

33/161. Conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also in this context the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation,¹⁵⁹ adopted at the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, held at Lima from 12 to 26 March 1975, particularly section V of the Plan of Action on the institutional arrangements thereof,

Further recalling that the General Assembly in its resolution 3362 (S-VII) endorsed the conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency and reiterated that endorsement in its resolutions 31/161 of 21 December 1976 and 32/167 of 19 December 1977,

Emphasizing that the conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency would serve to reinforce the role and capacity of that organization in promoting the industrialization of developing countries as well as international industrial co-operation,

Regretting that, despite the progress made at the United Nations Conference on the Establishment of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a Specialized Agency, held at United Nations Headquarters from 21 February to 11 March 1978, the Conference was unable to reach agreement, although the decision to convert the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency had been taken over three years ago,

Taking note of the report of the United Nations Conference on the Establishment of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a Specialized Agency¹⁶⁰ as well as the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the Conference,¹⁶¹

1. Reaffirms the urgent need to convert the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency so as to extend the scope and functions of the organization to play the central co-ordinating role in the field of industrial development within the United Nations system, enhance its autonomy, increase its ability to render assistance to developing countries in the most efficient way and improve its operational efficiency and effectiveness;

2. Decides to convene a conference of plenipotentiaries at Vienna for a period of two weeks or, if necessary, three weeks, within the period from 19 March to 12 April 1979, in order to finalize and adopt the constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a specialized agency;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the conference in accordance with paragraphs 2 to 5 of General Assembly resolution 32/167.

*90th plenary meeting
20 December 1978*

33/192. United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development¹⁶²

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling further section III, paragraph 7, of its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, in which it decided that a United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development would be held in 1978 or 1979,

Recalling its resolutions 31/184 of 21 December 1976, 32/115 of 15 December 1977 and 32/184 of 19 December 1977,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolutions 2028 (LXI) and 2035 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 and 1978/70 of 4 August 1978,

Taking note of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development¹⁶³ on the work of its second session,

Taking note also of the progress report of the Secretary-General¹⁶⁴ on the preparations for the Conference, including its annex, as well as of the draft outline of the programme of action,¹⁶⁵

Having in mind the recommendation of the Preparatory Committee concerning the date of the convening of the Conference,¹⁶⁶

1. Decides that the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development will be held at Vienna from 20 to 31 August 1979;

2. Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to prepare for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its third session:

(a) An up-to-date draft outline of the programme of action¹⁶⁷ consolidating recommendations put forward by Governments at the national and regional levels by incorporating those which have not yet been included;

(b) A preliminary draft programme of action¹⁶⁸ containing, on the basis of an analysis of the information contained in the document mentioned in subparagraph (a) above, a theoretical and conceptual framework and recommendations for concrete measures for

¹⁶² See also sect. X.B.4, decision 33/447.

¹⁶³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 43 (A/33/43 and Corr.1).*

¹⁶⁴ A/33/298.

¹⁶⁵ A/33/303 and Add.1 and 2.

¹⁶⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 43 (A/33/43 and Corr.1), para. 77.*

¹⁶⁷ A/33/303/Rev.1 and A/33/303/Add.1 and 2.

¹⁶⁸ A/CONF.81/PC.21.

¹⁵⁹ See A/10112, chap. IV

¹⁶⁰ A/CONF.90/12.

¹⁶¹ A/33/239.

action at the national, subregional, regional, inter-regional and international levels covering the items of the agenda of the Conference and, in particular, the development, adaptation, application and transfer of science and technology for development of developing countries, in order to facilitate negotiation and achievement of maximum possible agreement on substantive issues prior to the Conference;

(c) A report on the possible alternatives for the final structures of the draft programme of action to be submitted to the Conference;¹⁶⁹

(d) A synoptic table¹⁷⁰ classifying recommendations into those that are common to all regions, those that are common to some regions and those that are specific to one region, with an indication of their origin;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to submit to the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session a supplement to the report entitled "Overview of activities of organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system"¹⁷¹ analysing outputs, gaps and/or overlap of present United Nations activities in the area of science and technology for development as a background document for the consideration of the draft programme of action, bearing in mind the views expressed by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its eighteenth session;¹⁷²

4. *Urges* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America to submit to the Conference secretariat, as early as possible, the conceptual and action-oriented proposals from the Latin American regional meeting;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to make all efforts to ensure the early availability to Governments, for their timely consideration, of the documents requested in paragraph 2 above prior to the convening of the third session of the Preparatory Committee;

6. *Decides*, in view of the time constraints and of the desirability of reaching maximum agreement on substantive issues before the convening of the Conference, that necessary facilities should be provided to enable the Preparatory Committee, if it so decides, to hold a further meeting or to extend the duration of its currently scheduled meetings;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements, including the requisite financial provisions, are made for the continuation of national, regional and interregional preparations for the Conference, including arrangements for inter-regional and other meetings in the later stages of the preparatory process for the Conference;

8. *Invites* the regional commissions as well as other relevant organs of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to continue to give full support to the Secretary-General of the Conference in the preparatory work for the Conference;

9. *Endorses* the decision of the Preparatory Committee at its second session to include Arabic as an official language of the Preparatory Committee.¹⁷³

95th plenary meeting
29 January 1979

33/193. Preparations for an international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade¹⁷⁴

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the regional commissions and other organs and organizations of the United Nations system having a direct bearing on the formulation of the new international development strategy,

Taking note of the decision adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its fourteenth ordinary session, held at Libreville from 2 to 5 July 1977, approving the revised framework of principles for the implementation of the new international economic order in Africa, 1976-1986,

Taking note also of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session,¹⁷⁵

Noting that there is a relationship between development and peace, security and disarmament,

Deeply concerned by the fact that inequities and imbalances in international economic relations have widened the gap between the developed and developing countries, that they constitute major obstacles to the development of the developing countries and that they adversely affect international relations and the promotion of world peace and security,

Recognizing the crucial and urgent need for national and international measures for the accelerated economic and social development of the developing countries,

Recognizing also the continuing need to identify and meet development needs of developing countries,

Recognizing further that trends in the world economy during the Second United Nations Development Decade which have adversely affected the situation of the developing countries have made all the more precarious the grave situation already facing the least developed among the developing countries, and that special energetic and effective measures must be taken to ensure their accelerated development,

¹⁶⁹ A/CONF.81/PC.25.

¹⁷⁰ A/CONF.81/PC.26.

¹⁷¹ A/CONF.81/PC.19 (Part I).

¹⁷² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/33/38), chap. IV, sect. B.*

¹⁷³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 43 (A/33/43 and Corr.1), para. 83.

¹⁷⁴ See also sect. X.B.4, decision 33/437.

¹⁷⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 6 (E/1978/46 and Corr.1).*