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Bahamas, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Mauritania, Nepal, Panama, Peru, United Republic  
of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela: draft resolution

World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development

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 the results of various United Nations conferences held during recent years on major topics relating to economic and social development and the establishment of the new international economic order, particularly the World Food Conference held at Rome from 5 to 16 November 1974,

Recognizing the need for an intensification of development efforts aimed at the accelerated development of developing countries and the satisfaction of the aspirations and requirements of their peoples, especially in the rural areas, consistent with the principles of human dignity, equity and international social justice,

Believing that, as a result of under-development, poverty, hunger and malnutrition in developing countries retard development efforts and negatively affect world social and economic stability and that their eradication should be one of the main objects of all countries.

Convinced that the sustained improvement of rural areas in each country, in the context of the promotion of national self-reliance, requires fuller and more equitable access to land, water and other natural renewable resources, increasing and more productive employment, fuller use of human skills and energies, the participation and integration of rural people in the production and distribution systems, increased production, productivity and food security for all groups and increased mobilization of internal resources, as well as greatly enhanced international support measures,

Recalling its resolution 33/193 of 29 January 1979, in which it was decided that the new international development strategy should provide a set of interrelated and concerted measures in all sectors of development in order to promote the economic and social development of the developing countries and to ensure their equitable, full and effective participation in the formulation and application of all decisions in the field of development and international economic co-operation,

Noting with satisfaction the results of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in co-operation with the organs and organizations of the United Nations system, and held at Rome from 12 to 20 July 1979,

1. Endorses the Declaration of Principles and the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development; 1/

2. Urges the Governments of all Member States to take appropriate measures on a priority basis in order to implement the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Declaration of Principles and the Programme of Action;

3. Invites the international organizations, organs and bodies concerned within the United Nations system to implement, as appropriate, the conclusions and recommendations of the Programme of Action.

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1/ See Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, Rome, 12-20 July 1979 (WCARRD/REP); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note by the Secretary-General (A/34/485).