

Believing that activities designed to achieve orderly implementation of development plans need to be strengthened and accelerated,

Believing further that proper channels for the exchange of experience and knowledge on development planning problems are essential for acquainting economic planners and policy-makers with technical developments that are continually being made,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of part one of the *World Economic Survey 1966* entitled "Implementation of Development Plans: Problems and Experience";⁷

2. *Expresses appreciation* to the Committee for Development Planning for its thorough and searching examination of the experience and problems in the implementation of development plans with special reference to Latin America and for its judicious recommendations designed to achieve improvements in planning and plan implementation;⁸

3. *Approves* the programme of future work recommended by the Committee for Development Planning in the field of economic planning and projections;

4. *Invites* Governments of the developing countries to consider, in the light of the recommendations made by the Committee for Development Planning and in accordance with the circumstances prevailing in their countries, the advisability of formulating concerted and vigorous development policies so as to bring about rapid improvements in mobilizing resources, in strengthening the machinery for plan formulation and plan implementation, and in initiating institutional changes which are essential for accelerating the process of economic development;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake the necessary action for the intensification of work on the studies with a practical orientation that have been recommended by the Committee for Development Planning, especially the studies on annual planning and implementation and on control and evaluation of plan progress, as well as for the early publication of a periodical containing articles and information for the use of planners and policy-makers in developing countries;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report on the progress of work in this field to the Council and to its Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

*1505th plenary meeting,
3 August 1967.*

1260 (XLIII). United Nations Development Decade

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1152 (XLI) of 4 August 1966 which indicated the need for making preparations to further and to facilitate planning for concerted international action for the period after the present Development Decade,

⁷ United Nations publication (E/4363/Rev.1).

⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/4362), chap. I.*

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 2218 B (XXI) of 19 December 1966 which called for the preparation of a preliminary framework of international development strategy for the 1970's within which initial efforts could be concentrated on the elaboration of specific goals and targets for individual sectors and components,

Recognizing that considerable experience has been gained during the present Development Decade which should provide a suitable foundation for the design and implementation of activities for the next decade,

Recognizing further that the economies of developing countries should be better equipped than they were to overcome the obstacles existing in the beginning of the present Development Decade,

Believing that continuing international co-operation by developed and developing countries is needed in this field,

Considering that the achievement and maintenance of world peace is of primary importance to the success of United Nations development programmes,

1. *Takes note* of the Secretary-General's progress report⁹ and of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its second session;¹⁰

2. *Takes note with satisfaction*, in particular, that the Committee has given preliminary thought to the preparation of guidelines and proposals for the period after the present Development Decade;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the work, indicated in his progress report, to facilitate planning for concerted international action for the period after the present Development Decade, having regard to the experience gained during this Decade;

4. *Further requests* the Committee, in consultation with the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the observations made in the Council, to continue its work on guidelines and proposals for the period after the present Development Decade on the general lines which it has suggested.

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1261 (XLIII). Review of past experience and of possibilities for future action in the field of economic development

The Economic and Social Council,

Mindful that the economic development of the developing countries is of ever-increasing importance to the expansion of the world economy, to the well-being of peoples and to the maintenance of international peace and security,

Conscious that world concern with economic development in its various aspects has intensified particularly since the Second World War and that this concern has grown up in close relation to the objectives of the United Nations,

⁹ *Ibid.*, *Forty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/4376.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, *Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/4362).*

Finding that international action in favour of the economic development of the developing countries is unfortunately hampered by major obstacles and that it is necessary that the fundamental causes of, and reasons for, the difficulty should be better understood,

Considering that it would be desirable to have by the end of the present United Nations Development Decade, the fullest review both of past experience and of possibilities for future action,

Noting that, in these circumstances, it is advisable to consider the desirability of holding under United Nations auspices a meeting so as to provide an opportunity for an exchange of ideas, principles and experiences in the field of economic development among specialists in this field who would participate in their personal capacities,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 2218 B (XXI) of 19 December 1966 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1152 (XLI) of 4 August 1966, and bearing in mind also the fact that a meeting such as that indicated in the preceding paragraph might be of considerable value for the formulation of the "international development strategy" which the General Assembly has requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to elaborate,

Mindful of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2218 A (XXI) of 19 December 1966, of the report of the Committee for Development Planning of the Economic and Social Council on its second session¹¹ and of the progress report of the Secretary-General,¹²

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit before the forty-fourth session of the Economic and Social Council a report containing ideas and considerations on the feasibility and advisability of a meeting such as that described above and the technical, administrative and financial measures which the holding of such a meeting would require,

2. *Decides* to consider, in the light of the report of the Secretary-General requested above, the desirability of convening before the end of the present Development Decade a meeting such as described above, to be attended by eminent persons nationals of States Members of the United Nations, or members of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency who have made a significant contribution in the field of economic development.

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1266 (XLIII). Second session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2206 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 on the second session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and 2209 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 on implementation of

¹¹ *Ibid.*

¹² *Ibid.*, *Forty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/4376.

the recommendations made by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its first session,

Taking note of the Secretary-General's statement¹³ that "our efforts must be bent towards creating a more favourable trade and aid environment for the developing countries... in preparation for the Second United Nations Conference on Trade and Development which will assemble in New Delhi in February of next year" and the fervent hope expressed by him that "the Kennedy Round will be followed by a "New Delhi Round" which will begin to complete the work that remains unfinished",

Taking note also, in this connexion, of the statement by the Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs,¹⁴

Noting with satisfaction that the general discussion of international economic and social policy at its 1481st to 1489th meetings has revealed the great interest which States Members of the United Nations attach to the second session of the Conference and their determination to make all efforts for the fulfilment of its objectives,

Recognizing the importance of the second session of the Conference as a forum for the consideration of further action for the implementation of the recommendations adopted at the first session of the Conference, and of the adoption of additional measures for the expansion of trade and the acceleration of economic development of developing countries,

1. *Expresses* the hope that further substantial progress will be achieved before the second session of the Conference in the implementation of the recommendations adopted at its first session in the light of General Assembly resolution 2209 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, and that the preparatory work in respect of additional measures in the field of trade and development of the developing countries will be completed in good time before the second session, so as to facilitate decisions on the adoption of such measures at that session;

2. *Invites* the States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the organizations concerned in the United Nations system, to make additional efforts to implement the General Assembly resolutions referred to above and to extend their full co-operation in ensuring the success of the second session of the Conference;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue to make preparations with a view to achieving at the second session of the Conference practical and concrete results of benefit to world trade and particularly to developing countries.

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3 August 1967.*

1269 (XLIII). Report of the Industrial Development Board

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Industrial Development

¹³ *Ibid.*, *Forty-third Session*, 1480th meeting.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, 1504th meeting and E/L.1189.