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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee (A. Ahsan) on the basis of informal consultations held on the draft resolution contained in A/C.2/34/L.20

Economic co-operation among developing countries

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, 3201 (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 its resolution 3177 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, 3241 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974, 3442 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, 31/119 of 16 December 1976, 32/180 of 19 December 1977, and 33/195 of 29 January 1979, as well as resolution 127 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 1/ on economic co-operation among developing countries,

Noting further the decisions taken at the Conference on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, held at Mexico City from 12 to 22 September 1976, 2/

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, 3/ and resolutions adopted at

1/ See "Report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its fifth session, held at the Philippine International Convention Center from 7 May to 3 June 1979", part one (TP/268), sect. A.

2/ See A/C.2/31/7, part one.

3/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries held from 30 August to 12 September 1978, 3/ and reaffirming that technical co-operation is a basic instrument for the promotion of economic co-operation among developing countries,

Noting the decisions taken at the Fourth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77, held at Arusha from 6 to 16 February 1979, at which the Arusha Programme for Collective Self-Reliance and Framework for Negotiations was adopted,

Noting also the decisions taken by the non-aligned countries on economic co-operation among developing countries, particularly the Action Programme for Economic Co-operation, adopted at the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976, 4/ and the resolution on policy guidelines on the reinforcement of collective self-reliance between developing countries, adopted at the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana from 3 to 9 September 1979, 5/

Mindful that economic co-operation among developing countries is a key element in the strategy of collective self-reliance and an essential instrument for promoting structural changes contributing to a balanced and equitable process of global economic development, wherein the developing countries will enhance mutual economic co-operation in order to increase one another's capabilities and meet their development needs,

Recognizing that, while efforts by the developing countries play a decisive role in achieving their development goals, however much the developing countries mobilize their own resources in the pursuit of their economic and social objectives it would not be possible for them to achieve such objectives without concomitant action on the part of developed countries and the institutions in the international community,

Reaffirming that efforts by the developing countries to promote economic co-operation among themselves do not diminish the responsibilities of all other countries to establish a just and equitable system of international economic relations,

Recognizing that in the context of international economic co-operation the achievement of the goals of greater economic co-operation among developing countries will make an important contribution to the establishment of the New International Economic Order,

1. Welcomes the initiatives of the developing countries in adopting the First Short Medium-Term Action Plan for Global Priorities on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries at the Fourth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77, held at Arusha in February 1979, which is expected to make a significant contribution to the promotion of economic co-operation among developing countries;

4/ See A/31/197, annex III.

5/ See A/34/542, sect. IV, resolution 7.

2. Welcomes also the Action Programme for Economic Co-operation 4/ and the resolution containing the policy guidelines on the reinforcement of collective self-reliance between developing countries, 5/ which are expected to make a significant contribution to furthering economic co-operation among developing countries;

3. Urges that the developed countries and international organizations provide appropriate support and assistance to the process and activities of economic co-operation among developing countries, notably in fulfilment of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, bearing in mind the Arusha Programme and its principles and objectives of economic co-operation among developing countries, namely that:

(a) Economic co-operation among developing countries is a basic component of the efforts towards the establishment of the New International Economic Order and as such is based on common interests and co-operation among all States;

(b) Economic co-operation among developing countries, being a matter that chiefly concerns the developing countries, should be devised and implemented by them at the subregional, regional and interregional levels, and appropriate, concomitant support action, on the part of the developed countries and organizations of the international community, is needed to contribute to its implementation;

4. Urges all countries, in particular the developed countries, and international organizations to contribute fully to the implementation of the recommendations on economic co-operation among developing countries contained in resolution 127 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development: 1/

5. Urges that, in their bilateral and multilateral development assistance programmes, developed countries and international financial institutions take action to enable developing countries to participate effectively in the execution of bilateral and multilateral projects financed in developing countries through the greatest possible use of their own capabilities;

6. Further urges the developed countries to contribute to the implementation of projects of economic co-operation among developing countries through the United Nations development system.

7. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to undertake, as a matter of priority, the necessary preparations for convening the Special Session of the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, in particular taking measures to prepare for holding the three preparatory meetings of governmental experts from developing countries as well as of other meetings of government experts that may be requested by other regional groups, referred to in operative paragraph 13 of the above-mentioned resolution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

8. Requests also the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, within the framework of the mandate of the United Nations

Conference on Trade and Development and in the light of its key role in economic co-operation among developing countries within the United Nations system, to intensify further its efforts in support of relevant programmes of economic co-operation among developing countries and to maintain close co-operation, where appropriate, with other United Nations organizations and the specialized agencies as well as with the regional intergovernmental organizations of the developing countries;

9. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Economic co-operation among developing countries"; 6/

10. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to include in the medium-term plan of the United Nations an intersectoral presentation of the activities envisaged for implementing the relevant resolutions of the United Nations on economic co-operation among developing countries and to promote the same kind of intersectoral presentation on a system-wide basis;

11. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, in accordance with established procedures and practices, to support measures of economic co-operation among developing countries, including - as and when requested - the continued provision of the necessary secretariat support services and other suitable arrangements to facilitate the holding of meetings by the developing countries in pursuance of the objectives of economic co-operation among developing countries;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to include a review of developments regarding economic co-operation among developing countries, including the implementation of the present resolution, in his analytical report to the General Assembly at its special session in 1980 on the implementation of the decisions taken regarding the establishment of the new international economic order called for in resolution 33/198.
