

Welcoming the progress achieved so far on the establishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development,

Noting that, relative to their combined gross national products, the contributions pledged by the developing countries are substantially large,

1. Expresses its appreciation to all Governments that have made pledges of contributions to the International Fund for Agricultural Development, especially to the Governments of the developing countries;

2. Expresses also its appreciation to the Secretary-General and to the Executive Director of the World Food Council for their efforts towards the establishment of the Fund.

101st plenary meeting
16 December 1976

31/156. Action programme in favour of developing island countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3338 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 in which it invited the executive heads of the organizations concerned within the United Nations system to intensify their efforts with respect to developing island countries, within their fields of competence,

Recalling further its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation in which it, *inter alia*, called for special measures to be undertaken by developed countries and developing countries in a position to do so to assist in the structural transformation of the economy of the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries,

Recalling also resolution 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development⁵⁴ in which a series of special measures and specific action, respectively, in favour of the least developed countries and in favour of the land-locked and island developing countries were recommended as supplementary action to the general measures applicable to all developing countries in the spirit of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,⁵⁵

Recognizing the particular impediments hampering the economic development of many developing island countries, especially their difficulties in respect of transport and communications, the smallness of their economies and markets, their low resource endowment and their heavy dependence on a few commodities for foreign exchange earnings,

1. Invites the executive heads of the organizations concerned within the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, in the continuation of their efforts with respect to developing island countries to incorporate in their regional and interregional programmes the relevant recommendations contained in resolution 98 (IV) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

⁵⁴ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10), part one, sect. A.

⁵⁵ Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

2. Urges all Governments, in particular those of the developed countries, to lend their support, in the context of their assistance programmes, for the implementation of the specific action envisaged in favour of developing island countries within the framework of their development plans and priorities;

3. Calls upon the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, a progress report on the implementation of specific action in favour of developing island countries.

106th plenary meeting
21 December 1976

31/157. Specific action in favour of land-locked developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2971 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972 and resolution 63 (III) of 19 May 1972 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,⁵⁶

Recalling also its resolutions 3169 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 and 3311 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974 on special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries,

Bearing in mind various other resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and its related organs and by specialized agencies emphasizing special and urgent measures in favour of land-locked developing countries,

Aware of the need to implement immediately the resolutions adopted by the United Nations, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, particularly its resolution 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976,⁵⁷ and other related organs of the United Nations calling for specific action in favour of land-locked developing countries,

Noting with concern that the problems of the land-locked developing countries have not found adequate solutions and that concrete and effective operational measures have not yet been taken in their favour,

Noting further that the difficulties faced by the land-locked developing countries, especially their remoteness from the sea, impede their active and full participation in the world economic life and hamper their development,

1. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the land-locked countries and the specialized agencies, to find ways and means of improving the economic situation of the land-locked developing countries through the urgent implementation of resolutions 63 (III) and 98 (IV) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. Calls upon Member States and the entire international community to give special attention to the trade requirements of the land-locked developing countries, including the possible provision of preferential treatment of their goods;

⁵⁶ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, *Fourth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10), part one, sect. A.