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Report of the Second Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 2353rd plenary meeting on 19 September 1975, allocated to the Second Committee agenda item 55, entitled "United Nations Conference on Trade and Development: report of the Trade and Development Board".
2. The Committee considered the item at its 1695th to 1699th and 1705th and 1707th meetings between 10 and 28 November 1975. An account of the discussions of the Committee on the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/SR.1695 to 1699, 1705 and 1707).
3. At its 1695th meeting, on 10 November, an introductory statement was made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.
4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/10003/Add.1 (Part IV)), the report of the Trade and Development Board on its sixth special session (A/10015 (Part I)), on the second part of its fourteenth session (A/10015 (Part II)) and on the first and second parts of its fifteenth session (A/10015 (Parts III and IV)), and the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the role of UNCTAD in a new United Nations structure for global economic co-operation (TD/B/573).
5. At its 1700th meeting, on 20 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1469), entitled "Report of the Trade and Development Board", sponsored by Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Thailand, Tunisia, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, the Upper Volta, Venezuela and Yugoslavia. Subsequently, Colombia and Zaire joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964,

"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, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

"Recalling also resolution 113 (XIV) of the Trade and Development Board by which it decided to convene the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at Nairobi, Kenya,

"Recalling further its resolution 3362 (S-VII) on Development and International Economic Co-operation, in which Member States agreed to reach decisions on specific issues at UNCTAD IV, in particular on the improvement of market structures in the field of raw materials and commodities of export interest to developing countries,

"Affirming the importance of the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in the negotiation and the implementation of concrete proposals, particularly on the questions relating to trade in commodities and manufactures, monetary and financial issues and the transfer of technology emerging from the sixth and seventh special sessions of the General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 3216 (XXIX) of 6 November 1974 whereby it accepted with appreciation the invitation of the Government of Kenya to hold the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at Nairobi from 3 to 28 May 1976,

"1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Trade and Development Board on its sixth special session, on the second part of its fourteenth session, and on its fifteenth session; 1/

"2. Endorses the consensus of the Trade and Development Board on the provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Conference, 2/ as well as the arrangements for the organization of the work of the Conference;

"3. Urges all Member States to take appropriate steps with a view to ensuring satisfactory results from the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development through adequate preparation at the national, regional and interregional levels and through the full utilization of the permanent machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, which should facilitate negotiations on the agenda items before the Conference;

1/ A/10015 (Parts I-IV).

2/ Adopted by the Board at its 443rd meeting on 2 October 1975 (see A/10015 (Part IV), annex II, p. 1).

"4. Urges all Member States to ensure that such negotiations are action-oriented, so that the decisions arrived at by the Conference can be promptly and effectively implemented."

6. At the 1705th meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors, now joined by Egypt, Mauritania, Nigeria, Romania, Singapore and Sri Lanka, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1469/Rev.1). Subsequently, Dahomey joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution. In addition to an editorial change, the following revisions were incorporated:

(a) A new operative paragraph 3 was added reading as follows:

"3. Decides, in addition to the arrangements mentioned in the preceding paragraph, that the languages of the Conference shall be those used in the General Assembly and its Main Committees;"

(b) The following two operative paragraphs were renumbered accordingly.

7. At the 1707th meeting, on 28 November, the representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors, now joined by Bolivia, Canada, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq and Mauritania, orally amended the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1469/Rev.1) by proposing that the fourth preambular paragraph be replaced by the following:

"Recalling further its resolution 3362 (S-VII) on development and international economic co-operation, in which Member States agreed that an important aim of the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in addition to work in progress elsewhere, should be to reach decisions on specific issues, in particular on the improvement of market structures in the field of raw materials and commodities of export interest to the developing countries,"

8. At the same meeting, the Committee also had before it a statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.2/L.1481) on the administrative and financial implications of the revised draft resolution. The Secretary of the Committee clarified the administrative and financial implications of the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1481).

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1469/Rev.1), as orally amended, without a vote (see para. 10 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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Report of the Trade and Development Board

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964,

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, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling also Trade and Development Board resolution 113 (XIV) of 13 September 1974 by which it decided to convene the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at Nairobi,

Recalling further its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, in which Member States agreed that an important aim of the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in addition to work in progress elsewhere, should be to reach decisions on specific issues, in particular on the improvement of market structures in the field of raw materials and commodities of export interest to the developing countries,

Affirming the importance of the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in the negotiation and the implementation of concrete proposals, particularly on the questions relating to trade in commodities and manufactures, monetary and financial issues and the transfer of technology emerging from the sixth and seventh special sessions of the General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3216 (XXIX) of 6 November 1974 whereby it accepted with appreciation the invitation of the Government of Kenya to hold the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at Nairobi from 3 to 28 May 1976,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the reports of the Trade and Development Board on its sixth special session, on the second part of its fourteenth session and on its fifteenth session; 3/

2. Endorses the consensus of the Trade and Development Board on the provisional agenda for the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 4/ as well as the arrangements for the organization of the work of the session;

3. Decides, in addition to the arrangements mentioned in paragraph 2 above, that the languages of the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development shall be those used in the General Assembly and its Main Committees;

3/ A/10015 (Parts I to IV).

4/ A/10015 (Part IV), annex II, p. 1.

4. Urges all Member States to take appropriate steps with a view to ensuring satisfactory results from the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development through adequate preparation at the national, regional and interregional levels and through the full utilization of the permanent machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, which should facilitate negotiations on the agenda items of the fourth session;

5. Urges all Member States to ensure that such negotiations are action-oriented, so that the decisions arrived at by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its fourth session can be promptly and effectively implemented.
