"Considering that the Global Strategy fully reflects the spirit of General Assembly resolution 34/58,

"Considering that peace and security are important conditions for the preservation and improvement of the health of all people and that co-operation among nations on vital health issues can contribute substantially to peace,

"Noting further that the Global Strategy is based upon the principles of the Declaration of Alma-Ata 39 on primary health care, which implies an integrated approach to the solution of health care problems and requires the fullest support and involvement of all economic and social development sectors,

- "Recognizing that the implementation of the Global Strategy will constitute a valuable contribution to the improvement of overall socio-economic conditions, and thus to the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,
- 1. Endorses the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000 as a major contribution of Member States to the attainment of the world-wide social goal of health for all by the year 2000 and to the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;
- "2. Urges all Member States to ensure the implementation of the Global Strategy as part of their multi-sectoral efforts to implement the provisions contained in the International Development Strategy;
- "3. Also urges all Member States to co-operate with one another and with the World Health Organization to ensure that the necessary international action is taken to implement the Global Strategy as part of the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy;
- "4. Requests all appropriate organizations and institutions of the United Nations, including the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the World Bank, to collaborate fully with the World Health Organization in carrying out the Global Strategy;
- "5. Also requests the Director-General of the World Health Organization to ensure that measures to implement the Global Strategy are taken into account in the review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade." 40

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1981/62. Consumer protection

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1979/74 of 3 August 1979,

Considering the increasing need for the effective protection of consumers, particularly in developing countries, against practices harmful to the interests of consumers,

Conscious of the need for reliance on an international basic policy framework that provides guidance and encouragement for further efforts in consumer protection on a world-wide scale, Taking into account that the primary responsibility for consumer protection rests with each State,

Having considered the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection,⁴¹

Having noted the recommendations of the Regional Consultation on consumer protection organized by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and held at Bangkok from 2 to 8 June 1981,42

- 1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection and recommends that Governments should take his recommendations into account in the formulation of consumer protection policy measures at the national and international levels;
- 2. Requests the Secretary-General, drawing upon the views of individual Member States, United Nations organs, agencies and programmes concerned, and the regional commissions, to continue consultations on consumer protection, within existing resources, with the aim of pursuing, inter alia, the elaboration of a set of general guidelines for consumer protection, taking particularly into account the needs of the developing countries and, in the light of his findings, to submit a report with appropriate proposals, covering, inter alia, the possibility of convening an intergovernmental meeting on the guidelines, to the Council at its second regular session of 1983.

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1981/63. Strengthening of the co-ordination of information systems

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its interest in the co-ordination of information systems as expressed in Council resolution 1889 (LVII) of 31 July 1974, in which it recommended, inter alia, that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should strengthen the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems and its staff,

Aware of the concern and serious need of recipients of services of the United Nations system for the strengthening of the planning and delivery of effective activities,

Recognizing the importance, for maximizing the development activities of the United Nations system in favour of developing countries, of the harmonization of information systems,

Stressing the importance to all Member States of easily accessible comprehensive information on the applications of the resources made available to the United Nations system,

Emphasizing the importance of rationalizing, coordinating and ensuring the useful compatibility of hardware, software, and data-set information systems,

³⁹ See World Health Organization, Primary Health Care: Report of the International Conference on Primary Health Care, Alma-Ata, USSR, 6-12 September 1978 (Geneva, 1978).

⁴⁰ See General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex, para. 175.

⁴¹ E/1981/75.

⁴² See E/1981/C.3/L.2.

Recalling the recommendations for the strengthening of the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems made by the Joint Inspection Unit in its report concerning the co-ordination of information systems,⁴⁸

- 1. Endorses the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-first session that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should review its decision 1981/3, by which it had terminated the operational functions of the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems and abolished its secretariat;44
- 2. Affirms that timely and accurate information on the activities, resources, results and findings of the United Nations system is important to Governments in enabling them to participate more effectively in the programme planning and evaluation process;
- 3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1982, including the agreed recommendations of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on methods of enhancing the effectiveness of the co-ordination of the information systems in the United Nations system, bearing in mind the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit;
- 4. Requests the Administrative Committee on Coordination to include in the recommendations called for in paragraph 3 above a detailed proposal for ensuring the cost-effective compatibility of computerized information systems, including the continued elaboration of vocabularies of common terminology;
- 5. Requests the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to engage immediately, within the limits of existing resources, independent recognized experts to prepare recommendations which will assist in developing the proposals and recommendations mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

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1981/64. Implementation by the United Nations system of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade

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, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling also the goals, objectives and policy measures set out in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 45

Taking note with appreciation of the statements made by the President of the Economic and Social Council and the Secretary-General at the opening of the second regular session of 1981 of the Council, 46 the concluding statement of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation 47 and other statements made during the general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments, at that session,

Taking note also of the World Economic Survey, 1980-1981, 48 the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination Task Force on Long-Term Development Objectives on its eight session, 49 the conclusions of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade 50 and the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its seventeenth session, 51

- 1. Reiterates the need to strengthen international economic co-operation for development within the multilateral framework of the United Nations system, in which the General Assembly has the central role;
- 2. Calls upon all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to apply the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade as a policy framework in the formulation and implementation of their programmes of work and medium-term plans;
- 3. Urges the Administrative Committee on Coordination to continue its efforts to assess on a system-wide basis the world economic situation and prospects in the perspective of long-term development objectives and in the overall context of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade and the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to bring to the attention of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly the results of those system-wide assessments;
- 4. Requests the Committee for Development Planning to carry out future work in relation to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, as envisaged in chapter V of its report on its seventeeth session;

⁴⁸ JIU/REP/78/7; transmitted to the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/34/153).

⁴⁴ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/36/38), para. 449.

⁴⁵ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

⁴⁶ See E/1981/SR.20.

¹⁷ See E/1981/SR.34.

⁴⁸ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.II.C.2.

⁴⁹ E/1981/71.

⁵⁰ See E/1981/86, para. 36.

⁵¹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 7 (E/1981/27).