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AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIESReport of the Second Committee (Part VI)*Rapporteur: Mr. Martin RAKOTONAIVO (Madagascar)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 77 (see A/46/645, para. 2). Action to be taken on sub-item (d) was considered at the 22nd, 33rd, 56th and 57th meetings, on 29 October, 6 November and 6 and 10 December 1991. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/46/SR.22, 33, 56 and 57).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.18

2. At the 22nd meeting, on 22 October, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.18) entitled "Technical cooperation among developing countries".

3. At the 57th meeting, on 10 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), informed the Committee that, as a result of informal consultations, it had been agreed to revise the draft resolution by deleting operative paragraph 2, which read:

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in 12 parts (see also A/46/645/Add.1-11).

"2. Also reaffirms the continued importance of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries as the principal forum in which representatives of all the States Members of the United Nations and other relevant bodies of the United Nations system review and promote technical cooperation among developing countries;"

and renumbering the subsequent paragraphs.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.18, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 10, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.32 and L.93

5. At the 33rd meeting, on 6 November, the representative of Botswana, on behalf of Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.32), entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference". Subsequently Burkina Faso, Canada, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Affirming its resolution 37/248 of 21 December 1982, in which it, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to promote cooperation between the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference and urged intensification of contacts in order to accelerate the achievements of the Lusaka Declaration of 1 April 1980, by which the Conference was established, 1/

"Recalling resolution 44/221 of 22 December 1989,

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference, 2/

"Noting the efforts made by the Conference in implementing its Programme of Action, 3/

1/ See A/38/493, annex I.

2/ A/46/481.

3/ See A/42/452, sect. II.

"Reaffirming its recognition that successful implementation of these development programmes can be achieved only if the Conference has adequate resources at its disposal,

"Welcoming Namibia's membership in the Conference which brings added impetus for expanding and intensifying economic cooperation in Southern Africa,

"Further noting that the effects of destabilization and aggression on the economies of independent southern African countries demand the institution of rehabilitation programmes to regenerate those economies,

"Deeply concerned about the escalating violence in South Africa which is often abetted by the agents of the regime in spite of the signing of the National Peace Accord on 14 September 1991,

"Noting with concern that the violence in South Africa diminishes prospects for peace in the entire southern African region,

"Noting the progress made by some organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in working out mechanisms for formulating and executing cooperation with the Conference,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General, which describes the progress made in the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly dealing with cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference; 2/

"2. Commends the Member States and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system that have maintained, enhanced and initiated development cooperation with the Conference;

"3. Calls upon the Member States and organs, organisations and bodies of the United Nations system that have not yet established contact and relationships with the Conference to explore the possibility of doing so;

"4. Commends the Conference for the considerable achievements it has made since its founding in implementing projects covering all the sectors of cooperation;

"5. Takes note with interest of the reforms under way within the Conference in order better to address the challenges of regional cooperation in the 1990s;

"6. Renews its appeal to the international community to increase substantially its financial, technical and material support to the Conference in order to enable it to implement fully its expanded Programme of Action which now includes the sectors of marine fisheries and resources and information and culture, and to meet the needs of reconstruction and rehabilitation;

"7. Appeals to the specialized agencies and other organs and organizations of the United Nations system to continue to cooperate fully in the development programmes of the Conference in order to enhance its capacity to tap the full potential of the resources of the region;

"8. Calls upon the international community to maintain pressure on the South African regime to end the violence and thus encourage the full and speedy implementation of the National Peace Accord in South Africa as well as contribute to the advancement of the process towards a democratic transformation of the country;

"9. Welcomes the peace agreements in Angola and the peace process in Mozambique, and calls upon the international community to encourage and support these developments;

"10. Appeals to the international community to extend assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the economies of Angola and Mozambique;

"11. Further appeals to the international community urgently to extend assistance to the newly independent nation of Namibia to enable it to implement its national development programme;

"12. Invites the donor community and other cooperating partners to participate at a high level in the Annual Consultative Conference of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference, to be held at Maputo from 29 to 31 January 1992;

"13. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference, to continue to intensify contacts aimed at promoting and harmonizing cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference;

"14. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

6. At the 56th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.93), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.32.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.93 without a vote (see para. 10, draft resolution II).

8. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.93, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.32 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

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9. At its 57th meeting, on 10 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of reports under item 77 (d) on which no draft proposals had been submitted (see para. 11, draft decision).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Technical cooperation among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, 4/ and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 5/

Recalling its resolutions 33/134 of 19 December 1978, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 6/ and 44/222 of 22 December 1989, as well as other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

Stressing that technical cooperation among developing countries is an indispensable and integral part of their efforts to accelerate development and should act as a springboard for enhancing the integration of the developing countries into the international economy based on equity and mutual benefit,

Stressing also that technical cooperation among developing countries remains a key element in global economic cooperation, its purpose being not to displace North-South cooperation with South-South cooperation but to complement the former within a cooperative framework that is truly universal,

4/ Resolution S-18/3, annex.

5/ Resolution 45/199, annex.

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

Reaffirming that, while developing countries have the primary responsibility for promoting technical cooperation among themselves, developed countries, and the United Nations system should assist and support such activities and that the United Nations system should play a prominent role as promoter and catalyst of technical cooperation among developing countries, in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,

1. Reaffirms the continued validity of the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries and the importance of technical cooperation among developing countries;

2. Endorses the decisions adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries at its seventh session; 1/

3. Urges all Member States, the United Nations Development Programme and other relevant organs, organizations, bodies and programmes of the United Nations system to give high priority in their particular fields of activity to the support, including financial support, of activities in technical cooperation among developing countries;

4. Urges the United Nations Development Programme to take the lead in assisting developing countries in overcoming the problems encountered in their efforts to promote and implement activities in technical cooperation among developing countries;

5. Calls upon the international community to take the necessary measures to implement the commitments agreed upon in the context of technical cooperation among developing countries;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference

The General Assembly,

Affirming its resolutions 37/248 of 21 December 1982, 38/160 of 19 December 1983, 39/215 of 18 December 1984, 40/195 of 17 December 1985, 42/181 of 11 December 1987 and 44/221 of 22 December 1989, in which it, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to promote cooperation between the

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/46/39), annex I.

organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference and urged intensification of contacts in order to accelerate the achievement of the objectives of the Lusaka Declaration of 1 April 1980, by which the Conference was established, 8/

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference, 2/

Noting the efforts made by the Conference in implementing its Programme of Action, 10/

Reaffirming its recognition that successful implementation of the development programmes of the Conference can be achieved only if the Conference has adequate resources at its disposal,

Welcoming Namibia's membership in the Conference, which brings added impetus for expanding and intensifying economic cooperation in southern Africa,

Noting that the effects of war, loss of life and destruction of economic and social infrastructures in southern Africa demand the continuation and strengthening of rehabilitation programmes to regenerate the economies of the independent countries of the region,

Recognizing the positive developments in South Africa, including prospects for the start of negotiations on a democratic non-racial constitution,

Deeply concerned about the current violence in South Africa, resulting from actions of forces opposed to democratic transformation,

Welcoming the signing of the National Peace Accord on 14 September 1991 in South Africa, effective implementation of which should strengthen prospects for peace in the entire southern African region,

Noting the progress made by some organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in working out mechanisms for formulating and executing cooperation with the Conference,

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2/ A/46/481.

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2. Commends the Member States and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system that have maintained, enhanced and initiated development cooperation with the Conference;

3. Calls upon the Member States and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system that have not yet established contact and relationships with the Conference to explore the possibility of doing so;

4. Commends the Conference for the considerable achievements it has made since its founding in implementing projects covering all the sectors of cooperation;

5. Takes note with interest of the reforms under way within the Conference in order better to address the challenges of regional cooperation in the 1990s;

6. Renews its appeal to the international community to increase its financial, technical and material support for the Conference in order to enable it to implement fully its expanded Programme of Action, which currently includes the sectors of marine fisheries and resources and information and culture, and to meet the needs of reconstruction and rehabilitation;

7. Appeals to the international community and relevant organizations of the United Nations system to extend appropriate assistance to the Conference to enable it to advance the process of regional economic integration, including eventual participation of a democratic, non-racial South Africa;

8. Calls upon the South African authorities and all parties in a position to do so to redouble efforts to end the violence;

9. Welcomes the peace agreements in Angola and the peace process in Mozambique, and calls upon the international community to encourage and support those developments;

10. Appeals to the international community to extend assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the economies of Angola and Mozambique;

11. Also appeals to the international community urgently to extend assistance to the newly independent nation of Namibia to enable it to implement its national development programme;

12. Invites the donor community and other cooperating partners to participate at a high level in the Annual Consultative Conference of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference, to be held at Maputo from 29 to 31 January 1992;

13. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference, to continue to intensify contacts aimed at promoting and harmonizing cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference;

14. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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11. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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The General Assembly takes note of the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries; 11/

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on further strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises for technical cooperation among developing countries. 12/

11/ A/46/478.

12/ A/46/570.