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EXAMINATION OF LONG-TERM TRENDS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Afghanistan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Greece, India, Iraq, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Yugoslavia:
draft resolution

Examination of long-term trends in economic developmentThe General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3508 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the examination of long-term trends in the economic development of the regions of the world, which has initiated activities in that field in the United Nations system, and 32/57 of 8 December 1977, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 2090 (LXIII) of 25 July 1977,

Recalling also 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,

Conscious that better knowledge of long-term trends of economic and social development can form a sound scientific basis for the policies and decision-making processes in relation to development strategies and economic co-operation on a national, regional and global scale, thereby usefully supplementing other efforts towards this end within the United Nations system,

Considering that the prevailing economic and social conditions in the regions of the world and on a global scale call for the international economic co-operation to be given a long-term dimension,

Aware of the need for the continuation of efforts aimed at an expansion of international economic co-operation as a development factor of ever growing importance and an indispensable instrument in the process of establishing the new international economic order as well as for the international development strategy for the 1980s,

Mindful of existing interrelationship and the importance of an interdisciplinary approach regarding issues of development and international economic co-operation,

Taking into account the views on long-term trends in the world economic development contained in document E/1978/138,

1. Takes note of the heretofore activities within the United Nations system relating to long-term economic trends in the regions of the world and of the Secretary-General's progress report on the subject; 1/
2. Requests the Secretary-General, United Nations organizations, organs and bodies concerned to continue their analytical work devoted to the examination of long-term economic and social trends and to make them available in the process of formulation of economic policies and decision-making, in particular with regard to development of international co-operation;
3. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to its thirty-fifth session, in consultation with the Committee for Development Planning, his views on the possible outline of, and way of action on, the preparation of an over-all socio-economic perspective of the development of the world economy up to the year 2000, with special emphasis on the period up to 1990 and in particular on problems of the developing countries,
4. Emphasizes the necessity of conducting the above-mentioned work in close relationship with other similar work carried out by various organs of the United Nations system and in particular by the regional economic commissions and those working on the development strategy;
5. Invites all States, as well as the United Nations organizations, organs and bodies concerned, to contribute in their respective areas of competence to the implementation of the recommendations contained in operative paragraphs 2 and 3 of the present resolution;
6. Requests the Economic and Social Council to consider at its second regular sessions of 1980 and 1981 respectively, an outline and a preliminary draft of the over-all socio-economic perspective ensuing from the analysis as stipulated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above;
7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session an item entitled "Long-term trends in economic development" to review the progress in the implementation of the present resolution.
