

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

96th plenary meeting
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42/177. Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 40/205 of 17 December 1985, in which it decided to carry out a global review and appraisal of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries²⁸ at a high level in 1990 and to determine the precise level, mandate, date and venue for such a review, as well as the preparatory process, at its forty-second session, in the light of the consultations that would take place under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, including those of the seventh session of the Conference,

Bearing in mind the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, in which it was recommended that the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development should meet at a high level to carry out the mid-term global review of progress towards the implementation of the Programme of Action, and consider the possibility of holding a global review at the end of the decade, which might, *inter alia*, take the form of a second United Nations conference on the least developed countries,³⁴

Recalling also the Final Act adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its seventh session, held at Geneva from 9 July to 3 August 1987, in which the Conference recommended that a second United Nations conference on the least developed countries should be convened at a high level in 1990 to review and appraise the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action,³⁵

Taking note of Trade and Development Board decision 349 (XXXIV) of 16 October 1987³¹ on the preparations for the global review and appraisal of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

Expressing deep concern at the continuing deterioration in the overall socio-economic situation of the least developed countries,

1. *Decides:*

(a) To convene the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries at a high level in 1990. The mandate of the Conference should be as follows:

- (i) To review progress at the country level thus far in the decade;
- (ii) To review progress in international support measures and particularly in official development assistance;
- (iii) In the light of (i) and (ii) above, to consider, formulate, and adopt appropriate national and international policies and measures for accelerating the development process in the least developed coun-

tries during the 1990s in accordance with their long-term national social and economic objectives;

(b) To accept the generous offer made by the Government of France to act as host to the Conference;

(c) To hold the Conference in September 1990;

(d) To convene one session of the Meeting of Governmental Experts of Donor Countries and Multilateral and Bilateral Financial and Technical Assistance Institutions with Representatives of the Least Developed Countries in the spring of 1989 followed by one session of the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries, as Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, early in 1990 in order to prepare for the Conference; the duration of these two meetings will be one and a half weeks and two weeks respectively; the terms of reference of these meetings are annexed to the present resolution;

2. *Decides* to designate the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as the focal point for the preparations for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, and requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to designate the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to serve as Secretary-General of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and, in that capacity, to make all necessary arrangements for the holding of the Conference;

3. *Calls upon* all Governments, intergovernmental and multilateral institutions and others concerned to take appropriate steps to ensure that adequate preparations are made for the Conference and to participate effectively in the two above-mentioned preparatory meetings;

4. *Requests* all concerned organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to submit, before the first preparatory meeting, reports containing a review of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries within their fields of competence and proposals for further action as input to the preparations for the Conference;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to ensure the full mobilization and co-ordination of all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the preparations for the Conference;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to obtain, as has been the past practice, extrabudgetary resources to ensure the effective participation of the representatives of the least developed countries through provision of the resources necessary to finance the travel expenses of at least two representatives from each least developed country to attend the preparatory meetings referred to in paragraph 1 above;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the state of preparations for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.

³⁴Report 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, para. 119.

³⁵TD/351, para. 153.

ANNEX

Terms of reference

A. MEETING OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS OF DONOR COUNTRIES AND MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE INSTITUTIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

The purpose of the Meeting is to provide substantive inputs to the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, to be held in 1990. Taking into account the Substantial New Programme of Action, the Meeting will be devoted to:

(a) Assessment of progress in the socio-economic situation of the least developed countries during the 1980s in the light of ongoing national and international measures;

(b) Consideration of the requirements of the least developed countries that are of particular relevance to their development and that call for strengthened efforts during the 1990s;

(c) Consideration and identification of appropriate national and international measures for accelerating the development process in the least developed countries during the 1990s;

The results of the deliberations under (a), (b) and (c) above will be reported to the Conference through the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

B. INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

(Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

The Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries will serve as the Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, to be held in 1990. The Preparatory Committee will consider the following matters:

(a) Substantive preparation for the Conference on the basis of the report of the Meeting of Governmental Experts of Donor Countries and Multilateral and Bilateral Financial and Technical Assistance Institutions with Representatives of the Least Developed Countries, and of all other relevant inputs;

(b) Provisional agenda for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(c) Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference;

(d) Organization of work of the Conference.

42/178. Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the cross-sectoral and multidisciplinary nature of the issue of women in development and the need to consider the issue in its economic as well as social context,

Emphasizing the vital importance of national as well as world economic growth and development to the effective mobilization and integration of women in the economy,

Recognizing the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women in monitoring the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women³⁶ to the year 2000, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985,

Considering that the United Nations Development Fund for Women plays a catalytic role in improving access by women to development co-operation resources,

Recognizing the contribution made by the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to increasing the participation of women at all levels in the development process,

Also recognizing the various initiatives taken in other United Nations bodies aimed at improving the integration of women in the process of development,

Bearing in mind paragraph 9 of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,

Recognizing that women contribute significantly to the overall economy, including sectors where the value of their production is not fully accounted for, and that the development process should improve and encourage their greater participation in the labour market and active involvement in all areas of the economy,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General³⁷ on progress in the preparation of the first regular update of the *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development*,³⁸

1. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/24 of 26 May 1987, particularly the agreement that the Commission on the Status of Women should place appropriate emphasis on issues of women and development, as addressed in chapter II of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;³⁶

2. *Emphasizes* the need for a focused, action-oriented approach in the preparation of the update of the *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development* and, in this regard, urges the Secretary-General, in preparing the first draft, to ensure its full conformity with General Assembly resolution 40/204 of 17 December 1985 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/64 of 23 July 1986, in particular by concentrating the update on the issues identified therein;

3. *Urges* the sectoral, functional and regional intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations in the economic and development fields to contribute actively to the work of both the Economic and Social Council and the Second Committee of the General Assembly relating to the integration of women in economic development, in line with the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development, as agreed to by the Council in its resolution 1987/86 of 8 July 1987;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to strengthen further the work of the United Nations in integrating women effectively in economic programmes and operational activities, as outlined in his report,³⁹ to prepare biennially, as an annex to the report called for in paragraph 9 (b) of the present resolution:

(a) An update of mandates governing the integration of women in economic development adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on the Status of Women and by world conferences of the United Nations system;⁴⁰

(b) A list of the titles of all subprogrammes and programme elements relating to the integration of women in development, as contained in the proposed programme budget and in revisions to the medium-term plan;

(c) A compilation of decisions taken by United Nations intergovernmental bodies other than the Commission on the Status of Women, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly relating to the integra-

³⁶Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

³⁷A/42/508.

³⁸United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.3.

³⁹A/42/273-E/1987/74 and Add.1.

⁴⁰See A/42/273/Add.1-E/1987/74/Add.1, annex I.