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International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade

Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

Report of the Second Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 71 (see A/37/680, para. 2). Action to be taken by the Committee on subitems (a) and (b) was considered at the 40th, 45th, and 48th meetings on 18 November, 1, 8 and 13 December 1982. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/37/SR.40, 45, 47 and 48).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade (subitem (a))

1. Draft resolution A/C.2/37/L.91

2. At the 45th meeting, on 1 December, the representative of Bangladesh, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/37/L.91), entitled "Review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade".

3. A statement by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution was circulated in document A/C.2/37/L.109.
4. At its 47th meeting, on 8 December, the Committee was informed that, at the informal consultations held under the chairmanship of Mr. George Papadatos, Vice Chairman of the Committee, it had been agreed to revise the draft resolution as follows:
 - (a) In the eighth preambular paragraph, to insert the word "especially" after the words "economic crisis";
 - (b) In paragraph 8, to delete the words "process of".
5. A representative of the Budget Division made a statement on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution.
6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the resolution A/C.2/37/L.91, as orally revised (see para. 16, draft resolution I).
7. The representatives of Bangladesh (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77), Bulgaria (also on behalf of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Denmark (on behalf of the States members of the European Economic Community) made statements.

2. Draft resolution A/C.2/37/L.94 and Rev.1

8. At the 45th meeting, on 1 December, the representative of Bangladesh, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/37/L.94), entitled "Negative trends in the world economy", which read as follows:

"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, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

"Expressing concern about the hardening of certain trends in international economic relations which run counter to the objectives of international co-operation contained in the above-mentioned resolutions and constitute serious obstacles to the economic growth of the developing countries as well as to their development process,

"Concerned that the international economy remains in a state of structural disequilibrium characterized by a slowing-down of activities and of economic growth, accompanied by, inter alia, prolonged monetary instability, intensified protectionist pressures, structural problems and maladjustment and uncertain long-term growth prospects,

"1. Considers that the continuation and worsening of the present situation could lead to a climate of mistrust in international economic relations, with unpredictable consequences for international economic co-operation as well as for world peace and security;

"2. Expresses its deep concern about the grave economic situation of the developing countries and about the perspectives arising from the current trends in the world economy, which, if they continue, will obstruct the realization of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

"3. Urges all States, in particular the developed countries, to pursue concerted efforts to reverse the present negative trends and to overcome the critical economic situation currently affecting the developing countries;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the present negative trends in the world economy which affect international economic co-operation and frustrate the efforts towards the fulfilment of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session.

9. At the 48th meeting, on 13 December, the representative of Bangladesh, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/37/L.94/Rev.1).

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.2/37/L.94/Rev.1 (see para. 16, draft resolution II).

11. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America and Bulgaria (also on behalf of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics).

B. Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (subitem (b))

Draft resolution A/C.2/37/L.26 and Rev.1

12. At the 40th meeting, on 18 November, the representative of Bangladesh, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/37/L.26), entitled "Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States", which read as follows:

"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, which laid down the foundations of the new international economic order,

"Bearing in mind article 34 of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and General Assembly resolution 3486 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, relating to the review of the implementation of the Charter,

"Mindful of the importance of the principles contained in the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and the close relationship between the Charter and the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

"Conscious that the immediate launching and the successful conclusion of the global round of negotiations on international economic co-operation for development will be an important contribution towards the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, as an integral part of the objective of establishing the new international economic order,

"1. Decides to conduct at its thirty-ninth session, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, a comprehensive review of its implementation, as provided for in article 34 thereof;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, based on information provided by Governments as well as intergovernmental organizations concerned and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984;

"3. Calls upon all Member States to co-operate with the efforts of the Secretary-General in the preparation of the report requested in paragraph 2 above;

"4. Invites all Member States to participate actively in the review of the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States to be undertaken in 1984;

5. "Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session an item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States".

13. At the 47th meeting, on 8 December, the representative of Bangladesh, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/37/L.26/Rev.1).

14. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/37/L.26/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 127 to 1, with 4 abstentions (see para. 16, draft resolution III). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Germany, Federal Republic of, Israel, Japan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

15. Statements after the vote were made by the representatives of Canada, the United States of America, Denmark, Japan, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Belgium, Israel, Italy, Austria, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Federal Republic of Germany and Bulgaria (also on behalf of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

16. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Review and appraisal of the implementation of the
International Development Strategy for the Third
United Nations Development Decade

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, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Aware of its responsibility to carry out in 1984 the first over-all review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy,

Recalling also that the process of review and appraisal forms an integral part of the International Development Strategy and provides an opportunity to strengthen it as an instrument of policy for the attainment of the goals and objectives set out therein,

Recalling further that the process of review and appraisal should, within the context of an over-all review of the international economic situation, scrutinize the state of the implementation of the International Development Strategy and identify the factors responsible for the shortfalls,

Stressing that such a review and appraisal should be undertaken within the United Nations system at the regional, sectoral and global levels, and by the respective Governments at the national level,

Noting with deep regret that global negotiations relating to international economic co-operation for development, which are intended to be one of the principle instruments for facilitating the implementation of the International Development Strategy, have not been launched,

Conscious that the adverse effects of the continuing international economic crisis, especially on the economies of the developing countries, make particularly necessary the task of carrying out such a review and appraisal with a view to considering the adjustment, intensification or reformulation of the policy measures required in the light of evolving needs and developments, in order to achieve the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy,

1. Reaffirms the decision to carry out in 1984, at the global level, the first over-all review and appraisal of the state of implementation of the policy measures, as well as the realization of the goals and objectives, of the

International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade; 1/

2. Stresses that the process of review and appraisal at the global level shall take into account the results achieved at the sectoral, regional and national levels;

3. Emphasizes that the review and appraisal shall, at all levels, take into account the results of various United Nations conferences as well as the results of relevant regional and interregional meetings, and that the agreed results will be incorporated in the International Development Strategy by the General Assembly when and as appropriate, with a view to contributing to its effective implementation;

4. Emphasizes further that the review and appraisal, based on an assessment provided for in General Assembly resolutions 33/201 of 29 January 1979, 35/81 of 5 December 1980 and 36/199 of 17 December 1981, should ensure that the operational activities of the United Nations system contribute effectively to the implementation of the International Development Strategy;

5. Decides to establish a committee of universal membership to carry out the review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy in 1984, and further decides that the Committee, which will meet in a brief organizational session during the thirty-eighth session, of the General Assembly, will report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984;

6. Calls upon the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to report on the results achieved in their respective sectors in applying the International Development Strategy as the policy framework in the formulation and implementation of their programmes of work and medium-term plans to the Committee referred to in paragraph 5 above for consideration;

7. Requests the regional commissions to carry out in 1984, as part of their regular activity of preparing economic surveys of the regions, a review of the implementation of the International Development Strategy in their respective regions;

8. Invites the Committee for Development Planning to submit its observations and recommendations regarding the review and appraisal to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Committee referred to in paragraph 5 above and the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Committee referred to in paragraph 5 above and the Economic and Social Council, a comprehensive report and other appropriate documentation in order to assist the review and appraisal;

1/ See resolution 35/56, annex, para. 180.

10. Invites Governments to reflect appropriately, at the national level, in accordance with their national priorities and plans, the goals and objectives and the policy measures of the International Development Strategy in their policy formulation;

11. Invites developed countries, individually or through their relevant organizations, to transmit reports of their development assistance efforts in the light of the commitments undertaken by them under the International Development Strategy and in relevant international forums;

12. Decides to consider, at its thirty-eighth session, other arrangements necessary for fulfilling its task in connection with the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Negative trends in the world economy

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, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Expressing concern about the worsening of certain trends in international economic relations, which run counter to the objectives of international co-operation contained in the above-mentioned resolutions and constitute serious obstacles to the international economy, in particular to the economic growth and development prospects of the developing countries,

Concerned that the international economy remains in a state of structural disequilibrium characterized by a slowing-down of activities and of economic growth, accompanied by, inter alia, prolonged monetary instability, intensified protectionist pressures, structural problems and maladjustment and uncertain long-term growth prospects,

1. Considers that the continuation or worsening of the present situation could lead to a climate of mistrust in international economic relations, with unpredictable consequences for international economic co-operation as well as for world peace and security;

2. Expresses its deep concern about the grave international economic situation, in particular of the developing countries and about the perspectives

arising from the current trends in the world economy, which, if they continue, will endanger the realization of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

3. Urges all States, in particular the developed countries, to pursue concerted efforts to reverse the present negative trends and to overcome the critical economic situation currently affecting in particular the developing countries;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, as part of the preparations for the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy, to analyse also the present negative trends in the world economy, which affect international economic co-operation and endanger the efforts towards the fulfilment of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy, and to reflect such analysis appropriately in the World Economic Survey and other documentation to be prepared for the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

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, which laid down the foundations of the new international economic order,

Bearing in mind article 34 of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and General Assembly resolution 3486 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, relating to the review of the implementation of the Charter,

Mindful of the importance of the principles contained in the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and the close relationship between the Charter and the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

Conscious that the immediate launching and the successful conclusion of the global round of negotiations on international economic co-operation for development will be an important contribution to the solution of international economic problems, within the framework of the restructuring of international economic relations, and to steady global development, in particular the development of developing countries,

1. Decides to conduct at its thirty-ninth session, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, a comprehensive review of its implementation, as provided for in article 34 thereof;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, based on information provided by Governments as well as intergovernmental organizations concerned, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984;

3. Calls upon all Member States to co-operate with the efforts of the Secretary-General in the preparation of the report requested in paragraph 2 above;

4. Invites all Member States to participate actively in the review of the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States to be undertaken in 1984;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session an item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States".
