

1993/62. Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1993-2002), and fifth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling decision IDB.9/Dec.16 of 22 May 1992 of the Industrial Development Board of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,¹⁶³ in which the Board accepted the offer of the Government of Cameroon to act as host to the fifth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at Yaoundé from 6 to 10 December 1993,

Considering the importance of the Conference, one of whose objectives will be to reassess the role and mission of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization with a view to increasing its effectiveness and enabling it to respond more fully to the needs and interests of all Member States, in particular developing countries,

Bearing in mind the joint African position on the revitalization of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Industry at its eleventh meeting, held at Port Louis from 31 May to 3 June 1993,¹⁶⁴

Aware of the need to give high priority to the implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

1. *Invites* Member States and intergovernmental organizations to participate in the fifth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

2. *Calls for* a constructive dialogue between industrialized and developing countries, with a view to taking satisfactorily into account the legitimate interests and aspirations of Africa in the field of industrialization;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the offer of the Government of Cameroon to act as host to the fifth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

4. *Welcomes* the measures adopted and those still to be taken by the Government of Cameroon with a view to ensuring the success of the Conference, and invites States Members and the organizations of the United Nations system to contribute to its full success.

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30 July 1993*

1993/63. Resource mobilization for the implementation of the regional action programme for phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Taking note of resolution 49/2 of 29 April 1993 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on resource mobilization for the implementation of the regional action programme for phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific,¹⁶⁵

"Recalling its resolution 39/227 of 18 December 1984, by which it proclaimed the period 1985-1994 the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/78 of 27 July 1984 on the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994,

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/75 of 26 July 1991, in which the Council urged all appropriate international organizations, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, to contribute effectively to the formulation and implementation of a regional action programme for the second half of the Decade, and General Assembly decision 46/453 of 20 December 1991, in which the Assembly endorsed Council resolution 1991/75,

"Reaffirming the importance of phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific,

"Noting that it may not be possible to implement the regional action programme effectively and efficiently without adequate funds, and noting the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in this regard,

"1. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to keep under review the level of funding to be provided for the implementation of the regional action programme, so that phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific will have a greater impact;

"2. Requests bilateral donors to take note of its decision 46/453, so as to ensure that the programme approved by the Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Transport and Communications, held at Bangkok from 3 to 5 June 1992, will be implemented effectively;

"3. Invites all Governments in a position to do so to contribute to the implementation of the programme approved by the Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Transport and Communications;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the action taken."

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1993/64. Preparations for the World Summit for Social Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992 on the convening in 1995 of a world summit for social development,

Convinced that the World Summit for Social Development would provide a unique opportunity to focus the attention of all countries on the main social and human concerns and to promote policies and strengthen international cooperation in order to effectively address those concerns,

Further convinced that Africa has a special stake in the Summit and its outcome,

Cognizant of the continuing severe deterioration of social and human conditions in Africa and the need to reverse this unacceptable situation as a matter of urgency,

Determined to ensure the effective participation of Africa in the preparatory process for the Summit and at the Summit itself,

1. *Urges* States members of the Economic Commission for Africa to participate actively in the preparatory activities for the World Summit for Social Development, particularly the meetings of the Preparatory Committee established by the General Assembly;

2. *Stresses* the need for members of the Commission to adopt an African common position on the issues to be discussed at the Summit;

3. *Decides* that an African common position on the issues before the Summit should be formulated by the meeting of the Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Human Development, to be held in January 1994, which should serve as the regional preparatory meeting for the Summit;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to prepare, in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity and other African regional and subregional organizations, the necessary documentation for the meeting, including a draft African common position on the issues before the Summit;

5. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary of the Commission to transmit the African common position to the Preparatory Committee for the Summit, at its first session, which is scheduled to be held in New York from 31 January to 11 February 1994.

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1993/65. Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/237 of 22 December 1989, by which the Assembly proclaimed the period 1991-2000 the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 47/177 of 22 December 1992, in which the Assembly adopted the programme for the Second Decade and decided to adjust the period for the programme for the Decade to cover the years 1993-2002,

Bearing in mind resolution 739 (XXVII)¹⁶⁶ and decision 1 (XXVII)¹⁶⁷ of 22 April 1992, of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,

Aware of the need to harmonize the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Considering the relevant provisions of Agenda 21,³⁵ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

1. *Notes* that the Conference of African Ministers of Industry, at its eleventh meeting, held at Port Louis from 31 May to 3 June 1993, examined the plan of action to harmonize the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa¹⁶⁸ and made recommendations thereon;

2. *Reiterates* its appeal to the United Nations Development Programme to consider allocating under the regional component of its fifth programming cycle for Africa

(1992-1996) adequate resources for supporting the activities of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

3. *Appeals* to financial institutions, in particular the World Bank and the African Development Bank, to consider providing full support to the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and to contribute effectively to the financing of identified projects in the implementation of the programme at the national, subregional and regional levels;

4. *Urges* African countries to give priority to the mobilization of their own financial resources, through increased domestic savings and better management of national resources, for the financing and implementation of the programme for the Second Decade;

5. *Invites* African countries and African development institutions to take the measures necessary to create an enabling environment conducive to domestic, foreign, private and public industrial investment;

6. *Urges* African countries to promote the private sector and to involve it fully in decision-making and in the implementation of the programme for the Second Decade;

7. *Invites* African countries to provide adequate support to African entrepreneurs in order to promote the development of small- and medium-scale industries;

8. *Requests* the General Assembly to provide adequate resources to the Economic Commission for Africa for the Second Decade, especially to strengthen industrial co-operation in the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to harmonize further their activities to support member States in their efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Second Decade.

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1993/66. Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 710 (XXVI) of 12 May 1991 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,¹⁶⁹ in which the Conference of Ministers adopted the programme for the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Recalling also its resolution 1991/83 of 26 July 1991, in which it requested the General Assembly formally to launch the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Referring to General Assembly decision 46/456 of 20 December 1991, in which the Assembly approved the programme for the Second Decade, including the provision of resources for its implementation,

Referring also to resolutions 91/84 of 8 February 1991¹⁷⁰ and 93/89 of 12 March 1993¹⁷¹ of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning,

Having considered the report of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and