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REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF
THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND
UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE

Report of the Second Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 1939th plenary meeting, on 25 September 1971, allocated to the Second Committee agenda item 45, entitled "Review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade".
2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 1409th to 1412th meeting, between 16 and 18 November 1971, its 1415th and 1416th meetings, on 22 and 23 November, its 1418th, 1421st and 1423rd meetings, held on 24, 26 and 29 November, respectively. An account of the discussions of the Committee on this item is contained in the relevant summary records.
3. When considering the item the Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/8387 and Rev.1), a report of the Secretary-General on a system of over-all review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy (E/5040) and the relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session.^{1/}
4. The Committee had before it two draft resolutions, as set forth in sections I and II below.

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8403), chap.V.

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5. At the 1409th meeting, on 16 November, the representative of Uruguay introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1152), entitled "Dissemination of and information on policies for the period covered by the International Development Strategy", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Considering the provisions of section E of its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970,

"Bearing in mind that an essential element of the International Development Strategy will consist of the mobilization of public opinion in both developing and developed countries in support of the objectives and policies for the Decade,

"Recognizing that only through the intensive popularization of the measures adopted in that connexion and a publicity effort directed towards creating in every country and at the world level a public opinion which supports the relevant development plans will that end be achieved,

"Realizing that in order to make the peoples fully alive to the importance of the tasks and objectives of the Development Strategy use must be made of all the resources available to the United Nations family as regards the dissemination of ideas, and Governments called upon to provide their fullest co-operation in developing this essential effort of explanation, dissemination and illustration,

"Recommends that Governments and the competent organizations of the United Nations family, and particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, conduct intensive campaigns for the dissemination of information on the policies and plans approved within the framework of the International Development Strategy for the Decade."

6. At the 1415th meeting, on 22 November, the representative of Uruguay on behalf of the delegations of Colombia, the Philippines and Uruguay, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1152/Rev.1), entitled "Dissemination of information and mobilization of public opinion relative to the review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1357 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 on the mobilization of public opinion in developed and developing countries regarding the Second United Nations Development Decade, ,

"Recalling also its resolution 2567 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969 on the mobilization of public opinion, in response to which the Secretary-General has made administrative arrangements for the Centre for Economic and Social Information, Office of Public Information, of the United Nations Secretariat,

"Bearing in mind paragraph 84 of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade on the mobilization of public opinion, which is an essential component of the Strategy,

"Recognizing that only through the intensive dissemination of the objectives and policy measures of the Strategy in both developed and developing countries would a favourable world public opinion be achieved that would help ensure the implementation of the goals and measures in the Strategy,

"Realizing that in order to make policy-makers and peoples conscious of the tasks and objectives to be pursued during the Second United Nations Development Decade, there must be full and effective utilization of the resources available in the United Nations system to this particular endeavour, as well as the support and co-operation of Governments,

"Convinced that a favourable public opinion at the national, regional and global levels can have a persuasive influence and can provide dynamism to the review and appraisal of the progress achieved in the implementation of the objectives and policies of the Strategy,

"1. Welcomes the statement of the Secretary-General that the Secretariat should redouble its efforts to achieve the objectives set forth in General Assembly resolution 2567 (XXIV);

"2. Urges Governments and the organizations concerned within the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to conduct, in their own way, intensive campaigns for the dissemination of information relative to the objectives, policy measures, as well as progress achieved and the shortfalls, within the framework of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade."

7. At the same meeting, the Director of the Centre for Economic and Social Information made a statement.

8. At the 1416th meeting, on 23 November, the representative of Jordan proposed an oral amendment to the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1152/Rev.1), which called for the deletion, in the second paragraph of the preamble, of the words "in response to which the Secretary-General has made administrative arrangements for the Centre for Economic and Social Information, Office of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat".

9. At the 1418th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Uruguay, on behalf of the delegations of Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Uruguay, and Zaire, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1152/Rev.2), which he orally revised by:

(a) Inserting the words "promote and" before the word "ensure" in the fourth paragraph of the preamble to take into account the proposal made by Chile;

(b) Deleting the word "only" in the fourth paragraph of the preamble to take into account the proposal made by Egypt;

(c) Rewording operative paragraph 2 as follows:

"2. Urges Governments and the organizations concerned within the United Nations system to conduct, in co-ordination with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and in their own way, such campaigns as they may deem appropriate for the dissemination of information relative to the objectives, policy measures, as well as progress achieved and the shortfalls, within the framework of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade.";

10. At the same meeting, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made a statement.

11. At the 1421st meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Uruguay, on behalf of the sponsors now joined by Argentina, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1152/Rev.3). The revised draft resolution provided for:

(a) The incorporation of the amendment of India (A/C.2/L.1196), which called for:

(i) The replacement of second paragraph of the preamble by the following text:

"Recalling also its resolution 2567 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969 on the mobilization of public opinion and taking note of the administrative arrangements for the Centre for Economic and Social Information which the Secretary-General has made in pursuance of the said resolution,"

(ii) The replacement of operative paragraph 1 by the following text:

"1. Welcomes the statement of the Secretary-General that efforts to achieve the objectives set forth in General Assembly resolution 2567 (XXIV) relating to the dissemination of information and mobilization of public opinion in regard to the progress in the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade should be intensified;".

(b) The rewording of operative paragraph 2 by deleting the words "in their own way" in the third line, and adding the phrase "as well as for the promotion of those objectives and measures" at the end of the paragraph.

12. At the 1423rd meeting, on 29 November, the Committee also had before it the amendment of Jordan (A/C.2/L.1201), which called for the deletion of the words "and taking note of the administrative arrangements for the Centre for Economic and Social Information which the Secretary-General has made in pursuance of the said resolution," in the second paragraph of the preamble.

13. At the same meeting, the Committee voted on the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1152/Rev.3) and the amendment thereto (A/C.2/L.1201). The result of the voting was as follows:

(a) It rejected, by 32 votes to 28, with 24 abstentions, the amendment proposed by Jordan (A/C.2/L.1201);

(b) On a separate vote, requested by the representative of Cuba, the Committee adopted the second paragraph of the preamble by 51 votes to 21, with 15 abstentions;

(c) The draft resolution, as a whole, was adopted by 71 votes to none, with 17 abstentions (see para. 24, draft resolution I).

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14. At the 1410th meeting, on 17 November, the representative of India, on behalf of Bhutan, Brazil, Cameroon, Ceylon, Chad, Egypt, India, Iraq, Kuwait, Lesotho, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Nepal, Nigeria, Paraguay, Rwanda, the Sudan, Swaziland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, the Upper Volta, Uruguay, and Yemen, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1182) entitled "Review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade (resolution 2626 (XXV)) and in particular paragraphs 79 to 83 thereof,

"Recalling also its resolution 2641 (XXV) in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the twenty-sixth session outlining the details of the system of over-all review and appraisal of the progress in implementing the International Development Strategy to enable it to take a final decision on this matter,

"Taking note of part C of Economic and Social Council resolution 1621 (LI) on machinery for review and appraisal and resolution 1625 (LI),

"Reiterating that the International Development Strategy should be viewed in a dynamic context involving continuing review to ensure its effective implementation and adaptation in the light of new developments,

"Convinced that the review and appraisal exercises at the sectoral level by UNCTAD and UNIDO should be conducted by their respective intergovernmental bodies with a view to negotiating new areas of agreement and widening the existing ones in the context of the International Development Strategy,

"Aware of its responsibility for carrying out, through the Economic and Social Council, the over-all review and appraisal of the progress in implementing the policy measures and realization of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on a system of over-all review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy (E/5040);

"2. Expresses its conviction that the appropriate discharge of the function of over-all review and appraisal requires the adoption of comprehensive guidelines for this purpose;

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"3. Resolves that:

(i) review and appraisal at all levels should be informed by the common purpose of assessing the manner in which the operation of the International Development Strategy has contributed to economic growth and social progress with a view to identifying shortfalls in the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Decade, and the factors which account for them, as also to recommend positive measures, including new goals and policies as needed;

(ii) the scope of the exercise should be sufficiently wide to ensure that besides assessing the extent to which the operation of the Strategy has promoted the growth and progress of the developing countries, the contribution which the developed countries have made to global economic development is also assessed;

"4. Endorses the measures set out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1625 (LI), which have to be taken to permit the Committee for Development Planning to carry out its tasks effectively;

"5. Decides that:

(i) the Committee for Development Planning should undertake the review and appraisal every two years, and also a major mid-term review in 1975, in light of the purpose and scope explained above and submit its report for intergovernmental consideration;

(ii) in order to assist the Committee for Development Planning in this task, competent secretariats at the sectoral and regional levels and national review authorities should supply the Committee with such data and information as it requires;

(iii) the specialized agencies, the regional economic commissions, the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, and the national review authorities should fully integrate their review activities with the work undertaken by the Committee for Development Planning so as to avoid unnecessary duplication in this field;

(iv) the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization should bring to the attention of the Committee for Development Planning all matters within their respective areas of competence which they deem would facilitate the task of the Committee;

"6. Invites the Economic and Social Council to keep under consideration the administrative measures required to enable the Committee for Development Planning to fulfil its mandate in regard to review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy;

"7. Calls upon Governments and bodies of the United Nations system to extend their full co-operation to this important international endeavour;

"8. Decides that, at the sessions of the General Assembly when the biennial over-all appraisals will take place, the work of its Economic and Financial Committee shall be organized in such a manner as to ensure sufficient time for in-depth consideration of the report on over-all review and appraisal jointly with the reports of the main bodies of the United Nations with responsibilities in the process of review and appraisal."

15. Burundi and the Niger joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

16. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba made the following oral proposals:

(a) That the words "and national review authorities should supply the Committee with such data and information as it requires" be deleted from operative paragraph 5 (ii);

(b) That the words "and upon national review authorities to supply the Committee for Development Planning with such data and information as it requires" be added at the end of paragraph 7.

17. Also at the same meeting, the representative of the Philippines proposed the deletion of the words "which they deem would facilitate the task of the Committee" from paragraph 5 (iv) as well as the words "and submit its report for intergovernmental consideration" in subparagraph 5 (i).

18. At the 1412th meeting, on 18 November, the representative of Brazil, on behalf of the delegations of Bhutan, Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, Ceylon, Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Nepal, the Niger, Nigeria, Paraguay, the Philippines, Rwanda, the Sudan, Swaziland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, the Upper Volta, Uruguay, Yemen and Yugoslavia, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1182/Rev.1), which incorporated the following changes:

(a) The inclusion of a new fourth paragraph in the preamble, which read as follows:

"Taking note also of Trade and Development Board resolution 81 (XI)";

(b) The substitution of the words "to enable" for the words "which have to be taken to permit" in operative paragraph 4;

(c) The rewording of operative paragraph 5 to read as follows:

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"5. Resolves also that:

(i) the Committee for Development Planning in the light of the purpose and scope explained above, will prepare at the expert level comments and recommendations relating to the over-all reviews and appraisals which are to be undertaken every two years and the major mid-term review in 1975;

(ii) competent secretariats at the sectoral and regional levels should co-operate in the fulfilment of the task of the Committee for Development Planning by supplying such data and information as the Committee may require;"

(d) The inclusion of a new operative paragraph 6 reading as follows:

"6. Invites the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the specialized agencies, the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to integrate their review activities with the preparatory work undertaken by the Committee for Development Planning for the over-all review and appraisal so as to avoid unnecessary duplication in this field;"

(e) The rewording of former paragraph 7, which became paragraph 8, as follows:

"8. Calls upon Governments to extend their co-operation for the success of this important international endeavour;"

19. At the same meeting, the representative of Ghana introduced oral amendments to the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1182/Rev.1), which were subsequently circulated (A/C.2/L.1189), calling for:

(a) Insertion of the following title to the revised draft resolution:

"Functions of the Committee for Development Planning";

(b) Deletion of the words "by supplying such data and information as the Committee may require", in paragraph 5 (ii);

(c) Deletion of paragraph 6;

(d) Deletion of paragraph 8;

(e) Rewording of paragraph 9 as follows:

"9. Decides that, at the sessions of the General Assembly when the biennial over-all appraisals will take place, its work shall be organized in such a manner as to ensure sufficient time for in-depth consideration of the comments and recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning as submitted through the Economic and Social Council."

20. Cyprus, Indonesia and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.
21. At the 1423rd meeting, on 29 November, the representative of India, also on behalf of the sponsors, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1182/Rev.2)
22. At the same meeting, the representative of Ghana withdrew his amendment (A/C.2/L.1189) to the revised draft resolution.
23. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted, without objection, the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1182/Rev.2) (see para. 24, draft resolution II).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Dissemination of information and mobilization of
public opinion relative to the review and
appraisal of progress in the implementation of
the International Development Strategy for the
Second United Nations Development Decade

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1357 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 on the mobilization of public opinion in developed and developing countries regarding the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling also its resolution 2567 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969 on the mobilization of public opinion and taking note of the administrative arrangements for the Centre for Economic and Social Information which the Secretary-General has made in pursuance of that resolution,

Bearing in mind paragraph 84 of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade on the mobilization of public opinion,^{2/} which is an essential component of the Strategy,

Recognizing that through the intensive dissemination of the objectives and policy measures of the Strategy in both developed and developing countries a favourable world public opinion will be achieved that will help promote and ensure the implementation of the goals and measures in the Strategy,

Realizing that in order to make policy-makers and peoples conscious of the tasks and objectives to be pursued during the Second United Nations Development Decade there must be full and effective utilization of the resources available in the United Nations system for this particular endeavour, as well as the support and co-operation of Governments,

Convinced that a favourable public opinion at the national, regional and global levels can have a persuasive influence and can provide dynamism to the review and appraisal of the progress achieved in the implementation of the objectives and policies of the Strategy,

1. Welcomes the statement of the Secretary-General that efforts to achieve the objectives set forth in General Assembly resolution 2567 (XXIV), relating to the dissemination of information and the mobilization of public opinion with regard

^{2/} General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970.

to the progress in the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade, should be intensified;

2. Urges Governments and the organizations concerned within the United Nations system to conduct, in co-ordination with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, such campaigns as they may deem appropriate for the dissemination of information relative to the objectives and policy measures, as well as to the progress achieved and the shortfalls, within the framework of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, and also for the promotion of those objectives and measures.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of
the International Development Strategy for the Second
United Nations Development Decade

The General Assembly,

Recalling the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, and in particular paragraphs 79 to 83 thereof,^{3/}

Recalling also its resolution 2641 (XXV) of 19 November 1970 in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session outlining the details of the system of over-all review and appraisal of the progress in implementing the International Development Strategy to enable the Assembly to take a final decision on the matter,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1621 C (LI) of 30 July 1971 on machinery for review and appraisal and Council resolution 1625 (LI) of 30 July 1971,

Taking note also of Trade and Development Board resolution 81 (XI) of 17 September 1971,

Reiterating that the International Development Strategy should be viewed in a dynamic context involving continuing review to ensure its effective implementation and adaptation in the light of new developments,

Convinced that the review and appraisal exercises at the sectoral level by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization should be conducted by their respective intergovernmental bodies with a view to seeking new areas of agreement and widening the existing ones in the context of the International Development Strategy,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on a system of over-all review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;^{4/}

^{3/} Ibid.

^{4/} E/5040.

2. Expresses its conviction that the appropriate discharge of the function of over-all review and appraisal requires the adoption of comprehensive guidelines for this purpose;

3. Reaffirms its responsibility for carrying out, through the Economic and Social Council, the over-all review and appraisal of the progress in implementing the policy measures and realization of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy;

4. Resolves that:

(a) Review and appraisal at all levels should be informed by the common purpose of assessing the manner in which the operation of the International Development Strategy has contributed to economic growth and social progress with a view to identifying shortfalls in the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Decade, and the factors which account for them, and also to recommend positive measures, including new goals and policies as needed;

(b) The scope of the exercise should be sufficiently wide to ensure that, in addition to assessing the extent to which the operation of the Strategy has promoted the growth and progress of the developing countries, the contribution which the developed countries have made to global economic development be also assessed;

5. Decides that the Committee for Development Planning, in the light of the purpose and scope explained above, will prepare at the expert level comments and recommendations relating to the over-all review and appraisal which is to be undertaken every two years and the major mid-term review in 1975;

6. Endorses the measures set out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1625 (LI) to enable the Committee for Development Planning to assist the Council in discharging its responsibilities to the General Assembly in respect of the over-all review and appraisal;

7. Requests competent secretariats at the sectoral and regional levels to co-operate with the Committee for Development Planning in the fulfilment of its task by collecting, processing and making available the necessary data and information;

8. Invites the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the specialized agencies, the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut to integrate their review activities with the preparatory work for the over-all review and appraisal so as to avoid unnecessary duplication in this field;

9. Calls upon Governments to extend their co-operation for the success of this important international endeavour;

10. Decides that, at the sessions of the General Assembly at which the biennial over-all appraisal takes place, the work of the Second Committee shall be organized in such a manner as to ensure sufficient time for in-depth consideration of the Economic and Social Council's report on over-all review and appraisal together with the reports of the main bodies of the United Nations having responsibilities for sectoral review and appraisal.
