

relationship of investment, trade, technology and development, with a view to enhancing the contribution of transnational corporations to the development of developing countries through trade and investment, for consideration by the Commission at its nineteenth session.

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1992/36. Privatization and foreign investment in the context of economic restructuring

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the fact that numerous countries attach growing importance to privatization of enterprises, administrative deregulation, increased competition, open markets and demonopolization of their economic activities as a means to increase economic efficiency, growth and development, in the context of their economic restructuring policies,

Stressing the important role that foreign direct investment can play in the process of privatization in those countries,

Noting the difficulties those countries encounter in the process of privatization, administrative deregulation and demonopolization of their economic activities,

Noting also the work the former United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations has performed so far in analysing new approaches to the process of privatization, administrative deregulation and demonopolization of economic activities,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in coordination with other relevant international organizations, to enhance technical cooperation activities in order to assist all interested countries in attracting foreign investment and transnational corporations so as to contribute to the implementation of privatization programmes, in the context of their economic reforms;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to explore further, through case-by-case studies of foreign investment, new approaches to the process of privatization, administrative deregulation and demonopolization of economic activities;

3. *Recognizes* the need to diversify sources of funding for research and technical cooperation activities, and, to that end, invites voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the Technical Cooperation Programme of the former United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, and requests the Secretary-General to seek to mobilize resources from various sources, including non-governmental organizations, and to report to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its twentieth session.

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1992/37. International Conference on Population and Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1989/91 of 26 July 1989 and 1991/93 of 26 July 1991,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Develop-

ment on the status of preparatory activities for the Conference;⁹⁵

2. *Accepts with gratitude* the offer of the Government of Egypt to host the Conference;

3. *Decides* to convene the Conference in Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994.

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1992/38. International cooperation and coordination of efforts to address and mitigate the consequences of the disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming its resolutions 1990/50 of 13 July 1990 and 1991/51 of 26 July 1991,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 45/190 of 21 December 1990 and 46/150 of 18 December 1991,

Taking note with appreciation of the decisions adopted by the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 45/190 and 46/150,

Taking note of the relevant recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the first part of its thirty-second session,⁹⁶

Noting with appreciation the contribution made by Member States and by organizations of the United Nations system in the development of cooperation to mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, and encouraging further contributions, including contributions to projects under the joint plan executed by the organizations of the United Nations system,

Expressing profound concern about the ongoing effects on the lives and health of people, especially children, in the affected areas of Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine and also in other countries affected by the Chernobyl disaster,

Aware of the need to strengthen further the coordination of active efforts, through international and, in particular, national measures, to mitigate and minimize the radiological, health, socio-economic, psychological and environmental consequences of that disaster, as well as its possible long-term effects, including those resulting from transboundary contamination,

Stressing the importance of providing extensive information on all aspects of the Chernobyl disaster and its causes for the purpose of avoiding similar calamities in the future,

Stressing also the responsibility of each State, particularly through its safety authorities and its plant operators, for the safety of its nuclear power plants, and encouraging cooperation to this end throughout the world, in particular in Central and Eastern Europe, and emphasizing the high priority that should be given by the countries concerned to eliminating this danger through safety improvements and other appropriate measures with the support of the international community,

1. *Notes* the practical measures that have been taken by the Secretary-General to coordinate the activities of the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations