

through the concerted co-operative effort of the international community,

Recalling its resolution 1522 (XV) of 15 December 1960 on an accelerated flow of capital and technical assistance to the developing countries, in which it recognized the urgency of the problem for the maintenance of world peace and security and the promotion of better understanding among nations, and expressed the hope that the flow of international assistance and capital for development should be increased substantially so as to reach as soon as possible approximately 1 per cent of the combined national incomes of the economically advanced countries,

Noting with appreciation the information given in the report of the Secretary-General entitled *International Flow of Long-term Capital and Official Donations, 1951-1959*,¹⁷ which shows a progressive increase of that flow during the period,

Noting further that the flow of capital towards the less developed countries in the years 1951-1959 was less than 1 per cent of the combined national incomes of the economically advanced countries,

1. *Expresses again the hope* that the annual flow of international assistance and capital, in accordance with paragraph 2 of the General Assembly resolution 1522 (XV), should be increased substantially so that it might reach as soon as possible approximately 1 per cent of the combined national incomes of the economically advanced countries;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in making the annual reports called for in paragraph 4 of resolution 1522 (XV) dealing with the progress made towards the objectives of that resolution, to submit information in so far as possible on both gross and net flows of international assistance and capital;

3. *Urges* the Government of the States concerned, the specialized agencies and other related organizations to assist the Secretary-General in the preparation of those reports.

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1712 (XVI). Activities of the United Nations in the field of industrial development

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 55 of the Charter of the United Nations which lays upon the Organization the responsibility for promoting higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development,

Recalling its resolutions 1431 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 and 1525 (XV) of 15 December 1960, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 751 (XXIX) of 12 April 1960, 817 (XXXI) of 28 April 1961 and 839 (XXXII) of 3 August 1961,

Recalling in particular the provision of Economic and Social Council resolution 751 (XXIX) to the effect that the Committee for Industrial Development shall exercise its functions without prejudice to the activities of the regional economic commissions,

Noting with satisfaction the beginning of the work of the Committee for Industrial Development and the results of its first session,

Bearing in mind the organizational recommendations of the Committee for Industrial Development relating to the establishment of the Industrial Development Centre and its decision relating to the establishment of the inter-sessional working group,

Expressing the hope that the Industrial Development Centre will not only collect and disseminate information but will also be an effective instrument for assisting the economically less developed countries in the field of industrialization, by means of imparting to them documentation concerning the latest achievements of science, technology and the planning of industrial development,

Taking into consideration the substantial and constantly increasing interest of the economically less developed countries in accelerating their own industrial development as the main way of diversifying their national economies generally and, thereby, raising the *per caput* income of their populations,

Considering that the less developed countries need the greatest possible assistance and international co-operation in the solution of technical, financial, economic, commercial and social problems connected with the process of industrial development,

Considering further that urgent measures to arrange for international co-operation and assistance to the less developed countries towards their industrialization, under the aegis of the United Nations as well as on a bilateral basis, will make a valuable contribution to the achievement of stable political, economic and social conditions in the world,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of existing specialized agencies active in this field,

1. *Commends* the Committee for Industrial Development for the constructive report on its first session;¹⁸

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed thirty-second session, and the Committee for Industrial Development:

(a) To exert every effort with a view to enabling the Industrial Development Centre to begin its work without delay, one of its objectives being to set up as soon as possible working contacts, in co-operation with the regional economic commissions, with national bodies as well as with industrial and research organizations in charge of, or concerned with, industrial problems in States members of the United Nations system, regardless of their stage of development;

(b) To ensure that the Industrial Development Centre should co-ordinate its activities with the activities of the regional economic commissions, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency in the industrial field, in order to avoid duplication of work and not to impede existing activities;

(c) To devote particular attention to the question of financing industrial development, paying special consideration to the utilization of internal resources for the formation of capital, while taking into account the past and present experience of the highly industrialized and the developing countries;

(d) To take into account, with the assistance of the United Nations institutions concerned, the social implications of the industrialization process;

¹⁷ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 62.II.D.1.

¹⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/3476/Rev.1).*

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board, the Managing Director of the Special Fund and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, to inform the Committee for Industrial Development on the assistance rendered by these bodies to the economically less developed countries in the field of industrial development;

4. *Requests* the Committee for Industrial Development to study, in the light of information submitted pursuant to paragraph 3 above, the flow of assistance taking place at the present time under these programmes, and to submit to the Economic and Social Council recommendations aimed at expanding these activities for the benefit of these countries' industrialization;

5. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed thirty-second session, to direct the Committee for Industrial Development to give further consideration to the expansion of United Nations activities in the field of industrial development, in particular to the advisability of establishing a specialized agency or any other appropriate body for industrial development, and to prepare a special report on this question, including, if need be, recommendations regarding the structure and scope of such an organization;

6. *Further requests* the Committee for Industrial Development to submit its report to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-fourth session, and asks the Council to transmit that report, with its comments, to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session.

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1713 (XVI). The role of patents in the transfer of technology to under-developed countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1429 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 on the possibilities of a further expansion of international contacts, as well as an increased exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of applied science and technology,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 375 (XIII) of 13 September 1951 and of the reports on restrictive business practices prepared by the Secretariat and by the *Ad Hoc* Committee established under the above-mentioned Council resolution,¹⁹

Bearing in mind that the United Nations Conference on the Application of Science and Technology for the Benefit of the Less Developed Areas will be convened under Economic and Social Council resolution 834 (XXXII) of 3 August 1961,

Bearing in mind that access to knowledge and experience in the field of applied science and technology is essential to accelerate the economic development of under-developed countries and to enlarge the over-all productivity of their economies,

Realizing that the protection of the rights of the patent-holders both in their country of origin and in

¹⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 11* (E/2380); *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 11A* (E/2379 and Add.1); *ibid.*, *Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 3* (E/2671); *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 3A* (E/2675); and document E/2443.

foreign countries has contributed to technical research and, therefore, to international and national industrial progress,

Affirming that it is in the best interest of all countries that the international patent system should be applied in such a way as to take fully into account the special needs and requirements of the economic development of under-developed countries, as well as the legitimate claims of patentees,

Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with appropriate international and national institutions and with the concurrence of the Governments concerned, to prepare for the Committee for Industrial Development, the Economic and Social Council, and the General Assembly at its eighteenth session, taking into consideration any pertinent discussions which might take place in the United Nations Conference on the Application of Science and Technology for the Benefit of the Less Developed Areas, a report containing:

(a) A study of the effects of patents on the economy of under-developed countries;

(b) A survey of patent legislation in selected developed and under-developed countries, with primary emphasis on the treatment given to foreign patents;

(c) An analysis of the characteristics of the patent legislation of under-developed countries in the light of economic development objectives, taking into account the need for the rapid absorption of new products and technology, and the rise in the productivity level of their economies;

(d) A recommendation on the advisability of holding an international conference in order to examine the problems regarding the granting, protection and use of patents, taking into consideration the provisions of existing international conventions and the special needs of developing countries, and utilizing the existing machinery of the International Union for the Protection of Industrial Property.

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1714 (XVI). World Food Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1496 (XV) of 27 October 1960 and Economic and Social Council resolution 832 (XXXII) of 2 August 1960 on the provision of Food surpluses to food-deficient peoples through the United Nations system,

Having considered the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations entitled *Development through Food—A Strategy for Surplus Utilization*,²⁰ the report of the Secretary-General entitled "The role of the United Nations and the appropriate specialized agencies in facilitating the best possible use of food surpluses for the economic development of the less developed countries",²¹ and the joint proposal by the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations regarding procedures and arrangements for multilateral utilization of surplus food,²²

²⁰ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, 1961.

²¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 8, document E/3509.

²² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 28, document A/4907.