

Concerned about the need in this connexion to accelerate substantially the rate of growth of the percentage share of the developing countries in total world industrial production,

1. Urges developed countries to implement fully section IV, paragraph 2, of resolution 3362 (S-VII);

2. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in this context, in collaboration with the pertinent international organizations of the United Nations system and taking into account national and international sources, to prepare studies which would include:

(a) Recommendations concerning an interrelated set of policies, taking into account environmental and labour market conditions and including financial and trade measures for promoting redeployment, as well as the economic structure and the economic, social and security objectives of the developed countries and the principle of permanent sovereignty of States over their natural resources;

(b) The identification of specific industries and sectors of industries which would be amenable to accelerated redeployment to developing countries in the context of section IV, paragraph 2, of resolution 3362 (S-VII);

(c) Submission to the Industrial Development Board of the results of the above studies for its review and recommendations for appropriate action;

3. Requests the Industrial Development Board to include in its agenda as a regular item the redeployment of industries from developed to developing countries;

4. Further requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Industrial Development Board, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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31/164. Report of the Industrial Development Board

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its tenth session;⁷⁶

2. Decides in principle, in accordance with the recommendation contained in the report of the Industrial Development Board on the second part of its tenth session,⁷⁷ to convene the Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in 1979 on the basis of the mandate proposed in paragraph 70 of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation;⁷⁸

3. Requests the Industrial Development Board to act as an intergovernmental preparatory committee for the Conference, beginning with its eleventh session;

4. Decides to take a final decision on the matter at its thirty-second session.

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⁷⁶ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/31/16).

⁷⁷ Ibid., part two, paras. 20-22.

⁷⁸ See A/10112, chap. IV.

31/165. Borrowing authority of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Having considered the part of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-second session relating to the granting of short-term borrowing authority to the Administrator of the Programme,⁷⁹

Recognizing the urgent need for the United Nations Development Programme to replenish its Operational Reserve on a funded basis, fully mobilizable at sight or on short notice, to a level sufficient to ensure the financial integrity of the Programme,

Recognizing the urgent need for participating Governments to pay promptly outstanding pledges and obligations to the United Nations Development Programme and to co-operate fully in measures undertaken by the Administrator of the Programme in conjunction with the executing agencies to use accumulated currencies,

Recognizing that, in the meantime, it may prove necessary to assist the United Nations Development Programme to meet short-term cash requirements, arising exclusively out of unavoidable fluctuations between the payment of announced voluntary contributions and the immediate cash requirements of the Programme in any one year, which might jeopardize its approved programme,

1. Authorizes the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to grant to the Administrator of the Programme, until the end of 1977 and on a case-by-case basis, authority to borrow moneys for the purpose stated above and subject to the conditions and specifications indicated below:

(a) In order to borrow, the Administrator shall in each case seek the prior approval of the Governing Council at a regular or special session;

(b) The sources from which such funds can be borrowed are limited to voluntary-funded trust funds of organizations within the United Nations system, provided that the borrowing of such moneys shall be made with the agreement, where appropriate, of the executive directors of the voluntary funds and shall in no way adversely affect the operations of the trust funds to which the moneys have been contributed or the speedy implementation of the programmes concerned, it being understood that borrowings shall be made, in the first instance, from trust funds under the aegis of the Governing Council;

(c) The Governing Council shall only grant borrowing authority to the Administrator as an exceptional measure, if, after a thorough examination of the financial situation of the Programme on the basis of comprehensive information provided by the Administrator, it is satisfied of the need to borrow and is satisfied also regarding the repayment schedules of the anticipated borrowings; such comprehensive information shall include particulars of the status of assessed programme costs, of voluntary contributions, including the status of accumulated currencies and shared programme costs, of accounts payable and of cash require-

⁷⁹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5846/Rev.1), paras. 46-51.

ments for completing first-cycle programmes and initiating second-cycle programmes, including allocations to programme and administrative support costs and agency overheads;

(d) Such borrowings shall not be used as a means to raise additional funds for the Programme over and above the pledged voluntary contributions and other approved income for any one year;

(e) Repayments shall be made only from the funds voluntarily contributed to the Programme and shall be effected within 60 days of the borrowing;

(f) If possible, borrowing should be free of interest, but if there is a need to pay interest the rate paid should be the lowest possible and in no case higher than that paid by the World Bank for its short-term borrowing and, to the extent possible, the interest shall be paid from earned interest;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to lend moneys to the United Nations Development Programme from appropriate voluntary trust funds in his custody for the purpose and under the conditions specified in paragraph 1 above, on the understanding, however, that in all such cases a consensus decision of the Governing Council of the Programme shall be required.

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31/166. United Nations Volunteers

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1966 (LIX) of 30 July 1975,

Noting the expanding role of the United Nations Volunteers in the field of domestic development resulting from the decision taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1974 to set up a unit within the United Nations Volunteers programme to deal with the activities in question,

Aware that the International Secretariat for Volunteer Service is in the process of being liquidated under the direction of an interim board appointed by the Council of the International Secretariat and that it has terminated its activities in the field of international volunteer work and domestic development services,

Noting that a number of the activities of the International Secretariat have already been taken over, at the request of the interim board, by the United Nations Volunteers,

1. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme:

(a) To develop further and expand the activities of the United Nations Volunteers in the field of domestic development services;

(b) To ensure that the United Nations Volunteers programme actively promotes the formation of regional advisory groups for domestic development services and subsequently co-operates to the fullest possible extent with such groups;

(c) To ensure that the United Nations Volunteers programme prepares and publishes relevant material on volunteer and domestic development services activities;

2. *Appeals* to Governments to take into account the growing number and widening scope of the activities of the United Nations Volunteers and, consequently, to consider contributing, or increasing their contribution, as the case may be, to the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers.

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31/167. Expansion of basic services provided by the United Nations Children's Fund in developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3408 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 in which it, *inter alia*, invited the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund to consider in depth the matter of basic services for children in developing countries,

Recognizing that the provision of basic services constitutes an important link in the development process,

Noting that the basic services concept represents the extension, to a number of developmental activities benefiting children, of the same principles as those adopted by the World Health Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, held at Geneva from 13 to 30 May 1975, and by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund at its session held in New York from 14 to 30 May 1975⁸⁰ in connexion with the approach to be followed in meeting basic health needs,

Convinced that the basic services concept and strategy, while providing guidelines for future action by the United Nations Children's Fund, are equally appropriate for adoption by agencies and authorities concerned with the promotion of programmes for human development in developing countries,

Stressing the importance of increased international co-operation in support of basic services as a vital component of social and economic development,

Believing that the external assistance required to support these services should be within the capacity of the international community,

1. *Urges* the developing countries to incorporate the basic services concept and approach in their national development plans and strategies;

2. *Urges* the developed countries and others in a position to do so to provide through bilateral and multilateral channels, including the United Nations Children's Fund, external assistance to supplement the efforts of developing countries in launching or expanding basic services benefiting children;

3. *Urges* the international community to recognize its responsibility for increased co-operative action to promote social and economic development through its support of basic services at the international and the country programming level.

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31/168. United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 2021 (LXI) of 4 August 1976,

⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5698).