



## General Assembly

Distr.  
LIMITED

A/C.2/42/L.54  
13 November 1987

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-second session  
SECOND COMMITTEE  
Agenda item 82 (a)

### DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION: TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bolivia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Mali, Mongolia, Nepal, Paraguay, Rwanda, Uganda and Zambia: draft resolution

#### Specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries

The General Assembly,

Reiterating the specific actions related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries set out in United Nations Conference on Trade and Development resolutions 63 (III) of 19 May 1972, 1/ 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976, 2/ 123 (V) of 3 June 1979 3/ and 137 (VI) of 2 July 1983 4/ and Trade and Development Board resolution 319 (XXXI) of 27 September 1985, 5/

1/ See Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

2/ Ibid., Fourth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10 and corrigendum), part one, sect. A.

3/ Ibid., Fifth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

4/ Ibid., Sixth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.II.D.6), part one, sect. A.

5/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/40/15), vol. II, sect. I.

Recalling the provisions of its resolutions 31/157 of 21 December 1976, 32/191 of 19 December 1977, 33/150 of 20 December 1978, 34/198 of 19 December 1979, 35/58 of 5 December 1980, 36/175 of 17 December 1981, 39/209 of 18 December 1984 and 40/183 of 17 December 1985 and other resolutions of the United Nations relating to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries,

Bearing in mind that the land-locked developing countries, most of which are also least developed, have been severely hit by the current socio-economic crisis,

Recalling the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 6/ adopted on 10 December 1982,

Bearing in mind the report of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts to Study Ways and Means of Improving Transit-transport Infrastructures and Services for Land-locked Developing Countries, 7/

Recognizing that the lack of territorial access to the sea, aggravated by remoteness and isolation from world markets, and the prohibitive transit, transport and trans-shipment costs and risks impose serious constraints on export earnings, private capital inflow and domestic resource mobilization of the land-locked developing countries and therefore adversely affecting their growth and socio-economic development,

Noting with concern that the measures taken thus far have not adequately addressed the problems of land-locked developing countries,

1. Reaffirms the right of access of land-locked countries to and from the sea and freedom of transit through the territory of transit States by all means of transport, in accordance with article 125 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;

2. Appeals to all States, international organizations and financial institutions to implement, as a matter of urgency and priority, the specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries envisaged in United Nations Conference on Trade and Development resolutions 63 (III), 98 (IV), 123 (V) and 37 (VI), in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 8/ in the

---

6/ Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, vol. XVII (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.V.3), document A/CONF.62/122.

7/ Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twenty-ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 6, document TD/B/1002.

8/ Resolution 35/56, annex.

Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries 9/ and in other relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

3. Urges the international community, in particular donor countries and multilateral financial and development organizations, to provide land-locked and transit developing countries with appropriate financial and technical assistance in the form of grants or concessional loans for the construction, maintenance and improvement of their transport and transit infrastructures and facilities, including alternative routes;

4. Invites transit countries and the land-locked developing countries to co-operate effectively in harmonizing transit-transport planning and in promoting other joint ventures in the field of transport and communication at the regional, subregional and bilateral levels;

5. Urges the international development bodies, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the regional commissions, to further expand their support, which should include technical assistance programmes in the transit-transport and communication sectors of the land-locked developing countries;

6. Appeals to the international community to make available to all transit and land-locked developing countries, as required, at nominal or no cost, new scientific and technological know-how relating to specific transit-transport and communication problems;

7. Invites the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional commissions and other appropriate bilateral and multilateral financial and technical assistance institutions to assist in implementing the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts to Study Ways and Means of Improving Transit-transport Infrastructures and Services for Land-locked Developing Countries;

8. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on progress in the implementation of specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries, 10/ submitted pursuant to resolution 40/183, and requests him to prepare another report on the adverse effects of the disadvantageous geographical situation on their development, taking into account the special circumstances of individual land-locked developing countries, for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session.

-----

---

9/ Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

10/ A/42/537, annex.