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Tunisia: draft resolution*

United Nations Conference on Restrictive Business Practices

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, in which, in paragraph 37, 31 December 1972 was the date set for attaining concrete and significant results in the control of restrictive business practices,

Recalling further section I, paragraph 10, of its resolution 3326 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Taking into account the significant progress made in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in the formulation of a set of principles and rules pursuant to section III of Conference resolution 96 (IV) of 31 May 1976,

1. Takes note of Trade and Development Board resolution 178 (XVIII) of 17 September 1978, in which it was decided to convene a further session of the Third Ad hoc Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices, in order to enable the Group, inter alia, to complete its work on the set of principles and rules;

2. Decides to convene, in the period between September 1979 and April 1980, under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, a United Nations Conference of Restrictive Business Practices to negotiate, on the basis of the work of the Third Ad hoc Group of Experts, and to take all decisions necessary for the adoption of a set of multilaterally agreed equitable principles and rules for the control of restrictive business practices having adverse effects on international trade, particularly that of developing countries, and on the economic development of those countries, including a decision on the legal character of the principles and rules;

* The draft resolution is submitted by the delegation of Tunisia on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77.

3. Authorizes the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, at its fifth session, to take appropriate actions for the Conference on Restrictive Business Practices, including decisions on relevant issues and, in particular, the determination of the precise dates for the Conference within the period referred to in paragraph 2, above;

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

(g) Directly concerned non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to be represented by observers at the Conference;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements are made for the effective participation in the Conference of two representatives of each least developed country, as well as representatives of the organizations referred to in paragraph 4 (b) and (c) above, including the requisite financial provisions for their travel expenses and per diem;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for holding the Conference at Geneva, to submit to the Conference all relevant documentation and to arrange for the necessary staff, facilities and services that it will require;

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