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ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Report of the Second Committee

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1. At its 5th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1977, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, included in the agenda of its thirty-second session the item entitled "Economic co-operation among developing countries; reports of the Secretary-General" and allocated it to the Second Committee.
2. The Second Committee considered the item during its general debate at its 3rd to 18th meetings from 28 September to 14 October, at its 53rd and 55th meetings on 1 and 7 December. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/32/SR.53 and 55).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on economic co-operation among developing countries (A/32/312 and Add.1);
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken by the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in support of measures of economic co-operation among developing countries (A/32/229);
 - (c) Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on economic co-operation among developing countries (E/AC.51/86);
 - (d) Letter dated 15 March 1977 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt to the Secretary-General transmitting documents of the first Afro-Arab Summit Conference Meeting (A/32/61).
4. The Committee considered one draft resolution, as set forth below.
5. At the 53rd meeting, on 1 December, the representative of Jamaica, on behalf

of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of Seventy-seven, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.64).

6. At the 55th meeting, on 7 December, the representative of Jamaica, on behalf of the States members of the Group of Seventy-seven, introduced a revised version of the draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.64/Rev.1).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/32/L.64/Rev.1 (see para. 9 below).

8. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the members of the European Economic Community), the United States of America, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Australia and Greece.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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

Economic co-operation among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3177 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, 3241 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974, 3442 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and 31/119 of 16 December 1976 and resolution 92 (IV) of 30 May 1976 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on measures of support by developed countries and international organizations for programmes of economic co-operation among developing countries,

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,

Noting the programme on economic co-operation among developing countries adopted at the Third Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Seventy-seven at Manila on 7 February 1976, 1/

Noting also the decisions taken by the non-aligned countries on economic co-operation among developing countries and, in particular, the Action Programme for

1/ Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10), annex V, annex I, resolution 1.

Economic Co-operation and other relevant resolutions adopted at the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976, 2/

Noting further the measures set out in the report of the Conference on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, held at Mexico City from 13 to 22 September 1976, 3/

Noting that economic co-operation among developing countries, based on the concept of individual and collective self-reliance, has been identified by them as a major strategy to promote their development and as an important means of consolidating their unity and solidarity,

Recognizing that, in the context of international economic co-operation, the achievement of the goal of greater co-operation among the developing countries is an important contribution to the establishment of the New International Economic Order,

Stressing that fundamental structural changes in existing international economic relations on the basis of equity and justice are essential for an enduring solution to the world economic problems and the promotion of international peace and security,

Reaffirming that efforts by the developing countries to promote co-operation among themselves do not diminish the responsibilities of all other countries to establish just and equitable economic relations between them and the developing countries and to contribute to the development of the developing countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Economic co-operation among developing countries"; 4/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure, through the appropriate machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, effective co-ordination of activities within the United Nations system in support of measures of economic co-operation among developing countries, as identified in the relevant decisions of the United Nations on the subject, including those based on the programme of action adopted at the Third Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Seventy-seven, the Action Programme for Economic Co-operation adopted at the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, and the report of the Conference on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue to include in the medium-term plan of the United Nations an intersectoral presentation of the activities envisaged to implement the relevant resolutions of the United Nations on

2/ See A/31/197.

3/ See A/C.2/31/7, part one.

4/ See A/32/312.

economic co-operation among developing countries and to secure the same kind of intersectoral presentation on a system-wide basis;

4. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, in accordance with their established procedures and practices, to support measures of economic co-operation among developing countries, including, as and when requested, the continued provision of the necessary secretariat support services and other suitable arrangements to facilitate the holding of meetings by the developing countries in pursuance of the objectives of economic co-operation among developing countries;

5. Takes note of Trade and Development Board decision 161 (XVII) of 2 September 1977, by which the Board adopted the terms of reference of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries and endorsed the work programme of the Committee;

6. Urges developed countries to provide appropriate support, as and when requested by the developing countries, for the implementation of measures of economic co-operation among developing countries;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report to the General Assembly, at its thirty-third session, on the implementation of the present resolution.
