

Desirous of giving priority consideration to the review of issues raised by the activities of transnational corporations and their role in the world economy,

Recognizing the need for the establishment of permanent machinery to deal on a continuing basis with the full range of issues relating to transnational corporations, taking fully into account, in particular, the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the members of the Group of Eminent Persons to Study the Impact of Multinational Corporations on Development and on International Relations for their efforts;

2. *Decides* to keep the full range of issues relating to transnational corporations, and in particular the subject of the regulation of and supervision over their activities, under close consideration on a continuing basis;

3. *Invites* all States⁴⁰ to make known their views on the report of the Group and on the problems with which it is concerned, if possible before the meeting of the Special Intersessional Committee referred to in paragraph 7 below;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after consulting the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, to prepare a concise report on those activities of the system which are closely related to the subject of transnational corporations;

5. *Decides* in principle to establish, in accordance with the principles accepted by the United Nations, appropriate permanent machinery to assist the Council in dealing with the issue of transnational corporations;

6. *Decides* to establish an information and research centre on transnational corporations and requests the Secretary-General, pending further arrangements regarding the modalities of operation of the centre, to set up, in accordance with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, a nucleus of the centre in the light of the Secretary-General's report and the report of the Group, and bearing in mind also that such a centre should be financed through the regular United Nations budget, without prejudice to any voluntary contribution from Member States;

7. *Decides* to convene a Special Intersessional Committee of the Council to examine:

(a) The different aspects and proposals of the report of the Group;

(b) The views of States, referred to in paragraph 3 above;

(c) The report of the Secretary-General, requested in paragraph 4 above;

8. *Decides also* that the Special Intersessional Committee should recommend priorities for a programme of work on the full range of issues relating to transnational

corporations, as well as for permanent machinery needed to develop such a programme of work, including further arrangements regarding the modalities of operation of the information and research centre referred to in paragraph 6 above, taking into account the several on-going activities of the United Nations system directly related to the subject of transnational corporations;

9. *Decides further* that the Special Intersessional Committee should report to the Council at its resumed fifty-seventh session;

10. *Decides* to give priority to the question of transnational corporations at its resumed fifty-seventh session and to take a final decision at that resumed session on the permanent machinery to be established and on its mandate;

11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the action that the Council might take pursuant to paragraph 8 above:

(a) To make provisional arrangements for ensuring that the issues concerning transnational corporations are given adequate attention by the services of the Secretariat in charge of economic studies, research and planning;

(b) To promote a programme of technical co-operation aimed at strengthening the capacity of host countries, in particular of developing countries, in their dealings with transnational corporations;

12. *Requests also* the Secretary-General to provide, within the Secretariat, appropriate support for the Special Intersessional Committee referred to in paragraph 7 above.

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2 August 1974*

1909 (LVII). Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2952 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972 and 3087 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973 relating to the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

Further recalling General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 concerning the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, especially section III and section IX, paragraph 2, thereof,

Noting with appreciation the preparatory work thus far carried out by the Industrial Development Board and by the Permanent Committee in their capacity as the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,⁴¹

⁴⁰ It is the understanding of the Economic and Social Council that the Secretary-General, in discharging his functions under the present resolution, will follow the practice of the General Assembly in implementing an "All States" clause and, in all cases when it is advisable, the Secretary-General will request the opinion of the General Assembly before taking appropriate decisions.

⁴¹ See the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee in document ID/B/145 (transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5547), and the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (E/5548).

Noting also with satisfaction the regional meetings that have taken place and meetings yet to take place, and other group and inter-group meetings to be held in preparation for the Second General Conference,

Recognizing the important discussions and decisions contained in the report of the Industrial Development Board on its eighth session,⁴² as well as the report and conclusions of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on a Long-Range Strategy for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,⁴³ and the comments made on the matter during the fifty-seventh session of the Economic and Social Council,

1. *Recommends* that the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to be held at Lima in March 1975, should formulate a comprehensive strategy to assist in accelerating the industrialization of developing countries, and draws particular attention to the resolutions and decisions in the reports referred to in the final preambular paragraph of the present resolution;

2. *Further recommends* that co-ordinated steps should be taken to strengthen the efficiency of the entire United Nations machinery in the field of industry, so that it may more effectively contribute to the industrial development of the developing countries, *inter alia* through the implementation of the programmes and policies embodied in the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

3. *Recommends also* that the necessary steps be taken to improve the delivery capacity of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization's operational activities, including the question of an increased allocation of the necessary resources to that Organization;

4. *Urges* action on resolution 42 (VIII) of the Industrial Development Board.⁴⁴

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1911 (LVII). Implementation of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order; mid-term review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy; special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation

The Economic and Social Council.

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3201 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 concerning the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

⁴² ID/B/144; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5545). The final text appears in *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/9616)*.

⁴³ ID/B/142 and Corr. I; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5546.

⁴⁴ See ID/B/144, annex I.

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 on the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2801 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 on the review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and General Assembly resolution 3178 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 on preparations for the mid-term review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Further recalling General Assembly resolution 3176 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 on the first biennial over-all review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 3172 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 on the holding of a special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation,

Considering that collective economic security should be promoted and its concept further defined and elaborated, with full respect for the principle of the sovereignty of States, and that it should foster the acceleration of the process of development of developing countries within the framework of the New International Economic Order, as well as ensure the improvement of international co-operation, over-all development and the prosperity of all countries,

Bearing in mind that international security cannot be complete if it does not include an economic dimension which guarantees to all countries the right to implement their development programmes free from economic aggression and any other form of coercion,

Acknowledging the importance of integrating economic and social approaches in development strategies,

Recognizing that, consonant with the long-term development needs of the developing countries, assistance extended to meet their immediate needs should also constitute an essential element in international co-operation for development,

Bearing in mind the pledge of all Member States to make full use of the United Nations system in the implementation of the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

Emphasizing the urgent need for implementing the Declaration and Programme of Action, together with the Special Programme outlined in section X of the Programme of Action, including particularly emergency measures to mitigate the difficulties of the developing countries most seriously affected by the recent economic crisis, bearing in mind the particular problem of the least developed and the land-locked countries,

Recalling that all organizations, institutions, subsidiary bodies and conferences of the United Nations system are entrusted with the task of implementing the Declaration and the Programme of Action,