

### III. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORT OF THE *AD HOC* COMMITTEE OF THE ELEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION

#### S-11/3. Suggestions by the Secretary-General to overcome the critical economic situation of many developing countries

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* that the economic situation of the large majority of developing countries has increasingly deteriorated during the past decade,

*Deeply concerned* at the gravity of the deteriorating economic and social situation of the least developed and other developing countries, particularly those in the special categories, where development needs and problems are greatest,

*Conscious* of the unprecedented economic problems faced by those countries, for the solution of which the assistance of the international community is indispensable,

*Emphasizing* the imperative need for simultaneous and parallel action to resolve the short-term, medium-term and long-term problems of developing countries,

*Noting with great interest* the suggestions made by the Secretary-General in his address to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1980<sup>5</sup> for overcoming the critical economic situation of many developing countries,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate further his suggestions, in consultation with the concerned organizations of the United Nations system, and to submit them to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

2. *Decides* to consider and to take appropriate action on the matter at its thirty-fifth session.

*21st plenary meeting  
15 September 1980*

#### S-11/4. Measures to meet the critical situation in the least developed countries

*The General Assembly,*

*Deeply concerned* at the gravity of the deteriorating economic and social situation of the least developed countries and the dismal development record of those countries during the past two decades, as well as at their bleak development prospects for the 1980s,

*Also deeply concerned* at the continued critical lack of basic infrastructure in the least developed countries,

*Recalling* resolutions 62 (III) of 19 May 1972<sup>6</sup> and 98

(IV) of 31 May 1976<sup>7</sup> of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as well as other relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations system which have remained largely unimplemented,

*Recalling also* resolution 122 (V) of 3 June 1979<sup>8</sup> of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, by which it adopted, as one of its major priorities, a Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in two phases, an Immediate Action Programme, for 1979–1981, and a Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s,

*Recognizing* that primary responsibility for their development rests with the least developed countries themselves,

*Recalling* its resolution 34/210 of 19 December 1979, in which it endorsed the Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries,

*Recalling further* its resolution 34/203 of 19 December 1979, in which it decided to convene the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in 1981,

*Noting* the concern expressed by the international community at the desperate plight of the least developed countries,

*Noting with appreciation* that some developed countries have taken positive steps towards the implementation of resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

*Regretting* that, even more than one year after the adoption of the Immediate Action Programme for 1979–1981 contained in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, very limited progress has been made towards its implementation,

*Emphasizing* the particular importance of the contribution that economic co-operation among developing countries can make, *inter alia*, to the development of the least developed among them,

*Reaffirming* that there is an immediate need for a greatly expanded increase in the transfer of resources to meet the critical needs of the least developed countries and to help promote their rapid and self-sustained socio-economic development,

1. *Urges* all developed countries, developing countries in a position to do so, multilateral development institutions and other sources to take urgent steps to implement without any further delay, on a priority basis, the commitments undertaken in the

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/35/3/Rev.1), chap. II, paras. 7–28.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, Fourth Session, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10 and corrigendum), part one, sect. A.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifth Session, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.