

problems, particularly in the developing countries, and to put forward specific recommendations thereon;

6. *Strongly urges* all Governments, specialized agencies, organs and other bodies within and outside the United Nations system dealing with food, agriculture and human nutrition, to take urgent steps to further and to implement fully the Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition, contained in the Manila Communiqué and elaborated in the Mexico Declaration;

7. *Recommends* to the General Assembly the adoption of the Mexico Declaration of the World Food Council.

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1978/70. Science and technology

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly 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, as well as Assembly resolutions 32/115 and 32/184 of 15 and 19 December 1977,

Recalling also Council resolutions 2028 (LXI) and 2035 (LXI) of 4 August 1976, which concern in particular the preparatory arrangements for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, and Council resolution 2123 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977 referring to the co-ordination of the work of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development,

Bearing in mind the need for greater co-ordination among the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system concerned, with a view to determining the necessary operational and institutional links between science, technology and development, within the context of the new international economic order,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development;¹⁸²

2. *Urges* all specialized agencies and other organizations concerned within and outside the United Nations system to ensure that the documents required for the future sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development and for the Conference itself contain clear and specific recommendations, and that their efforts are effectively co-ordinated, in order to make the best use of available resources towards attaining the goals of the Conference;

3. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee at its third session to give careful consideration to the substantive issues, and particularly to the draft programme of action which will be dealt with by the Conference, bearing in mind the principles of the new international economic order;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development:

¹⁸² E/1978/82.

(a) To complete work as soon as possible on the documentation requested in resolution 4 (II) adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its second session;¹⁸³

(b) To transmit the documentation to the national focal points for consideration by Governments, in order to facilitate preparations for the third session of the Preparatory Committee;

(c) To convey the draft outline of the programme of action to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session for consideration under item 70 of the agenda, together with the Secretary-General's progress report;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to arrange consultations with the officers of the Preparatory Committee and interested delegations during the thirty-third session of the General Assembly, in accordance with Council resolution 2123 (LXIII), in order to maintain the momentum of the preparatory process and to take steps to ensure the participation of the specialized agencies and organizations concerned.

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1978/71. Transnational corporations: the code of conduct and the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its fourth session,¹⁸¹

Recalling the establishment, by the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its second session, of the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct,¹⁸⁵

Recalling also its resolution 2041 (LXI) of 5 August 1976, by which the Council established the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices, and its resolution 2122 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977, by which it continued the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group,

Noting the progress made so far by the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices, as well as the pending issues defined by that Working Group and the views expressed thereon in the Council,

1. *Reaffirms* that the formulation of a code of conduct by the Commission on Transnational Corporations should be given the highest priority and that the conclusion of an international agreement on illicit payments should in no way interfere with or delay that priority;

2. *Urges* all States to expedite the formulation of the code of conduct;

3. *Endorses* the conclusion of the Commission on Transnational Corporations that the Intergovernmental Working Group on a Code of Conduct should hold three sessions of two weeks each before the fifth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations in order to enable it to make expeditious progress towards the fulfilment of its mandate, and requests the Commission to report to the Council at its second regular

¹⁸³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 43 (A/33/43 and Corr.1), annex I.*

¹⁸⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 12 (E/1978/52 and Corr.1-3).*

¹⁸⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5782), para. 51.*