

38/192. Industrial development co-operation

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, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, in which, *inter alia*, the importance of industrialization in the development of developing countries is stressed,¹⁴⁰

Recalling also the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation,¹⁴¹ in which were laid down the main measures and principles for industrial development and co-operation within the framework of the establishment of the new international economic order, and the New Delhi Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrialization of Developing Countries and International Co-operation for their Industrial Development,¹⁴² in which a strategy was spelt out for the further industrialization of developing countries,

Recalling its resolutions 36/182 of 17 December 1981 and 37/212 of 20 December 1982 on industrial development co-operation,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/50 of 28 July 1983, in which the Council recommended that the work programmes of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system should be geared towards supporting the full implementation of programmes of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries,

Recognizing that economic co-operation among developing countries is an integral part of a global development effort and of an interdependent world economy,

Stressing that interdependence in all sectors, including the industrial sector, should contribute to the prosperity of all countries, and believing that the industrial development of developing countries should constitute an essential part of the process of reactivation of the world economy,

Expressing its concern at the negative impact of the very difficult world economic situation on the industrialization of the developing countries and reiterating the need for a substantially increased transfer of financial and technical resources to developing countries for their accelerated industrial development,

Conscious of the role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as the central co-ordinating organ having primary responsibility within the United Nations system for the promotion of industrial development co-operation, for facilitating the transfer of industrial technology and for the delivery of increased technical assistance to developing countries,

Noting with concern that, in spite of the co-operative efforts of some countries, contributions to the United Nations Industrial Development Fund have remained far below the agreed desirable level of \$50 million, and that the value of the Fund has declined in real terms since its establishment,¹⁴³

Recalling paragraph 10 of conclusion 1983/8 of the Industrial Development Board,¹⁴⁴ in which the Board re-emphasized the importance and effectiveness of the Senior Industrial Development Field Advisers Programme in implementing the wide range of programmes and services rendered by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, noting further the reduction made by the United Nations Development Programme in its allocations for senior industrial development field advisers in the biennium 1984-1985 and expressing concern at the absence of adequate and predictable resources for the Senior Industrial Development Field Advisers Programme,

Bearing in mind the positive effects, *inter alia*, of economic policies of co-operation between different economic sectors—including the public, private, co-operative, social or mixed sectors, as appropriate—as well as of sustained growth and development,

Bearing in mind that, within the framework of the new international economic order, far-reaching changes in the structure of the world economy involve the restructuring of world industry, taking fully into account the capacities and potential of the developing countries,

I

REPORT OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
ON ITS SEVENTEENTH SESSION

1. Takes note of the report of the Industrial Development Board;¹⁴⁵
2. Commends the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for his efforts to enhance the role of the organization in promoting the industrialization of developing countries;
3. Decides that adequate resources should be provided to enable the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to implement fully its mandate, particularly in support of the activities established in priority areas: industrial technology, energy-related industrial technology, industrial production, development of human resources, special measures for least developed countries, the system of consultations and the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, declared by the Board to be one of the most important programmes of that organization;
4. Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to adjust, on the basis of the above agreed priorities, the proposed programme budget for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the biennium 1984-1985;¹⁴⁶
5. Decides that adequate resources should be provided from the United Nations regular budget for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in 1984 to maintain the total staffing of the Senior Industrial Development Field Advisers Programme at the existing level of already appointed senior industrial development field advisers, in addition to the utilization in full of the allocation in the United Nations Development Programme budget, including the carry-over from 1983, as well as voluntary funding through the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;
6. Appeals to all States, particularly developed countries, to provide voluntary contributions for the Senior Industrial Development Field Advisers Programme, aimed at maintaining and increasing the number of posts;

¹⁴⁰ Resolution 35/56, annex, paras. 72-80.

¹⁴¹ See A/10112, chap. IV.

¹⁴² ID/CONF.4/22 and Corr.1, chap. VI.

¹⁴³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/38/16)*, para. 117.

¹⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, para. 113.

¹⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 16 (A/38/16).

¹⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6 (A/38/6), vol. II, sect. 17.

7. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme to finance the maximum possible number of senior industrial development field advisers during the biennium 1984-1985;

8. *Urges* all States, in particular developed countries, to contribute or raise their contributions to the United Nations Industrial Development Fund in order to achieve the agreed desirable annual level of \$50 million;

9. *Endorses* the decisions of the Industrial Development Board, contained in its conclusion 1983/4 of 13 May 1983, concerning consultations to be held during the biennium 1984-1985;¹⁴⁷

10. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to ensure that experts and expertise from developing as well as developed countries shall be associated with the process of preparation of consultations, having due regard for equitable geographical distribution, and that consultations shall be organized sufficiently in advance so as to allow enough time for a fuller exchange of views among participants, and expresses the hope that future consultations will result in action-oriented recommendations and conclusions;

11. *Reaffirms* its support for strengthening the system of consultations, in the light of experience gained, paying particular attention to measures that could increase the industrial capacities of developing countries;

12. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to ensure that the documentation submitted to consultations for discussion focuses more narrowly on practical and well-defined subjects directly related to furthering progress in the industrialization of developing countries;

13. *Takes note* of the decision of the Industrial Development Board to begin an appraisal of the system of consultations at its eighteenth session on the basis of material provided by States, drawing on the experiences of their participants in the consultations, and to request the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization also to provide material for that appraisal;¹⁴⁷

II

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DECADE FOR AFRICA

Recalling its resolution 37/212 of 20 December 1982, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/70 of 29 July 1983 emphasizing the Industrial Development Decade for Africa as one of the most important programmes of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

Recalling further Industrial Development Board resolution 56 (XVII) of 13 May 1983,¹⁴⁸ in which the Board, *inter alia*, expressed its deep concern at the scarcity of resources, including resources made available by the United Nations Development Programme for the Decade, which had contributed to the limited progress achieved in the implementation of the preparatory phase of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, whereas almost one third of the Decade had already elapsed,

Considering that the attainment of the objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa¹⁴⁹ and the Final Act of Lagos¹⁵⁰ will, to a large extent, depend on the sustained development of industry and on structural adjustment in the industrial sector, with emphasis on selected strategic core industries,

Noting the deteriorating economic situation in Africa and that the number of the least developed countries in Africa has increased to twenty-six out of the present global total of thirty-six,

Noting also with serious concern the slow progress being made towards the realization of the African regional target of 1.4 per cent of world industrial production by 1990,

Mindful of the high level of investment expenditure required for promoting the objectives of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

Noting with appreciation the decision of the African Development Bank to provide increased financing for industrial projects in Africa during its 1982-1986 programme period,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the second progress report on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, prepared jointly by the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa;¹⁵¹

2. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to assist the African countries and intergovernmental organizations in the formulation of national and subregional programmes for the Decade, as well as in maintaining continuous and harmonious co-ordination with the secretariat of the Organization of African Unity, the Economic Commission for Africa and other relevant international organizations;

3. *Supports* Industrial Development Board resolution 56 (XVII) on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa and reiterates the repeated appeals already made to the international community to increase their contributions to the industrial development of Africa within the framework of the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, with a view to accelerating the pace of industrial development, in order to ensure that the target set by the African Governments of a 1.4 per cent share of world industrial production will be achieved by the African region during the Decade;

4. *Decides* to accord high priority to the Industrial Development Decade for Africa among the programmes of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Economic Commission for Africa and, consequently, requests the Secretary-General to ensure that this priority shall be fully reflected in the programme budgets of those organizations;

5. *Decides further* to increase the allocation to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to the extent possible through overall savings from the United Nations regular budget, by \$1 million in 1984 for assistance to African countries and to intergovernmental organizations in the implementation of the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa and in the popularization of the Decade, priority being accorded to the formulation of industrial policies, strategies and plans, the development of core industries, industrial manpower, technological capabilities and institutional infrastructures, the development of energy technology and equipment, the promotion of intra-African industrial co-operation, the development of the least developed countries and the mobilization of financial resources;

6. *Appeals* to all countries and institutions to increase their contributions to the United Nations Industrial Development Fund, taking into account the financial requirements of the projects directed towards the imple-

¹⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 16 (A/38/16), para. 76.

¹⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 16 (A/38/16), annex I.

¹⁴⁹ A/S-11/14, annex I.

¹⁵⁰ *Ibid.*, annex II.

¹⁵¹ E/1983/104, annex.

mentation of the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

7. *Urges* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider increasing its allocation of financial resources for assistance to African countries and intergovernmental organizations in planning and formulating their programmes for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa and to accord high priority to industrial projects, especially for the development of core industries, in its national and regional programmes for Africa;

8. *Appeals* to donor countries, international financial institutions and regional development banks to increase the flow of financial resources for the implementation of national, subregional and regional projects and activities of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

9. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Africa, to submit, through the Industrial Development Board at its eighteenth session and the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984, a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session on the progress made in the implementation of the programme for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

III

FOURTH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

1. *Decides* that the Fourth General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization shall be held at Vienna, at the seat of the organization, from 2 to 18 August 1984;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress made in the preparations for the Conference;

3. *Recommends* that preparatory meetings should take place at the regional and interregional levels, in order that there might be the fullest possible consultation among all States prior to the convening of the Conference;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite:

(a) All States to participate actively in the Conference;

(b) Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices, in the capacity of observers, to participate in the Conference in that capacity, in accordance with Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976;

(c) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized in its region by the Organization of African Unity to participate in the Conference in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(d) The specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the regional commissions and the interested organs of the United Nations to be represented at the Conference;

(e) Interested intergovernmental organizations to be represented by observers at the Conference;

(f) Directly concerned non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to be represented by observers at the Conference;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements are made for the effective participation in the Conference of the representatives referred

to in paragraph 4 (b) and (c) above, including the requisite financial provisions for their travel expenses and per diem;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to seek extrabudgetary resources for the effective participation in the Conference of the representatives of the least developed countries, including the requisite financial provisions for the travel expenses and per diem of two representatives from each of these countries.

*104th plenary meeting
20 December 1983*

38/193. Conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/96 of 13 December 1979,

Bearing in mind the Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,¹⁵² which has been ratified, accepted or approved by more than the minimum number of States whose agreement is required for its entry into force,

Recalling its resolution 37/213 of 20 December 1982 in which it laid down the schedule of consultations as required in accordance with article 25, paragraph 1, of the Constitution,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the formal meeting on the conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency, held at Vienna from 16 to 20 May 1983;¹⁵³

2. *Urges* all States that have not yet done so to ratify the Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To undertake consultations with States that have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval, with a view to determining, *inter alia*, if financial viability is adequately ensured, and, subsequently, to convene the one-day meeting foreseen in paragraph 1 (c) of General Assembly resolution 37/213 to execute individual notifications to the Secretary-General for the entry into force of the Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

(b) To undertake, also, consultations with all interested States with a view to facilitating early ratification of the Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization by those States that have not yet done so;

4. *Invites* the competent organs of the new United Nations Industrial Development Organization to consider without delay the question of establishing a working capital fund, and to this end the present United Nations Industrial Development Organization secretariat should study possible modalities for that purpose and report thereon to the first General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to initiate the necessary action to implement the recommendations made in paragraphs 27 and 29 of the report of the formal meeting on the conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization into a specialized agency;¹⁵³

6. *Decides* that adequate resources be provided in the regular budget of the United Nations Industrial Develop-

¹⁵² A/CONF.90/19.

¹⁵³ A/38/141.