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Report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science
and Technology for Development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the continuing importance of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development ^{1/} in providing comprehensive guidance for the work of the United Nations system in the field of science and technology for development,

Recalling its resolution 40/178 of 17 December 1985 on strengthening the role of the United Nations in the field of international economic, scientific-technological and social co-operation,

Stressing that the ultimate goal of science and technology is to serve national development and to improve the well-being of humanity as a whole,

Reaffirming that all States should promote international co-operation to ensure that the results of scientific and technological developments are used in the interests of strengthening international peace and security, freedom and

^{1/} Report of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, Vienna, 20-31 August 1979 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.I.21 and corrigenda), chap. VII.

independence and also for the purpose of the economic and social development of peoples and the realization of human rights and freedoms in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing that an increasing number of global concerns, such as environmental protection, the eradication of hunger, malnutrition and diseases, the peaceful use of outer space, the development of new sources of energy, the use of new materials, and the exploration of the resources of the oceans and the ocean floor demand close co-operation within the international community in the fields of science and technology,

Convinced that the competent organs and organizations of the United Nations system could contribute more effectively to promoting international scientific and technological co-operation and integrating science and technology into the mainstream of economic and social thinking in the United Nations,

Bearing in mind that the multi-faceted preparation of the end-of-decade review of the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action constitutes a challenge and an opportunity for all countries to contribute to a forward-looking strategy for incorporating science and technology in the development process of all countries, particularly developing countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its ninth session 2/ and of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/79 of 8 July 1987;

2. Stresses the willingness of Member States to strengthen the crucial role of the United Nations in promoting a constructive dialogue and joint efforts for solving international scientific and technological problems;

3. Emphasizes the need for the careful and comprehensive preparation of the end-of-decade review of the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development in 1989, taking into account, inter alia, the tremendous impact of new and emerging areas of science and technology on the economic and social development of all States;

4. Endorses resolution 3 (IX of 7 August 1987 of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development, 3/ in which it requested the Centre for Science and Technology for Development of the United Nations Secretariat, in co-operation with interested Member States and the competent organs and organizations of the United Nations system, to identify, prepare and elaborate programmes and projects aimed at building endogenous capacities, including

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/42/37 and corrigendum).

3/ Ibid., chap. II, sect. A.

information, training, technology planning, assessment and forecasting, and research, development and application capacities, in new and emerging areas of science and technology;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare thoroughly the comprehensive and analytical report on the impact of new and emerging areas of science and technology on global development requested by the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development in resolution 3 (IX).
