

*Expressing profound concern* about the unprecedented radiological, socio-economic and environmental consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the contribution made by several Member States and by organizations of the United Nations system in the development of cooperation to mitigate and minimize the consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl,

*Aware* of the need to continue to coordinate the efforts of the United Nations system to implement General Assembly resolution 45/190,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the decisions adopted by the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/190,

*Noting* the appointment of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna as the Co-ordinator of the activities related to the Chernobyl accident in the United Nations system and the efforts of the Inter-Agency Task Force to stimulate and monitor those activities,

1. *Welcomes* the practical measures that have been taken by the Secretary-General to coordinate the activities of the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system in response to the Chernobyl accident and the practical measures to facilitate the elaboration and presentation of the joint plan for international cooperation to mitigate the effects of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, prepared by the Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic;

2. *Notes* the various assessments of the radiological consequences of the Chernobyl accident, in particular the report of the International Advisory Committee presented and discussed at the conference that took place at Vienna from 21 to 24 May 1991, and recognizes the need for further study;

3. *Takes note* of the decision of the Secretary-General, pursuant to the invitation of the General Assembly in its resolution 45/190, to convene on 20 September 1991 a pledging conference for voluntary contributions to complement the regular budgetary resources used by United Nations organs and agencies for the implementation of activities aimed at mitigating the consequences of the disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Co-ordinator of the activities related to the Chernobyl accident in the United Nations system to continue to take measures to implement General Assembly resolution 45/190;

5. *Invites* Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to provide cooperation in various forms to the areas affected by the accident.

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## 1991/52. Trade and development

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-seventh session,<sup>5</sup>

*Expressing satisfaction* with the contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to the final assessment of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990<sup>6</sup> and to the follow-up of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s,<sup>7</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the Economic Declaration from the Summit of the seven major industrialized countries held in London from 15 to 17 July 1991, in which it is stated that no issue has more far-reaching implications for the future prospects of the world economy than the successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations,<sup>8</sup>

*Reaffirming* the importance of an early, successful and balanced conclusion to the Uruguay Round,

1. *Urges* all Governments to fulfil their commitments undertaken in the Ministerial Declaration on the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations<sup>9</sup> and the Mid-Term Review Agreements,<sup>10</sup> to halt and reverse protectionism;

2. *Expresses concern* about the persistence of protectionist measures which adversely affect trade and development, in particular that of developing countries, and, in this respect, emphasizes the importance of an early, comprehensive and balanced outcome of the Uruguay Round, with the widest possible participation, resulting in the liberalization and expansion of world trade to the benefit of all countries, especially developing

<sup>5</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/46/15), vol. I.*

<sup>6</sup> General Assembly resolution S-13/2, annex.

<sup>7</sup> *Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 3-14 September 1990 (A/CONF.147/18), part one.*

<sup>8</sup> A/46/309-S/22807, annex I, para. 9.

<sup>9</sup> Ministerial Declaration adopted at the special session of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, held at Punta del Este (Uruguay) from 15 to 20 September 1986 (see GATT, *Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, thirty-third supplement* (Sales No. GATT/1987-1, p. 19)).

<sup>10</sup> General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, *GATT Activities, 1988* (Sales No. GATT/1989-2), annex I.

countries, in terms of both exports and substantially increased market access, taking into account the need to strengthen the economies and contribute to the growth and development of developing countries;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the extensive unilateral trade liberalization measures implemented in particular by an increasing number of developing countries, and emphasizes the need for the international community to support those measures through an improved and conducive external economic environment;

4. *Emphasizes* the importance of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to be held at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, in February 1992, as an opportunity to address crucial issues in the field of trade and development in an action-oriented manner, with a view to revitalizing growth and development, in particular of developing countries, and contributing to the strengthening of multilateral cooperation.

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#### 1991/53. Food and agriculture

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 45/207 of 21 December 1990,

*Recalling* that in the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,<sup>11</sup> agriculture is cited as one of the sectors that will provide a means of reactivating economic growth and development in the 1990s, and that the eradication of hunger and poverty is one of the priority aspects of development,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the conclusions and recommendations of the World Food Council at its seventeenth ministerial session,<sup>12</sup> and the Message from the Ministers of the United Nations World Food Council to the Multilateral Trade Negotiators of the Uruguay Round,<sup>13</sup>

*Also taking note with appreciation* of the Economic Declaration<sup>14</sup> from the Summit of the seven major industrialized countries held in London from 15 to 17 July 1991, in which the importance of a successful conclusion to the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations was stressed,

*Stressing* the importance of an adequate scientific and technological basis for increased food production and the existing linkage between agricultural research, technology transfer/extension and on-farm applications,

*Welcoming* the World Food Council/United Nations Development Programme Interregional Consultation on Meeting the Developing Countries' Food Production Challenges of the 1990s and Beyond, held at Cairo from 22 to 24 April 1991,<sup>15</sup>

*Welcoming also* the Conference on Agriculture and the Environment, held at 's-Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands, from 15 to 19 April 1991, organized by the Government of the Netherlands and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the Den Bosch Declaration and Agenda for Action on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development,<sup>16</sup>

*Stressing* the importance of the assessments of food needs made by the Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on trends in the international market for agricultural and tropical products and developments in the liberalization of international trade in agricultural and tropical products,<sup>17</sup>

1. *Recognizes* that, if the challenges of increasing food production and productivity and food security are to be met in developing countries, sustainable agricultural development in all countries should be promoted by new initiatives and sound national policies;

2. *Stresses* the importance to food security of sustainable agricultural development and a fair and more free system of agricultural trade, taking into account the particular interests of net-food-importing countries, and the necessity of ensuring that environmental protection concerns do not generate unjustified barriers to trade, thereby creating a new form of hidden protectionism;

3. *Urges* the continuation and strengthening of co-operative arrangements to facilitate the enhancement of early warning of food shortages and assessment of food needs within the framework of the Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture;

4. *Also urges* an early, comprehensive and balanced conclusion of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, including the negotiations on agricultural and tropical products, in line with the Ministerial Declaration on the Uruguay Round<sup>18</sup> and the Mid-Term Agreements;<sup>19</sup>

5. *Endorses* the Message from the Ministers of the United Nations World Food Council to the Multilateral Trade Negotiators of the Uruguay Round<sup>20</sup> and the call

<sup>15</sup> See WFC/1991/6/Add.1.

<sup>16</sup> CL 99/23, appendix A.

<sup>17</sup> E/1991/89.

<sup>18</sup> Ministerial Declaration adopted at the special session of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, held at Punta del Este (Uruguay) from 15 to 20 September 1986 (see GATT, *Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, thirty-third supplement* (Sales No. GATT/1987-1, p. 19)).

<sup>19</sup> General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, *GATT Activities, 1988* (Sales No. GATT/1989-2), annex I.

<sup>20</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/46/19), p. 8.

<sup>11</sup> General Assembly resolution 45/199, annex.

<sup>12</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/46/19), p. 2.

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 8.

<sup>14</sup> A/46/309-S/22807, annex I.