

2034 (LXI). Strengthening of the technological capacity of developing countries

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, in particular section IV of the Programme of Action,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, in particular articles 9, 13 and 22 of the Charter,

Reaffirming section III of General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation in the field of science and technology,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 3507 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on institutional arrangements in the field of the transfer of technology,

Welcoming resolution 87 (IV) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development of 30 May 1976, entitled "Strengthening the technological capacity of developing countries",⁴⁶ which affirms *inter alia* that national technological capacity is a corner-stone of economic development,

Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the executive heads of other United Nations agencies and bodies concerned, as well as all countries referred to in Conference resolution 87 (IV):

(a) To proceed with the immediate implementation of Conference resolution 87 (IV), in the light of its consideration by the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;

(b) To render immediately in a co-ordinated manner operational and technical assistance to developing countries towards the establishment or strengthening of national, subregional, regional and interregional centres for the development and transfer of technology.

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4 August 1976*

2035 (LXI). The preparatory period for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1897 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 on the question of convening a United Nations conference on science and technology,

⁴⁶ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (to be issued as a United Nations publication), part one.

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3507 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on institutional arrangements in the field of the transfer of technology,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international co-operation, in particular paragraph 7 of section III thereof,

Recalling resolution 87 (IV) entitled "Strengthening the technological capacity of developing countries", adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on 30 May 1976,⁴⁷ especially paragraph 26 thereof,

Recalling further resolutions 88 (IV) on industrial property and 89 (IV) entitled "International code of conduct on transfer of technology", also adopted by the Conference on 30 May 1976,⁴⁸

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 2028 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 on the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, in particular section II of paragraph 3 of that resolution, which emphasizes the importance and function of the preparatory period at the national and regional levels,

1. Requests the Secretary-General, in the light of paragraph 1 of resolution C of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development adopted at its third session⁴⁹ and relating to the preparation of national papers for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, to give attention to the following *inter alia*:

(a) A general description of the national views, programmes and policies relating to the development of science and technology pertaining particularly to the items on the agenda proposed for that Conference, reproduced in section I of paragraph 3 of Council resolution 2028 (LXI);

(b) Proposals and suggestions concerning different forms of bilateral and multilateral co-operation, with a view to improving present scientific and technological potentials, in accordance with each country's priorities or programmes and policy objectives, with the object of defining the role of Member States and the United Nations system in implementing action-oriented programmes;

(c) The selection, from among the sub-items of the proposed agenda, of specific examples illustrating the different approaches to the applications of science and technology for dealing with the subject areas;

(d) The function of the Secretary-General of the Conference of providing, on specific request and to the extent possible, technical support for the preparation of national papers;

2. Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to prepare as a matter of urgency a programme of

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*

⁴⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5777)*, para. 211.

work for the various stages of the preparatory period for the Conference, for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its first meeting;

3. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee for the Conference at its first meeting to:

(a) Establish the guidelines for the preparation of national papers;

(b) Finalize the detailed programme of work for the preparatory period for the Conference;

4. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee for the Conference to prepare at the earliest possible date the final provisional agenda, taking into account the results of the preparatory work done at the national, regional and interregional levels;

5. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General of the Conference include in the programme of work plans for the seminars, travelling seminars and specialized task forces, which should be organized, with the participation as appropriate of the United Nations bodies concerned, so as to supplement the national efforts with the aim of the full mobilization and participation of national inputs;

6. *Recommends further* that, before the regional and interregional meetings, the Secretary-General of the Conference, in conjunction with the United Nations specialized agencies and organizations, should co-operate fully in the establishment of seminars, travelling seminars and task forces in subject areas of interest at the regional and interregional levels, such co-operation to involve in particular the regional commissions, as well as regional intergovernmental organizations;

7. *Invites* non-governmental specialized bodies and experts at the national, regional and interregional levels to support these activities whenever this is deemed beneficial and necessary;

8. *Recommends* that, in order to ensure an appropriate composition of the secretariat of the Conference, the selection of the personnel to be seconded from the various parts of the United Nations system should be carried out by mutual agreement between the Secretary-General of the Conference and the executive heads of the organizations concerned, taking into account paragraph 5 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2028 (LXI);

9. *Recommends further* that adequate provision should be made in the Conference budget for these arrangements, particularly as they apply to developing countries;

10. *Further calls* on the governing bodies of the various organizations concerned to make the necessary provision to enable their organizations to participate to the fullest extent possible in the work of the Conference;

11. *Urges* the Secretary-General to appoint the Secretary-General of the Conference as soon as possible.

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2036 (LXI). Application of computer science and technology to development

The Economic and Social Council,

Having in mind resolution B on the application of computer science and technology to development, adopted by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its third session,⁵⁰

Having examined the interim report of the Secretary-General on the application of computer science and technology,⁵¹ expressing the hope that a final report will be submitted to the Council at its sixty-third session,

1. *Endorses* in general resolution B adopted by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its third session;

2. *Points out* that, in order to assume the primary responsibility for the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report submitted by the Secretary-General to that Committee,⁵² the organizations of the United Nations system and the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics should be ready to submit to their legislative bodies programme and budget proposals covering the financial implications of each of the recommendations with which they propose to associate themselves;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the report of the *ad hoc* working group referred to in paragraph 2 of his interim report, together with the views of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to the Committee on Science and Technology for the Development at its fourth session, and, through that Committee, to the Council at its sixty-fifth session.

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2040 (LXI). Regional support for national efforts to improve human settlements

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that solutions to human settlements problems around the world are urgently required,

Bearing in mind the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order contained in General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, and the importance for the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade of improving human settlements around the world as a major component in improving the quality of life,

Noting that the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements was convened at Vancouver from 31 May to 11 June 1976:

⁵⁰ *Ibid.*

⁵¹ E/5840.

⁵² E/C.8/37.