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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION:
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Draft resolution submitted by Mr. Qazi Shaukat Fareed, Vice-Chairman
of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations on draft
resolution A/C.2/37/L.93

Action programme in favour of island developing countries

The General Assembly,

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

Recalling also its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, containing the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling further its resolutions 31/156 of 21 December 1976, 32/185 of 19 December 1977, 34/205 of 19 December 1979 and 35/61 of 5 December 1980, and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations relating to the special needs and problems of island developing countries,

Reiterating the programme of specific action in favour of island developing countries envisaged in resolutions 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976 1/ and 111 (V) of 3 June 1979 2/ of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Welcoming resolution 247 (XXIV) of the Trade and Development Board, which called for a report by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the problems of island developing countries to be submitted for consideration by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its sixth session,

Mindful of the fact that additional efforts are needed to implement the specific measures required to assist island developing countries - in particular those which suffer handicaps due especially to smallness, remoteness, frequent natural disasters, discontinuity and scattering of territory, constraints in transport and communications, great distances from market centres, limited internal markets, lack of marketing expertise, low resource endowment, lack of natural resources, heavy dependence on a few commodities for their foreign exchange earnings, shortage of administrative expertise and heavy debt burdens - in offsetting the major handicaps which retard their development process,

Welcoming the analysis of the problem facing smaller island countries at the meeting on the special problems of those countries, held at Alofi, Niue, from 9 to 12 February 1982, 3/

Recognizing also that appropriate industrial development can be vital to the economic development of small island countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of specific action in favour of island developing countries; 4/
2. Takes note of the analysis contained in section three of the report of the Secretary-General on the difficulties encountered by island developing countries;
3. Expresses its appreciation to all States and organizations that have facilitated the implementation of resolutions in favour of island developing countries;

1/ See Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10 and corrigendum), part one, sect A.

2/ Ibid., Fifth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

3/ See A/37/196, annex.

4/ A/37/196 and Corr.1.

4. Calls upon all States, international organizations and financial institutions to intensify efforts to implement specific actions in favour of island developing countries as envisaged in resolutions 98 (IV) and 111 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as well as in other relevant resolutions;

5. Requests the competent organizations of the United Nations system to take adequate measures to enhance their ability to respond positively to the particular needs of island developing countries during the Third United Nations Development Decade, in particular the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

6. Requests also the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its sixth session to review the progress made in this area and to consider the measures needed to facilitate the implementation of the resolutions adopted so far in favour of island developing countries;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session on the measures taken by the international community to respond to the specific needs of island developing countries, as called for in relevant resolutions of the United Nations, and to recommend further appropriate actions to permit the General Assembly to undertake a comprehensive review of the problems and needs of the island developing countries at that session.
