

moting research and development in developing countries, at their request, so that they may enhance their indigenous capacities for the exploration and development of their natural resources;

6. *Notes* the recommendations of the Group of Experts on Mineral and Energy Exploration in Developing Countries regarding transfer of technology¹⁸² and in this context requests the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take urgent steps with a view to assisting the developing countries, at their request, in this area;

7. *Takes note* of the action taken by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its fifth session regarding transfer of technology;¹⁸³

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to request the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to take the action necessary to co-ordinate the ongoing activities of the United Nations system in the field of assistance in technology transfer, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

9. *Welcomes* the programme to accelerate petroleum production in the developing countries outlined in the study prepared by the World Bank,¹⁸⁴ and invites the World Bank to consider expanding its programme of assistance to the developing countries in this field, at their request and within the framework of their national priorities, particularly in respect of exploration, and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of the measures referred to in the present resolution.

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34/202. 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, 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 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 Development¹⁸⁵ on economic co-operation among developing countries,

¹⁸² *Ibid.*, para. 12.

¹⁸³ 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, resolution 112 (V) and decision 113 (V).

¹⁸⁴ See E/1979/93.

¹⁸⁵ 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.

Recalling further the decisions taken by the Conference on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, held at Mexico City from 13 to 22 September 1976,¹⁸⁶

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries¹⁸⁷ and the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,¹⁸⁸ and reaffirming that technical co-operation is a basic instrument for the promotion of economic co-operation among developing countries,

Noting the decisions taken by the Fourth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Seventy-seven, held at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, from 12 to 16 February 1979, and in particular the Arusha Programme for Collective Self-Reliance and Framework for Negotiations,¹⁸⁹

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 1976,¹⁹⁰ and resolution 7 containing policy guidelines on the reinforcement of collective self-reliance between developing countries, adopted by the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana from 3 to 9 September 1979,¹⁹¹

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 the efforts of 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 of the international community,

Reaffirming that the efforts of 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 initiative of the developing countries in adopting, at the Fourth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Seventy-seven, the First Short Medium-Term Action Plan for Global Priorities on Economic

¹⁸⁶ *Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Sixteenth Session, Second Part, Annexes*, document TD/B/628.

¹⁸⁷ See *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.

¹⁸⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. II.

¹⁸⁹ *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), annex VI.

¹⁹⁰ See A/31/197, annex III.

¹⁹¹ See A/34/542, annex.

Co-operation among Developing Countries,¹⁹² which is expected to make a significant contribution to the promotion of economic co-operation among developing countries;

2. *Welcomes also* the Action Programme for Economic Co-operation¹⁹⁰ and the resolution containing policy guidelines on the reinforcement of collective self-reliance between developing countries,¹⁹¹ which are expected to make a significant contribution to furthering economic co-operation among developing countries;

3. *Urges* the developed countries and international organizations to 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 Programme¹⁸⁹ 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;¹⁸⁵

5. *Urges* developed countries and international financial institutions, in their bilateral and multilateral development assistance programmes, to 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 a 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 other meetings of governmental experts that may be requested by other regional groups, referred to in paragraph 13 of resolution 127 (V) of the Conference;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, within the framework of the mandate of the Conference 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 inter-governmental organizations of the developing countries;

9. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on economic co-operation among developing countries;¹⁹³

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 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, taking into account 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 Assembly resolution 33/198 of 29 January 1979.

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34/203. United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries¹⁹⁴

The General Assembly,

Noting the request contained in paragraph 11 (e) of resolution 122 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,¹⁹⁵ in which the Conference emphasized the special importance of the action to be taken and invited the General Assembly to convene a United Nations conference on the least developed countries, in order to finalize, adopt and support the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s,

Expressing deep concern at the gravity of the economic and social situation of the least developed countries,

Emphasizing that the special and pressing problems facing the least developed countries should be taken fully into account in the formulation of the strategy for the third United Nations development decade,

Bearing in mind the need for full implementation of the Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the

¹⁹³ A/34/546.

¹⁹⁴ See also sect. I, foot-note 11.

¹⁹² *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), annex VI, sect. II.

¹⁹⁵ 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.