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Report of the Second Committee (Part I)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th and 5th plenary meetings, on 22 September 1978, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, included in the agenda of its thirty-third session the item entitled:

"Development and international economic co-operation:

- (a) Report of the Committee Established under General Assembly Resolution 32/174;
- (b) Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General;
- (c) Economic co-operation among developing countries: report of the Secretary-General;
- (d) Effective mobilization of women in development: report of the Secretary-General;
- (e) Multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources: report of the Secretary-General",

and allocated subitems (b) to (e) to the Second Committee. It also decided that subitem (a) would be considered directly in plenary meetings.

2. The Second Committee considered the item during its general debate at its 46th, 51st to 53rd, 58th and 59th and 61st to 63rd meetings, between 24 November and 18 December 1978. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/33/SR.46, 51-53, 58, 59 and 61-63).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

- (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council, chapter IV, section B; 1/
- (b) Report of the Economic and Social Council on its resumed regular session, 1978 (A/33/Add.1);
- (c) Letter dated 21 April 1978 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/33/86);
- (d) Note verbale dated 2 June 1978 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Final Communiqué adopted at the Ministerial Meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau of Non-aligned Countries, held at Havana from 15 to 20 May 1978 (A/33/118);
- (e) Letter dated 14 June 1978 from the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the resolutions of the Ninth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Dakar from 24 to 28 April 1978 (A/33/151);
- (f) Letter dated 23 June 1978 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the communiqué issued by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development on 15 June 1978 (A/33/159);
- (g) Letter dated 6 September 1978 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting documents of the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 25 to 30 July 1978 (A/33/206);
- (h) Report of the Secretary-General on effective mobilization of women in development (A/33/238 and Corr.1);
- (i) Report of the Secretary-General on multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources (A/33/256);
- (j) Note verbale from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 at United Nations Headquarters on 29 September 1978 (A/33/278);

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/33/3).

- (k) Letter dated 16 October 1978 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
- (l) Report of the Secretary-General on restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system (A/33/410 and Corr.1 and 2);
- (m) Progress report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system (E/1978/107);
- (n) Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation by the United Nations Environment Programme of the relevant recommendations annexed to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system (E/1978/110);
- (o) Progress report to the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council pursuant to paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 32/197 (E/1978/111);
- (p) Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation by the United Nations Development Programme of the relevant recommendations annexed to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system (E/1978/112);
- (q) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations annexed to General Assembly resolution 32/197 (E/1978/118);
- (r) Note by the Secretariat entitled "Organization of the work of the General Assembly in the economic and social fields" (E/1978/L.49).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/33/L.10, L.38 and L.101

4. At the 46th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.38, entitled "Preparations for an International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3517 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the mid-term review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for

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the Second United Nations Development Decade, 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,

"Taking note of the Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of Seventy-seven at United Nations Headquarters on 29 September 1978, 2/

"Taking note of the decision adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its fourteenth ordinary session, held at Libreville from 2 to 5 July 1977, approving the revised framework of principles for the implementation of the New International Economic Order in Africa, 1976-1986, 3/

"Recalling particularly its decision 32/443 C of 20 December 1977, in which it was decided to transmit to the current session of the Assembly for consideration the draft resolution entitled 'Preparations for a new international development strategy',

"Deeply concerned by the fact that obvious inequities and extreme imbalances in international economic relations have resulted in an ever-widening gap between the developed and developing countries, and that they constitute fundamental obstacles to the development of the developing countries and adversely affect international relations and the promotion of world peace and security,

"Recognizing the crucial and urgent need for national and international measures for the accelerated economic and social development of the developing countries,

"Recognizing further that trends in the world economy during the Second United Nations Development Decade which have adversely affected the situation of the developing countries have made all the more precarious the grave situation already facing the least developed among the developing countries, and that specific energetic and effective measures must be taken to ensure their accelerated development,

"Recognizing also the continuing necessity for specific measures and actions to meet the special and pressing problems of the land-locked, island and most seriously affected developing countries,

2/ A/33/278, annex.

3/ See A/32/310.

"Reiterating the conviction that, in order to achieve a just and equitable relationship between the developed and the developing countries, it is imperative to bring about fundamental changes in the structure of the present international economic system,

"Recognizing that the formulation of a new International Development Strategy should be an integral part of the continuing efforts of the international community to accelerate the development of the developing countries, and to establish the New International Economic Order,

"Declaring that the new International Development Strategy should be a vast undertaking involving the entire international community for the promotion of international co-operation for development and should specify goals, objectives and policy measures addressed to both developed and developing countries for accelerating the development of the developing countries, and thereby contribute to the solution of international economic problems,

"Bearing in mind the results of major United Nations meetings and conferences on world economic and social development, held during the Second United Nations Development Decade,

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"1. Affirms that the new International Development Strategy should be designed to promote the development of the developing countries;

"2. Affirms further that the new International Development Strategy should be formulated within the framework of the principles of the New International Economic Order and be directed towards the achievement of its objectives;

"3. Decides that the new International Development Strategy should contain a set of interrelated international measures in such areas as world production, industrial as well as agricultural, including infrastructural development, world trade, financial flows, international monetary relations, and the transfer of technology, in order to promote the economic and social development of the developing countries and to ensure their equal, active and effective participation in the formulation and application of all decisions that concern the international community;

"4. Further decides that the new International Development Strategy should therefore address itself, inter alia, to:

"(a) Bringing about fundamental changes in the structure of world production in order to expand and diversify the production of the developing countries;

"(b) Increasing substantially agricultural production in the developing countries and ensuring the access of their agricultural exports to international markets on an assured basis and at fair remunerative prices;

"(c) Developing institutional and physical infrastructure in the developing countries in such areas as agriculture, industry, manpower development, transport and communications, water, health and education;

"(d) Promoting industrialization in the developing countries and, to that end, ensuring speedy and tangible progress towards the fulfilment of the target of locating 25 per cent of the world's industrial capacity in the developing countries by the end of the century;

"(e) Ensuring equity in the trade relations between developing and developed countries by, inter alia, improving the terms of trade of developing countries, liberalizing world trade in favour of these countries and ensuring them a fair share of the final price of their exports;

"(f) Increasing substantially the flow of resources in real terms to the developing countries on a predictable, continuous and increasingly assured basis;

"(g) Restructuring the international monetary system to make it more responsive to the needs and interests of the developing countries;

"(h) Ensuring the free and unhindered transfer of technology to the developing countries and the development of indigenous capacity in the field of science and technology in those countries and adopting measures for the elimination of reverse transfer of technology and the exodus of skilled personnel;

"5. Considers further that the new International Development Strategy should, in an appropriate manner, reflect the need for adequate policies for social development to be defined by each country within the framework of its development plans and priorities and in accordance with its socio-economic structure and stage of development;

"6. Emphasizes that the new International Development Strategy should contribute to the promotion of the objective of national and collective self-reliance of the developing countries, specially through the promotion and support of economic and technical co-operation among themselves;

"7. Emphasizes that the new International Development Strategy should give particular attention to the most pressing and deteriorating problems of the least developed countries and should contain specific energetic and effective measures to eliminate the basic constraints facing these countries and to ensure their accelerated development;

"8. Emphasizes further that the new International Development Strategy should also contain specific measures and actions to meet the special and pressing problems of the land-locked, island and most seriously affected developing countries;

"9. Decides further that the results of the conferences relating to the establishment of the New International Economic Order already held should be considered in the preparation of the new International Development Strategy;

"10. Decides that, for the purpose of achieving the objectives set out in paragraphs 1 to 9 above, the new International Development Strategy should, within the framework of consistent, specific and quantified goals and objectives - both over-all and sectoral - define the role and contain the commitment of all countries, primarily the developed countries, as well as agreement on quantified and time-bound targets of means, including the volume of external resources required for the achievement of the above goals and objectives;

"11. Emphasizes that, in order to launch the new International Development Strategy on a sound footing, it is of fundamental importance that the current and projected negotiations and conferences on the major international economic issues relating to the establishment of the New International Economic Order be completed speedily and successfully;

"12. Stresses that the new International Development Strategy should take fully into account that colonialism, imperialism, neo-colonialism, interference in internal affairs, apartheid, racial discrimination and all forms of foreign aggression and occupation constitute major obstacles to the economic emancipation and development of the developing countries and peoples and therefore must be eliminated without delay;

II

"1. Decides to establish a Preparatory Committee for the preparation of the new International Development Strategy, which should be provided with the necessary conference facilities and should hold an organizational session early in 1979 at United Nations Headquarters;

"2. Decides that the Preparatory Committee shall be open to the participation of all States as full members and shall be responsible to the General Assembly and report to it through the Economic and Social Council;

"3. Requests the Preparatory Committee to establish its programme of work and calendar of meetings in such a manner as to be able to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session, 1979, a preliminary draft of the new International Development Strategy with a view to finalizing it in time for its adoption in 1980;

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"4. Invites all States to participate actively in the work of the Preparatory Committee and to make an effective contribution to the formulation of the new International Development Strategy;

"5. Stresses that, in order to establish a solid basis for the preparations, all research and planning for development within the framework of the United Nations system should be geared towards the above-mentioned objectives;

"6. Requests the Committee for Development Planning to base its future work on the new International Development Strategy in accordance with the objectives set forth above;

"7. Requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation with the responsibility for providing over-all guidance, orientation and co-ordination for the contributions of the relevant secretariats of the United Nations system to the formulation of the new International Development Strategy;

"8. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the executive heads of the other organs, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in fulfilling his task in connexion with the formulation of the new International Development Strategy;

"9. Requests the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, as appropriate, to bring their respective regional experiences to bear on the preparation of their inputs to the formulation of the new International Development Strategy, taking fully into account the different levels of development and differing development situations of their respective regions;

"10. Requests the regional commissions, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, and the specialized agencies, including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, as well as the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organizations in the United Nations system, to contribute effectively to the preparatory work for the new International Development Strategy by providing technical inputs in accordance with the objectives set forth above."

5. At the 63rd meeting, on 18 December, Mr. J. Kinsman (Canada), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.101, entitled "Preparations for an international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade", submitted on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolutions A/C.2/33/L.10 (submitted under agenda item 12) 4/ and A/C.2/33/L.38.

4/ For the text and relevant discussions of draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.10, see report of the Second Committee on item 12 (A/33/446/Add.2).

6. The representative of the Federal Republic of Germany withdrew draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.10 on behalf of the sponsors, and the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the sponsors, withdrew draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.38.

7. The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.101 (see para. 46 below, draft resolution I).

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

9. The representative of the Budget Division read out a statement of the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution.

10. An account of action taken on this question will be found in part II of the present report (A/33/527/Add.1).

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/33/L.62 and L.99

11. At the 53rd meeting, on 4 December, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.62, entitled "Multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and 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 co-operation,

"Recalling also its resolutions 3175 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, 3336 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3516 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 and 31/186 of 21 December 1976 on the permanent sovereignty of States over natural resources,

"Emphasizing the need for specific measures to support the efforts of developing countries in the exploration for and development of natural resources,

"Cognizant of the importance of natural resources exploration and development to the economies of the developing countries,

"Recognizing the need to ensure an adequate flow of investment into the natural resources sector in the developing countries, in particular from the developed countries,

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"Noting that several developing countries desiring to do so have been unable to undertake systematically the exploration for and survey of their natural resources,

"Recalling its resolution 32/176 of 19 December 1977,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources; 5/

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to organize and undertake in co-operation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme the missions to developing countries that so request to assist in the estimation of their specific financial requirements for natural resources exploration over the next 10 to 15 years as specified in paragraph 13 of his report 5/ and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the progress achieved in this undertaking;

"3. Takes note of the findings of the intergovernmental group of experts as transmitted by the Secretary-General in his report;

"4. Requests the Economic and Social Council, in consultation with the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, to consider the advisability of modifying the operating procedures of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration along the lines proposed in paragraphs 87-92 of the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts, with a view to enhancing the role of the Revolving Fund in meeting the financing needs of developing countries in natural resource exploration;

"5. Invites the World Bank to assess the feasibility of establishing a special facility for financing natural resources exploration in developing countries taking into account the views set out by the Intergovernmental Expert Group in paragraphs 80-84 of its report, and bearing in mind the sovereignty of States over their natural resources;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to pursue further the work begun under resolution 32/176, paragraph 1 (b), by preparing a report which would elaborate in some detail specific mechanisms of an innovative character for channelling capital, in particular, from the international financial institutions, the developed countries, and on the open market, into long-term investments in the developing countries, for exploration activities for natural resources of those countries;

"7. Decides in light of the importance for developing countries of the transfer of the technologies required for natural resources exploration and exploitation, that the Committee on Natural Resources and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development review the recommendations concerning the transfer of technology in the natural resources field;

"8. Further decides to consider the report of the Secretary-General, on this item, at its thirty-fourth session."

12. The Committee had before it a statement (A/C.2/33/L.71 and Corr.1) of the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution.

13. At the 61st meeting, on 13 December, Mr. Zachmann (German Democratic Republic), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.99, which was prepared on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.62.

14. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.99 (see para. 46 below, draft resolution II).

15. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Spain, Italy and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Belgium, the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany.

C. Draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.63 and Rev.1

16. Also at the 53rd meeting, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.63, entitled "Economic co-operation among developing countries", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and Programme of Action on the Establishment of the 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 its resolutions 3177 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, 3241 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974, 3442 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, 31/119 of 16 December 1976 and 32/180 of 19 December 1977 as well as resolution 92 (IV) of 30 May 1976 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 6/

"Noting the programme on economic co-operation among developing countries, adopted at the Third Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 held at Manila from 26 January to 7 February 1976, 7/

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

6/ See 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 and Corrigendum) part one, sect. A.

7/ Ibid., annex V, resolution 1.

Programme for Economic Co-operation adopted at the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976, 8/ and also the relevant decisions of the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries held at Belgrade from 25 to 30 July 1978,

"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, 9/

"Bearing in mind the Buenos Aires Plan of Action adopted at the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries held from 30 August to 12 September 1978, 10/

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

"Recognizing that the achievement of the goal of greater economic co-operation among developing countries will make an important contribution to the establishment of the new international economic order,

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

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled 'Economic co-operation among developing countries'; 11/

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure, through the existing machinery, effective co-ordination and implementation of activities within the United Nations system in support of measures of economic co-operation among developing countries, by, inter alia:

"(a) A more effective evaluation of the relevance of the various activities being undertaken by organizations within the system to the achievement of the objectives of economic co-operation among developing countries as defined by the developing countries;

8/ See A/31/197, annexes III and IV.

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

10/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11), chap. I.

11/ A/33/367.

"(b) Adaptation of the organizational arrangements within the United Nations system to the requirements of 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 system an intersectoral presentation of the activities envisaged to implement the relevant resolutions of the United Nations on economic co-operation among developing countries and to promote 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 174 (XVIII) of 17 September 1978 on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries;

"6. Notes with satisfaction the activities undertaken by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development secretariat in support of programmes of economic co-operation among developing countries and calls upon that organization to intensify further its efforts in this area;

"7. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue consultations with a view of organizing and convening during 1979, meetings, as appropriate, of governmental experts of developing countries and representatives of intergovernmental economic co-operation groupings of developing countries in order to promote the objectives of subregional, regional and interregional economic co-operation among developing countries;

"8. 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;

"9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session."

17. The Committee had before it a statement (A/C.2/33/L.86) of the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution.

18. At the 61st meeting, on 13 December, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced a revised text (A/C.2/33/L.63/Rev.1) of the draft resolution.

19. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution (see para. 46 below, draft resolution III).

20. Statements were then made by the representatives of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic (on behalf also of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Japan, the Federal Republic of Germany (on behalf of the States members of the European Economic Community), Canada, the United States of America and Tunisia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77).

D. Draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.65 and Corr.1

21. At the 53rd meeting, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.65 and Corr.1, entitled "Protectionism".

22. The draft resolution was considered at the 62nd meeting, on 14 December, and was adopted by 61 votes to 1, with 16 abstentions (see para. 46 below, draft resolution IV).

23. The representative of the Federal Republic of Germany (on behalf of the States members of the European Economic Community) made a statement before the vote.

24. Statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Sweden, Australia, New Zealand, Panama, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Spain, Greece, Madagascar, Japan, the Federal Republic of Germany (on behalf of the States members of the European Economic Community) and Oman after the vote.

E. Draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.2

25. At the 58th meeting, on 7 December, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, proposed that the draft resolution reproduced in document A/C.2/33/L.2, entitled "United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa", which had been submitted under agenda item 12, should be considered under agenda item 58.

26. At the 59th meeting, on 8 December, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.2 (see para. 46 below, draft resolution V).

27. After the draft resolution had been adopted, a statement was made by the representative of Bulgaria (also on behalf of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics).

F. Draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.77

28. Also at the 58th meeting, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.77, entitled "Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly in 1980", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 32/174 of 19 December 1977, in which it decided, inter alia, to convene a special session of the General Assembly in 1980,

"Bearing in mind 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,

"Considering that the General Assembly is requested to assess at the special session the progress made in the various forums of the United Nations system in the establishment of the new international economic order and, on the basis of that assessment, to take appropriate action for the promotion of the development of developing countries and international economic co-operation,

"Recognizing the importance of various United Nations conferences held in recent years on major topics relating to economic and social development,

"1. Requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation with the task of co-ordinating all preparations for the special session and of preparing, after consultation with the executive heads of all the organs, organizations and bodies concerned within the United Nations system, an analytical report on development in the field of international economic co-operation towards the establishment of the new international economic order since the sixth special session;

"2. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit the preliminary version of the report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session, 1979;

"3. Invites the governing bodies of the organs and organizations concerned within the United Nations system to assess, within their respective areas of competence, the progress made towards the establishment of the new international economic order, as well as to indicate the obstacles that impede its establishment, and to present interim reports to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, with a view to submitting comprehensive reports to the Assembly at its special session in 1980."

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29. At the 63rd meeting, on 18 December, Mr. Zachmann, (German Democratic Republic), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, informed the Committee that, as a result of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.77, it had been agreed that a new fourth preambular paragraph would be added, reading as follows:

"Bearing in mind the ongoing process of the preparation of the new international development strategy,".

30. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised (see para. 46 below, draft resolution VI).

31. After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Federal Republic of Germany (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the European Economic Community).

G. Draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.78

32. At the 58th meeting, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.78, entitled "Multilateral trade negotiations".

33. The Committee considered the draft resolution at its 62nd meeting, on 14 December.

34. The representative of the United States of America made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

35. The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.78 by 96 votes to 11, with 12 abstentions (see para. 46 below, draft resolution VII).

36. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Norway, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Canada, Australia, the Federal Republic of Germany (on behalf of the States members of the European Economic Community), Greece, Spain and Japan.

H. Draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.72/Rev.1

37. At the 59th meeting, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, Honduras, India, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Lebanon, Mexico, Nepal, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippines, Portugal, Sao Tome and Principe, Singapore, Sweden, the United States of America, Venezuela and Yugoslavia, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.72/Rev.1, entitled "Effective mobilization and integration of women in development". The sponsors were subsequently joined by Ghana, Malaysia, Panama and Senegal; Belgium later withdrew its sponsorship.

38. At the 61st meeting, on 13 December, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised the draft resolution by deleting the words "with appreciation" from operative paragraph 2.

39. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution.

40. The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.72/Rev.1, as orally revised (see para. 46 below, draft resolution VIII).

41. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Egypt.

I. Draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.82 and Rev.1

42. At the 59th meeting, the representative of Finland, on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.82, entitled "Comprehensive policy review of operational activities", which read as follows:

"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 1976 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 of the role, especially under Articles 62.2 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations, of the Economic and Social Council, as well as of its own responsibilities under Article 17.3 of the Charter,

"Recalling also its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, in particular paragraph 5 (d) of section II and section V of the annex thereto, and noting the relevant progress reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination contained in documents E/1978/107 and E/1978/144,

"Mindful of the importance of implementing fully and without undue delay the recommendations contained in Assembly resolution 32/197,

"Bearing in mind Assembly resolution 32/114 of 15 December 1977, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 2110 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977 and 1978/74 of 4 August 1978,

"Mindful also of the need to further clarify the nature of the comprehensive policy review of operational activities to be undertaken by the Economic and Social Council under paragraph 7 of Council resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973,

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"Reaffirming the full and continuing validity of the consensus of 1970, as set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

"1. Invites the Secretary-General to entrust to the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, under his authority, the preparation, after consultation with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, of a report on policy issues pertaining to operational activities for development of the United Nations system for consideration by the Economic and Social Council and subsequently by the General Assembly;

"2. Decides that this report should concentrate on:

"(a) A review of the progress made in the application by the United Nations system of the relevant recommendations of resolution 32/197 in the light of the objectives contained in paragraph 28 of the annex to that resolution;

"(b) The application of General Assembly resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and 3405 (XXX) of 25 November 1975 by the United Nations Development Programme and the participating and executing agencies;

"3. Decides further that the report should also include:

"(a) Information on issues addressed in Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/74, in so far as they relate to operational activities;

"(b) A detailed review of the operational programmes of the organizations of the United Nations system with a breakdown of their funding by source and utilization, as well as descriptions of the decision-making procedures for such programmes;

"(c) An examination of the application by the United Nations system in its operational activities, of the results of international negotiations and conferences relating to the establishment of the New International Economic Order;

"(d) An examination of the interaction between research and analysis of development problems carried out by the organizations of the United Nations system and the operational activities for development of the system;

"The report should state options and alternative courses of action, on the basis of a system-wide analysis, in order to facilitate the decision-making role of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other legislative bodies of the United Nations system in implementing the strategies and policies laid down by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council for operational activities for development;

"4. Recommends that the Economic and Social Council in its organizational session for 1980, decide either to hold a subject-oriented session for the consideration of the report referred to in paragraph 1, above, or to allocate sufficient time for its consideration at one of the regular sessions in 1980;

"5. Recommends further that the Economic and Social Council, in considering the aforementioned report, also elaborate guidelines for future comprehensive policy reviews of operational activities for development carried out according to Council resolution 1768 (LIV);

"6. Requests all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities for development, to assist the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in the preparation of the report referred to in paragraph 1 above, and to participate, in accordance with paragraph 14 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, in the consideration of the report in the Economic and Social Council."

43. At the 62nd meeting, on 14 December, the representative of Finland, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced a revised text (A/C.2/33/L.82/Rev.1) of the draft resolution.

44. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.82/Rev.1 (see para. 46 below, draft resolution IX).

45. Following the adoption of the revised draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Tunisia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

46. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Preparations for an international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 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 the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the regional commissions, and other organs and organizations of the United Nations system having a direct bearing on the formulation of the new international development strategy,

Taking note of the decision adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its fourteenth ordinary session, held at Libreville from 2 to 5 July 1977, approving the revised framework of principles for the implementation of the New International Economic Order in Africa, 1976-1986, 12/

Taking note also of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session, 13/

Noting that there is a relationship between development and peace, security and disarmament,

Deeply concerned by the fact that inequities and imbalances in international economic relations have widened the gap between the developed and developing countries, and that they constitute major obstacles to the development of the developing countries and adversely affect international relations and the promotion of world peace and security,

Recognizing the crucial and urgent need for national and international measures for the accelerated economic and social development of the developing countries,

12/ See A/32/310, annex II.

13/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 6 (E/1978/46 and Corr.1).

Recognizing also the continuing need to identify and meet development needs of developing countries,

Recognizing further that trends in the world economy during the Second United Nations Development Decade which have adversely affected the situation of the developing countries have made all the more precarious the grave situation already facing the least developed among the developing countries, and that special energetic and effective measures must be taken to ensure their accelerated development,

Recognizing the continuing necessity for special measures and specific action to meet the special and pressing problems of the land-locked, island and most seriously affected developing countries,

Reiterating the conviction that, in the context of the efforts required to achieve a just and equitable relationship between the developed and the developing countries, it is imperative to bring about far-reaching changes in the structure of the present international economic system,

Recognizing that the formulation of a new international development strategy should be an integral part of the continuing efforts of the international community to accelerate the development of the developing countries, and to establish the new international economic order,

Bearing in mind the results of major United Nations meetings and conferences on world economic and social development, held during the Second United Nations Development Decade,

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1. Affirms that the new international development strategy should be designed to promote the development of the developing countries, should be formulated within the framework of the new international economic order and be directed towards the achievement of its objectives, should be a vast undertaking involving the entire international community for the promotion of international co-operation for development, and should specify goals, objectives and policy measures addressed to both developed and developing countries for accelerating the development of the developing countries and thereby contribute to the solution of international economic problems and sustained global economic development, and also be supported by such development on the basis of justice, equality and mutual benefit;

2. Decides 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;

3. Further decides that the new international development strategy should therefore address itself, inter alia, to the following objectives:

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(a) Bringing about, in the spirit of mutual benefit, far-reaching changes in the structure of world production, with a view to expand and diversify the production of, and provide for additional employment in, the developing countries;

(b) Increasing substantially food and agricultural production in the developing countries and facilitating effectively the access of their agricultural exports to international markets on a stable and more predictable basis and at fair remunerative prices;

(c) Developing institutional and physical infrastructure in the various development sectors in the developing countries;

(d) Promoting industrialization in the developing countries, and, to that end, ensuring, inter alia, speedy and tangible progress towards the fulfilment of the target of increasing to the maximum possible extent and as far as possible the share of developing countries in total world industrial production to at least 25 per cent by the year 2000;

(e) Improving the terms of trade of developing countries; ensuring a substantial increase of their share in world exports, especially through the expansion and diversification of their production and trade; and extending to them special and preferential treatment, where feasible and appropriate, in the context of the general effort to liberalize world trade particularly in their favour, as steps towards promoting equity in trade relations between the developing and the developed countries;

(f) Increasing substantially the flow of resources in real terms to the developing countries on a predictable, continuous and increasingly assured basis;

(g) Enhancing the responsiveness of the international monetary system to the needs and interests of the developing countries in the context of further reform of the system for the benefit of the international community;

(h) Promoting the transfer of technology to developing countries by securing the removal to the fullest extent possible of obstacles to, and taking positive measures for, such transfer, as well as the development of indigenous capacity in the field of science and technology in these countries and formulation of national and international policies to avoid the reverse transfer of technology and the outflow of skilled personnel;

4. Emphasizes in this connexion that the new international development strategy should reflect, in an appropriate manner, the need for:

(a) Adequate policies for the promotion of social development, to be defined by each country within the framework of its development plans and priorities and in accordance with its socio-economic structure and stage of development, taking into account that the final aim of development must be the constant increase of the well-being of the entire population on the basis of its full participation in the process of development and a fair distribution of the benefits therefrom;

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(b) Full mobilization of national resources, both human and material, of developing countries;

(c) The mobilization and integration of women and youth in development;

(d) The protection of the environment and taking environmental considerations into account, in accordance with the development plans and priorities of developing countries.

5. Also emphasizes that the new international development strategy should contribute to the promotion of the objective of national and collective self-reliance of the developing countries, specially through the promotion and support of economic and technical co-operation among themselves;

6. Further emphasizes that the new international development strategy should give particular attention to the most pressing problems and deteriorating situations of the least developed countries and should contain special and effective measures towards the elimination of the basic constraints facing these countries and to ensure their accelerated development;

7. Emphasizes further that the new international development strategy should also contain specific measures and actions to meet the special and pressing problems of the land-locked, island and most seriously affected developing countries;

8. Emphasizes that, in order to launch the new international development strategy on a sound footing, it is of fundamental importance that the current and projected negotiations and conferences under the aegis of the United Nations system and on the major international development issues relating to the establishment of the new international economic order be completed speedily and successfully;

9. Decides that the results of the conferences and meetings relating to the establishment of the new international economic order should be given full consideration in the preparation of the new international development strategy;

10. Also decides that, for the purpose of achieving the objectives set out in paragraphs 1 to 9 above, the new international development strategy should, within the framework of viable, consistent, specific, quantitative and qualitative goals and objectives - both over-all and sectoral - define the role of, and, where appropriate, contain, agreed commitments of all countries, expressed in quantified terms or in a time framework, or in both, for the adoption and implementation of policy measures to achieve the above goals and objectives;

11. Stresses that the new international development strategy should take fully into account that colonialism, imperialism, neo-colonialism, interference in internal affairs, apartheid, racial discrimination and all forms of foreign aggression and occupation constitute major obstacles to the economic emancipation and development of the developing countries and peoples and therefore must be eliminated without delay;

12. Decides that the new international development strategy should envisage appropriate arrangements for reviewing the progress in its implementation and its possible adaptation in the light of new needs or developments, while fully adhering to the ultimate achievement of the international development strategy within the decade;

II

1. Decides to establish a Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy, which should be provided with the necessary conference facilities and should hold an organizational session early in 1979 at United Nations Headquarters;

2. Also decides that the Preparatory Committee shall be open to the participation of all States as full members and shall be responsible to the General Assembly and report to it through the Economic and Social Council;

3. Requests the Preparatory Committee to establish its programme of work and calendar of meetings in such a manner as to be able to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1979, a preliminary draft of the new international development strategy, with a view to finalizing it in time for its adoption in 1980;

4. Invites all States to participate actively in the work of the Preparatory Committee and to make an effective contribution to the formulation of the new international development strategy;

5. Stresses that, in order to establish a solid basis for the preparations, research and planning for development within the framework of the United Nations system should be geared towards the above-mentioned objectives;

6. Invites the Committee for Development Planning to take fully into account in its future work the new international development strategy in accordance with the objectives set forth above;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation with the responsibility for providing over-all guidance, orientation and co-ordination for the contributions of the relevant secretariats of the United Nations system to the formulation of the new international development strategy and submit relevant documentation in this regard to the Preparatory Committee;

8. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the executive heads of the other organs, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in fulfilling his task in connexion with the formulation of the new international development strategy;

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9. Requests the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, as appropriate, to bring their respective regional experiences to bear on the preparation of their inputs to the formulation of the new international development strategy, taking fully into account the different levels of development and differing development situations of their respective regions;

10. Requests the United Nations Secretariat in the light particularly of its responsibilities regarding interdisciplinary research and analysis as well as technical co-operation, the regional commissions, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the specialized agencies, including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, as well as the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organizations in the United Nations system, to contribute effectively to the preparatory work for the new international development strategy by providing inputs, including relevant documentation, in accordance with the objectives set forth above.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources

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 co-operation,

Recalling also its resolutions 3175 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, 3336 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3516 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 and 31/186 of 21 December 1976 on the permanent sovereignty of States over natural resources,

Emphasizing the need for specific measures to support the efforts of developing countries in the exploration for and development of natural resources,

Cognizant of the importance of natural resources exploration and development to the economies of the developing countries,

Recognizing the need to ensure an adequate flow of investment into the natural resources sector in the developing countries, in particular from the developed countries,

Noting that several developing countries desiring to do so have been unable to undertake systematically the exploration for and survey of their natural resources,

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Recalling its resolution 32/176 of 19 December 1977,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources; 14/
2. Requests the Secretary-General to organize and undertake, in co-operation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, missions to developing countries that so request to assist in the assessment of the needs of those countries in the field of natural resource exploration and development, including an estimate of the costs involved, taking into account the proposals made in paragraph 13 of his report, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the progress achieved in this undertaking;
3. Takes note of the findings of the intergovernmental group of experts as transmitted by the Secretary-General in his report;
4. Requests the Economic and Social Council, in consultation with the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, to consider the advisability of adjusting the operating procedures of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, taking into account the views in paragraphs 87-92 of the report of the intergovernmental Group of Experts on Mineral and Energy Exploration in Developing Countries and the basic principles of the Fund;
5. Invites the World Bank to explore ways in which its activities in financing natural resources can be made increasingly responsive to the needs of developing countries, and to examine whether new approaches would be useful, taking into account the views set out by the intergovernmental Expert Group in paragraphs 80 to 84 of its report, and bearing in mind the sovereignty of States over their natural resources;
6. Decides, in light of the importance for developing countries of the transfer of the technologies required for natural resources exploration and exploitation, that the Committee on Natural Resources and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development review the recommendations concerning the transfer of technology in the natural resources field;
7. Requests the Secretary-General to keep developments in the field of exploration and development of natural resources under review, and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, a report on the experience gained in the activities mentioned in this resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Economic co-operation among developing countries

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 its resolutions 3177 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, 3241 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974, 3442 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, 31/119 of 16 December 1976 and 32/180 of 19 December 1977 as well as resolution 92 (IV) of 30 May 1976 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 15/

Noting the programme on economic co-operation among developing countries, adopted at the Third Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Seventy-seven, held at Manila from 26 January to 7 February 1976, 16/

Noting also the decisions taken by the non-aligned countries on economic co-operation among developing countries, in particular the Action Programme for Economic Co-operation adopted at the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August, 1976, 17/ and also the relevant decisions of the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 25 to 30 July 1978,

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, 18/

Bearing in mind the Buenos Aires Plan of Action adopted at the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, held from 30 August to 12 September 1978, 19/

Noting that economic co-operation among developing countries based on the concept of individual and collective self-reliance, has been identified by the developing countries 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 economic co-operation among developing countries will make an important contribution to the establishment of the new international economic order,

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

15/ See 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 and corrigendum) part one, sect. A.

16/ Ibid., annex V, resolution 1.

17/ See A/31/197, annexes III and IV.

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

19/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11), chap. I.

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Economic co-operation among developing countries"; 20/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure, through the existing machinery, effective co-ordination and implementation of activities within the United Nations system in support of measures of economic co-operation among developing countries, by, inter alia:

(a) A more effective evaluation of the relevance of the various activities being undertaken by organizations within the system to the achievement of the objectives of economic co-operation among developing countries;

(b) Adaptation, as appropriate, of the organizational arrangements within the United Nations system to the requirements of promoting 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 economic co-operation among developing countries and to promote 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 174 (XVIII) of 17 September 1978 on economic co-operation among developing countries;

6. Notes the activities undertaken by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in pursuance of resolution 1 (I) of the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries in support of programmes of economic co-operation among developing countries, and calls upon that organizations to intensify further its efforts in this area;

7. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue consultations with a view to submitting recommendations to the Trade and Development Board concerning the organizing and convening during 1979 of meetings, as appropriate, of governmental experts of developing countries and representatives of intergovernmental economic co-operation groupings of developing countries in order to promote the objectives of subregional, regional and interregional economic co-operation among developing countries;

8. 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;

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Protectionism

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 for the Establishment of the 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 and the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its fourth session held at Nairobi in 1976,

Affirming that the expansion of international trade on an equitable basis should be beneficial to all countries and that trade liberalization in favour of developing countries is an important means to achieve such expansion,

Recognizing the vital importance of export earnings to the economies of the developing countries,

Believing that expansion of the exports of developing countries is an important means of financing their self-sustained growth,

Acknowledging that the accelerated growth of the economies of the developing countries is a key element in the over-all improvement of the world economy,

Noting that increasing protectionist measures aggravate inflation in the developed countries, which is in turn transferred to the developing countries,

Bearing in mind the widespread and growing concern about the growth of protectionism in developed countries against the exports of the developing countries,

1. Calls upon the developed countries to adhere strictly to the commitment concerning the stand-still, on new tariff and non-tariff barriers or intensification of existing ones against the exports of developing countries;

2. Urges the developed countries to eliminate speedily all forms of protectionist measures and practices against the exports of developing countries, bearing in mind, inter alia, section I.3, paragraph a (x), of its resolution 3202 (S-VI) and section I, paragraph 8 of its resolution 3362 (S-VII);

3. Calls upon the developed countries to carry out structural changes with respect to less competitive sectors of their economies with a view to expansion of existing and creation of new production capacities in developing countries.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 on the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Noting with satisfaction the initiative of the Organization of African Unity and the Economic Commission for Africa to establish an integrated African road network and the rationalization of Africa's railway systems and other transport systems in order to facilitate the promotion of multinational economic co-operation in Africa, inter-African trade and the political, social and economic integration of Africa, as well as the work carried out since June 1977,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977, which, inter alia, proclaimed a Transport and Communications Decade in Africa during the years 1978-1988 and requested the Secretary-General to mobilize all necessary resources to make the Decade a success,

Taking note of resolution ECO(XVIII)/Res.2 of the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa, adopted at the eighteenth meeting of the Committee, held at Khartoum in May 1978, 21/ in which measures were proposed for the implementation of the global strategy and comprehensive programme of work for the Decade,

Noting with appreciation the work carried out so far by the Economic Commission for Africa and the Organization of African Unity in preparation for the Decade,

1. Endorses resolution ECO(XVIII)/Res.2 of the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa, which decided to convene early in 1979 a meeting of African Ministers concerned with matters relating to transport, communications, works and planning, in order to adopt Africa's global strategy and a comprehensive plan of action for the implementation of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

21/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 10, Addendum (E/1978/50/Add.1), chap. II.

2. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa, as the "lead agency" for the Decade, with the necessary financial and staff resources that will enable it to make all preparatory arrangements for the Decade, including the preparations for, and the convening of, the meeting of Ministers referred to in paragraph 1 above;

3. Requests further the Secretary-General to make all necessary arrangements, as appropriate, for the convening of a pledging conference of donor countries and institutions in the first half of 1979 on the basis of the global strategy and the comprehensive plan of action and of specific projects contained therein;

4. Urges the international community, in particular the developed countries, to give full support and to contribute substantially to the implementation of the programmes and projects for the attainment of the objectives of the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly in 1980

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/174 of 19 December 1977, in which it decided, inter alia, to convene a special session of the General Assembly in 1980,

Bearing in mind 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,

Considering that the General Assembly is requested to assess at the special session the progress made in the various forums of the United Nations system in the establishment of the new international economic order and, on the basis of that assessment, to take appropriate action for the promotion of the development of developing countries and international economic co-operation,

Bearing in mind the ongoing process of the preparation of the new international development strategy,

Recognizing the importance of various United Nations conferences held in recent years on major topics relating to economic and social development,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation with the task of co-ordinating all preparations for the special session and of preparing, after consultation with the executive heads of all the organs, organizations and bodies concerned within the United Nations system, an analytical report on development in the field of international economic co-operation towards the establishment of the new international economic order since the sixth special session;

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2. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit the preliminary version of the report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1979;

3. Invites the governing bodies of the organs and organizations concerned within the United Nations system to assess, within their respective areas of competence, the progress made towards the establishment of the new international economic order, as well as to indicate the obstacles that impede its establishment, and to present interim reports to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, with a view to submitting comprehensive reports to the Assembly at its special session in 1980.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Multilateral trade negotiations

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 Tokyo Declaration of 1973, 22/ calling for the Tokyo round of multilateral trade negotiations and setting forth the framework and principles to govern the negotiations, including, inter alia, the principles of non-reciprocity in trade relations between developed and developing countries, special and differential treatment for developing countries, and securing additional benefits for the international trade of developing countries,

Recalling also the modified Part IV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade on co-operation and development, stipulating that developed countries should not expect reciprocity in their trade relations with developing countries,

Recalling also United Nations Conference on Trade and Development resolutions 82 (III) of 20 May 1972 23/ and 91 (IV) of 30 May 1976, 24/ in which the Conference recognized the importance of the multilateral trade negotiations for the developing countries,

Recalling further that the multilateral trade negotiations were aimed at the achievement of the expansion and liberalization of world trade in favour of developing countries,

22/ See General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, Twentieth Supplement (Sales No. GATT/1974-1), p. 19.

23/ Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

24/ Ibid., Fourth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10 and corrigendum), part one, sect. A.

Noting with concern the developments in the multilateral trade negotiations and the virtual exclusion of the interests of developing countries from the process of negotiations,

Concerned that developed countries are insisting on reciprocal concessions from developing countries in the field of trade and that the developing countries may emerge with a negative balance sheet from the negotiations, both in substantive and normative areas,

Emphasizing that the vital interests of developing countries must be provided for in the outcome of the multilateral trade negotiations,

1. Calls upon the developed countries to abide by agreements arrived at in Tokyo, especially with regard to the principle of non-reciprocity, and special and differential treatment for the developing countries;

2. Declares once again that the results of the negotiations must reflect the following elements:

(a) The substantial reduction and ultimate abolition of tariff and non-tariff restrictions against the trade of developing countries, in particular on products of special interest to developing countries;

(b) The removal of discriminatory and escalatory barriers against developing countries;

(c) The non-application of safeguard measures on a selective basis to the trade of developing countries;

(d) Improvement in the operation of the General Scheme of Preferences to provide wider coverage and deeper cuts on tariffs, bearing in mind the provision of section I.3, paragraph a (x), of its resolution 3202 (S-VI) and section I, paragraph 8, of its resolution 3362 (S-VII) on this subject, as well as the improvement of the system of information on the General Scheme of Preferences in order to enable all developing countries to make better use of the scheme;

3. Reiterates the need for continued efforts aimed at the reform of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the international trade régime in accordance with the principle of special and differential treatment of developing countries;

4. Emphasizes that any new codes or rules in the normative areas of negotiations affecting the trade of developing countries should not be adopted without the full participation of and acceptance by the developing countries;

5. Urges all participants in the multilateral trade negotiations before the closure of the negotiations, to assess jointly the implementation or otherwise, of the objectives of the Tokyo Declaration 22/ concerning additional benefits to the developing countries and to take corrective measures as necessary in the light of such a review;

6. Urges the developed countries to extend full co-operation to ensure the successful conclusion of the current multilateral trade negotiations, giving full regard to the special needs and circumstances of developing countries and bearing in mind their just demands for an equitable international trading system in line with the Tokyo Declaration;

7. Invites the Director General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to present to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session a comprehensive report on the results of the Tokyo round of multilateral trade negotiations;

8. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the evaluation of the multilateral trade negotiations carried out at the fifth session of the Conference, as well as the recommendations emerging therefrom.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3317 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the mid-term review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and 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,

Taking into consideration its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the World Conference of the International Women's Year which, inter alia, proclaimed the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Taking further into consideration its resolution 3505 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the integration of women in the development process and resolution 31/175 of 21 December 1976 on the effective mobilization of women in development,

Convinced of the substantial contribution of women to the over-all development of their countries,

Bearing in mind the preparations for the international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade,

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Bearing in mind also the preparations for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women to be held in 1980,

1. Emphasizes the vital importance of the effective mobilization and integration of women in all sectors of development for the economic and social development of their countries;
2. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization of women in development; 25/
3. Requests urgently the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the regional commissions, the United Nations Children's Fund, the specialized agencies, in particular the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and the World Bank and other bodies of the United Nations system to prepare development-oriented studies relevant to their programmes of work, focusing on the impact of policies aimed at the effective mobilization and integration of women in the development process, on the over-all development of their countries, with special emphasis on the developing countries, and on ways of promoting such policies, with a view to the early submission of these studies to the preparatory bodies referred to in paragraph 5 below and to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;
4. Invites the Committee for Development Planning, in the framework of its further consideration of possible elements for an international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade, to take into account the mobilization and integration of women in development;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to bring these studies to the attention of the Preparatory Committee for the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade and to the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women;
6. Requests further the Secretary-General, on the basis of the studies requested in paragraph 3 above, to submit a comprehensive report on the matter to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;
7. Invites Governments:
 - (a) To undertake measures with a view to enhancing the participation of women in all sectors of development at all levels;
 - (b) To include, when preparing and/or implementing development plans, policies and programmes aimed at facilitating the integration and participation of women in the development process of their countries;

(c) To include in their technical co-operation programmes, as appropriate, special programmes aimed at promoting the participation and integration of women in development.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IX

Comprehensive policy review of operational activities

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 1976, 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 of its own responsibilities, including those under Article 17, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, and the role of the Economic and Social Council, especially under Article 62, paragraph 2, and Article 64 of the Charter,

Recalling also its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, in particular paragraph 5 (d) of section II and section V of the annex thereto, and noting the relevant progress reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, 26/

Mindful of the importance of implementing fully and without undue delay the recommendations contained in its resolution 32/197,

Bearing in mind its resolution 32/114 of 15 December 1977, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 2110 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977 and 1978/74 of 4 August 1978,

Mindful also of the need to further clarify the nature of the comprehensive policy review of operational activities to be undertaken by the Economic and Social Council under paragraph 7 of Council resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973,

Reaffirming the full and continuing validity of the consensus of 1970, as set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

1. Invites the Secretary-General to entrust to the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, under his authority, the preparation, after consultation with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, taking into account the views of the organs, organizations and bodies concerned, of a report on policy issues pertaining to operational activities for development of the United Nations system for consideration by the Economic and Social Council and subsequently by the General Assembly, in 1980;

2. Decides that this report should concentrate on:

(a) The application of General Assembly resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and 3405 (XXX) of 25 November 1975 by the United Nations Development Programme and the participating and executing agencies;

(b) A review of the progress made in the application by the United Nations system of the relevant recommendations of resolution 32/197, in the light of the objectives contained in paragraph 28 of the annex to that resolution;

3. Decides further that the report should also:

(a) Include information on issues addressed in Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/74, in so far as they relate to operational activities;

(b) Include information on and analysis of issues relating to the operational activities for development of the United Nations system so as to enable the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to assess and promote progress in the attainment of the objectives contained in paragraph 28 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197;

(c) Include an examination of the application by the United Nations system in its operational activities of the results of international conferences held under the aegis of the United Nations relating to the establishment of the new international economic order;

(d) State options and alternative courses of action, on the basis of a system-wide analysis, in order to facilitate the decision-making role of the appropriate legislative organs in implementing the strategies and policies laid down for operational activities for development;

4. Recommends that the Economic and Social Council, in considering the aforementioned report, also elaborate guidelines for future comprehensive policy reviews of operational activities for development carried out according to Council resolution 1768 (LIV);

5. Requests all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities for development to assist the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in the preparation of the report referred to in paragraph 1 above, and to participate, in accordance with paragraph 14 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, in the consideration of the report in the Economic and Social Council.
