981, the commitments undertaken in the Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981), contained in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. Urges donor countries which have not yet done so to provide substantive information on the steps they are taking to implement the Immediate Action Programme;

3. Also urges the least developed countries, to the extent of their possibilities, to submit information on the steps they are taking to implement the Immediate Action Programme;

4. Also urges donor countries to make equitable and all possible efforts with a view to doubling, at the earliest possible time within the first half of the 1980s, the flow of official development assistance to the least developed countries, in accordance with the commitments undertaken in paragraph 13 of resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and to give serious consideration to this end to the proposal that such a doubling should be in real terms, taking into account the relative performance of donor countries;

5. Further urges donor countries, in the context of the over-all increase of official development assistance, to give serious consideration, not later than at the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, to be held in 1981, to the proposals for further measures to provide an adequate minimum flow of official development assistance, including, inter alia, those proposals for tripling the net disbursement of concessional assistance by 1984 and quadrupling it by 1990, at 1977 prices, on a predictable, continuous and assured basis;

6. Calls upon all developed countries to provide official development assistance to the least developed countries as a general rule in the form of grants which as a general rule should be untied;

7. Expresses satisfaction at the readiness of other developing countries to take concrete measures to assist in meeting the development needs of the least developed countries on a priority basis and to give particular attention to the least developed countries, as an example of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries, and to make special efforts to ensure that all least developed countries can actively participate in and benefit from economic and technical co-operation among developing countries;

8. Notes with appreciation the concern of developed countries for the alleviation of the critical situation of the least developed countries;

9. Urges donor countries and multilateral development institutions to allocate increased financial resources and technical assistance in support of

/...

activities aimed at major structural transformations of the least developed countries, taking into account the relative over-all performance of the donor countries;

10. Requests multilateral development agencies, including international, interregional, regional and intergovernmental funds, to accord priority to the least developed countries in the programming and allocation of their resources;

11. Urges all developed countries, developing countries in a position to do so, multilateral development institutions and other sources to extend substantial assistance to the least developed countries for the development of their energy resources;

12. Invites all countries, as well as organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to accord due priority, in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 13/ to the provisions relating to accelerated development of the least developed countries;

II

1. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations put forward by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries at its second session, 14/ taking into account the views expressed by delegations at that session;

2. Decides that the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries will be held from 1 to 14 September 1981 and will be preceded by a two-day consultation of senior officials on 27 and 28 August 1981;

3. Accepts with appreciation the offer of the Government of France to act as host to the Conference, to be held in Paris;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to invite:

(a) All States to participate in the Conference;

(b) Representatives of organizations that have a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate, in the capacity of observers, in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices to participate in the Conference in that capacity, in accordance with Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976;

13/ A/35/592/Add.1, para. 6.

14/ A/C.2/35/7; to be subsequently incorporated in Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/35/45).

(c) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity in its region to participate in the Conference in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1970;

(d) Namibia, represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia, to participate in the Conference in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 32/9 E of 4 November 1977;

(e) The specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as interested organs of the United Nations, to be represented at the Conference;

(f) Intergovernmental bodies in consultative status with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to be represented by observers at the Conference;

(g) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status (general category) with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Economic and Social Council to be represented by observers at the Conference;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure effective participation of representatives of the least developed countries in the Conference by seeking extrabudgetary funds to finance travel expenses of three representatives from each least developed country;

6. Decides that the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference will be held at Geneva from 29 June to 10 July 1981;

7. Requests the Preparatory Committee to consider and finalize the draft agenda and draft rules of procedure for the Conference during its third session and to submit them to the Conference;

8. Requests the least developed countries to submit their individual country presentations to the Conference secretariat not later than 1 March 1981, since they are of crucial importance to the success of the Conference;

9. Calls upon the international community and the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take all necessary measures to contribute to the success of the Conference, the primary objective of which will be to finalize, adopt and support the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s, as called for in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements to ensure the availability of all relevant documents for the Conference, in all the official languages of the Conference, well in advance for timely consideration by Member States;

11. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements for requisite financial provisions to the maximum extent possible

/...

within existing resources are made to ensure the success of the Conference, including the arrangements for pre-Conference consultations, as envisaged in section II, paragraph 2, above;

12. Decides that the official languages of the Conference and its committees shall be those of the General Assembly and its Main Committees;

13. Requests the Secretary-General, in pursuance of paragraph 8 of its resolution 34/203, to entrust the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation with the responsibility for taking necessary steps, with the collaboration of the Secretary-General of the Conference, to ensure the full mobilization and co-ordination of all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the preparations for the Conference;

14. Also requests the Secretary-General and the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to provide, using, inter alia, existing resources to the extent possible, appropriate assistance, including technical assistance, to the least developed countries, at their request and in accordance with established procedures, in their preparations for the Conference at the national, subregional, regional and global levels;

15. Invites the Governments in a position to do so to provide similar assistance;

16. Urges donor countries to provide assistance bilaterally or through appropriate multilateral channels such as the United Nations Development Programme, the Special Measures Fund for Least Developed Countries of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Capital Development Fund, in response to requests from the least developed countries for immediate additional financial support for detailed preparations of the country programmes and other preparations for the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s, including identification of obstacles to planning and steps to correct them, a survey of resources, feasibility studies and investment projects, as envisaged in paragraph 3 (c) of resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

III

1. Requests the Secretary-General and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to undertake a programme of public information activities designed to ensure awareness throughout the world of the importance of the Conference and its objectives, to the maximum extent possible within existing resources;

2. Invites Member States actively to promote public awareness of the Conference by disseminating relevant information, inter alia, to their mass communication media networks;

3. Suggests the exchange of high-level national delegations in order to generate public awareness with regard to the critical situation of the least developed countries and the importance and objectives of the Conference;

4. Expresses the view that an International Year of the Least Developed Countries could focus the attention of the international community on the situation in the least developed countries, without prejudice to paragraph 10 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on guidelines for future international years, as adopted by the General Assembly in its decision 35/ of December 1980;

5. Requests the United Nations Postal Administration to issue special stamps commemorating the Conference;

6. Invites Member States to consider issuing special national stamps of a commemorative nature on the Conference;

IV

Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a report on the outcome of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and on the progress made in the implementation of the Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981).
