

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

system, as well as other measures to implement General Assembly resolutions 45/190 and 46/150;

2. *Appeals* to all Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, charity foundations, the business community, scientific bodies and individuals to make contributions and to provide all possible social, medical, food and other humanitarian assistance for the purpose of rehabilitation of the population in the affected areas of Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations Coordinator of International Cooperation for Chernobyl to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the implementation of resolutions 45/190 and 46/150.

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1992/39. Review of the conditions necessary for the effective functioning of the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit of the Department of Economic and Social Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Having regard to Article 71 of the Charter of the United Nations which provides that the Economic and Social Council may make suitable arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations which are concerned with matters within its competence,

Recalling General Assembly decision 46/431 of 17 December 1991,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968 containing arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations, paragraph 43 of which provides that the Secretariat should be so organized as to enable it to carry out the duties assigned to it concerning the consultative arrangements,

Considering the unique role played by the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit of the Department of Economic and Social Development of the Secretariat as the focal point for cooperation between the United Nations and the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council,

Considering also the increasing importance of the role and activities of the non-governmental organizations in consultative status, particularly with regard to United Nations conferences and their related preparatory activities,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the conditions necessary for the effective functioning of the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit, prepared in pursuance of General Assembly decision 46/431,⁹⁷

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Notes with concern* that, as documented in the report of the Secretary-General,⁹⁸ the workload of the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit of the Department of Economic and Social Development of the Secretariat has consistently increased over the years, while resources have remained at the same level since 1947, when the Unit was established;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to respond to the needs of the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit and to adopt appropriate measures, to the extent possible within existing

resources during the biennium 1992-1993, to address the problems posed by the situation, in particular relating to the resources required for the Unit to carry out its functions effectively;

4. *Also invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session a brief report on actions taken in 1992 and those planned for 1993 as short-term solutions to improve the situation of the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider, to the extent possible within existing resources, increasing the human and financial resources of the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit in order to enable it to fulfil its mandate under Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) within the framework of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993, through the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.

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1992/40. Activities of the United Nations system in the Baltic States and the Commonwealth of Independent States

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling decision 92/43, adopted on 26 May 1992 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its thirty-ninth session,⁹⁹ and decision 1992/19, adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund at its regular session of 1992,¹⁰⁰ concerning the activities of the United Nations system in the Baltic States and the Commonwealth of Independent States,

Reaffirming the importance it attaches to an integrated United Nations system approach to, and presence in, the region,

1. *Requests* the various bodies of the United Nations system, in order to ensure an integrated United Nations system approach to, and presence in, the Baltic States and the Commonwealth of Independent States:

(a) In consultation with the Administrative Committee on Coordination and the Joint Consultative Group on Policy, to reach an early agreement that will ensure such an integrated approach and presence in the countries concerned, including common administrative support arrangements;

(b) In providing assistance to the countries concerned, to take account of the national priorities of those countries and of the comparative advantages of each of the bodies of the United Nations system;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on ways of ensuring such an integrated approach and presence in the countries concerned and the steps already taken to do so, which would be annexed to the report for the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities of the United Nations system at the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

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