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## DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Economic and technical co-operation among developing countriesReport of the Second Committee (Part VII)Rapporteur: Mr. Stoyan BAKALOV (Bulgaria)

## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 71 (see A/37/680, para. 2). Action to be taken on subitem (g) was considered at the 43rd, 44th and 48th meetings, on 23 and 29 November and 13 December 1982. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/37/SR.43, 44 and 48).

## II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/37/L.42

2. At the 43rd meeting on 23 November, the representative of Botswana, on behalf of Angola, Australia, Botswana, Burundi, Cape Verde, Egypt, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Sweden, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/37/L.42) entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference". Subsequently, Mali joined as a sponsor of the draft resolution, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having heard the statement made on behalf of the States members of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference (Angola, Botswana,

Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe) by the representative of Botswana as Chairman of the Conference,

"Noting that the aims of the States members of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference are to strengthen their economies, to reduce their economic dependence, in particular but not only on the Republic of South Africa, to forge links between member States in order to create genuine and equitable regional integration, to mobilize resources for the implementation of national, inter-state and regional policies and to harmonize action to secure international co-operation within the framework of the strategy for economic liberation,

"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, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 35/56 of 5 December 1980, containing the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

"Recalling also its resolutions 35/66 of 5 December 1980, and section II of resolution 36/182 of 17 December 1980, on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, resolutions 36/180 of 17 December 1981, on special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s, 36/177 of 17 December 1981, on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, 35/58 of 5 December 1980, on the specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries and 36/194 of 17 December 1981, which endorsed the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, 1/

"Recalling further paragraph 26 of resolution 36/121 B of 10 December 1981, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with the United Nations Development Programme, a comprehensive programme of assistance to States which are neighbours of South Africa and Namibia, with a view to enabling those States to move towards complete self-reliance,

"Recognizing that primary responsibility for their development rests with those States and that there is an increasing commitment by the States members of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference to deploy domestic resources towards the implementation of its programmes,

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1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

"Welcoming the initiative taken by the States members of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference, some of which are least developed and land-locked developing countries, to implement an integrated and co-ordinated regional economic strategy aimed at collective self-reliance and autonomous development in harmony with the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa, 2/

"Noting with appreciation the assistance which has been rendered and the pledges made by the international community for projects falling within the framework of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference,

"Convinced that the attainment of economic self-reliance by the States members of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference would contribute to the struggle against the apartheid policies of South Africa,

"1. Recognizes the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference as a subregional organization whose work is consistent with the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations;

"2. Recognizes further that the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference has been mandated by the Member States concerned to co-ordinate projects and programmes falling within its competence;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to promote co-operation between the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference;

"4. Also requests the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, in formulating their programmes, to take into account the need to further enhance their co-operation with the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference;

"5. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

3. At the 44th meeting, on 29 November, the Chairman informed the Committee that at informal consultations it had been agreed to revise the draft resolution by replacing, in the last preambular paragraph, the words "attainment of" by the word "increased".

4. At the same meeting, after a statement by the representative of the United States of America, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/37/L.42, as orally revised (see para. 7).

B. Draft decision A/C.2/37/L.95

5. 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 decision (A/C.2/37/L.95), entitled "Economic and technical co-operation among developing countries", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly decides:

"(a) To take note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-fifth session; 3/

"(b) To endorse resolution 264 (XXV) of 28 October 1982 of the Trade and Development Board on economic co-operation among developing countries."

6. At the 48th meeting, on 13 December, the Chairman informed the Committee that the title of the draft decision (A/C.2/37/L.95) had been revised by the sponsors to read "Economic co-operation among developing countries". The representative of Bangladesh (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77) made a statement and, on behalf of the sponsors, withdrew the draft decision contained in document A/C.2/37/L.95.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Co-operation between the United Nations and the Southern  
African Development Co-ordination Conference

"The General Assembly,

"Having heard the statement made on behalf of the States members of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference (Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe) by the representative of Botswana as Chairman of the Conference,

"Noting that the aims of the States members of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference are to strengthen their economies, to reduce their economic dependence, in particular but not only on South Africa, to forge links between member States in order to create genuine and equitable regional integration, to mobilize resources for the implementation of national, inter-state and regional policies and to harmonize action to secure international co-operation within the framework of the strategy for economic liberation,

"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, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 35/56 of 5 December 1980, containing the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

"Recalling also its resolutions 35/66 of 5 December 1980 and section II of resolution 36/182 of 17 December 1980 on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, resolutions 36/180 of 17 December 1981, on special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s, 36/177 of 17 December 1981, on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, 35/58 of 5 December 1980, on the specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries and 36/194 of 17 December 1981, in which the General Assembly endorsed the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, 4/

"Recalling further paragraph 26 of its resolution 36/121 B of 10 December 1981, in which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with the United Nations Development Programme, a comprehensive programme of assistance to States which are neighbours of South Africa and Namibia, with a view to enabling those States to move towards complete self-reliance,

"Recognizing that primary responsibility for their development rests with those States and that there is an increasing commitment by the States members of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference to deploy domestic resources towards the implementation of its programmes,

"Welcoming the initiative taken by the States members of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference, some of which are least developed and land-locked developing countries, to implement an integrated and co-ordinated regional economic strategy aimed at collective self-reliance and autonomous development in harmony with the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa, 5/

"Noting with appreciation the assistance which has been rendered and the pledges made by the international community for projects falling within the framework of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference,

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4/ Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries Paris, 1-14 September 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

5/ A/S-11/14, annex I.

"Convinced that the increased economic self-reliance by the States members of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference would contribute to the struggle against the apartheid policies of South Africa,

"1. Recognizes the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference as a subregional organization whose work is consistent with the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations;

"2. Recognizes further that the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference has been mandated by the Member States concerned to co-ordinate projects and programmes falling within its competence;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to promote co-operation between the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference;

"4. Also requests the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, in formulating their programmes, to take into account the need to further enhance their co-operation with the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference;

"5. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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