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Report of the Second Committee (Part I)

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1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1976, the General Assembly allocated to the Second Committee the consideration of subitems (a), (b) and (c) of agenda item 56 entitled:

"United Nations Conference on Trade and Development:

- (a) Report of the Conference on its fourth session;
- (b) Report of the Trade and Development Board;
- (c) Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development",

and recommended that the question of the enlargement of the Trade and Development Board be considered as a matter of priority.

2. At its 2nd meeting, on 27 September, the Second Committee considered the question of the amendments to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964 amended by Assembly resolution 2904 (XXVII) of 26 September 1972, as recommended by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in section I, paragraph 5, of its resolution 90 (IV) of 30 May 1976 (TD/217, part one). The Committee had before it a draft resolution proposed by the Chairman (A/C.2/31/L.6), which he orally revised to the effect that the preambular paragraph would read as follows:

"Having considered section I, paragraph 5, of resolution 90 (IV), relating to institutional issues, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on 30 May 1976,"

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

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (A/C.2/31/L.6), as orally revised by the Chairman, without a vote (see para. 6 below).

5. At the same meeting, the representative of the USSR made a statement. An account of the discussion in the Committee on this item is contained in the relevant summary record (A/C.2/31/SR.2).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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

Amendments to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) as amended
by Assembly resolution 2904 (XXVII)

The General Assembly,

Having considered section I, paragraph 5, of resolution 90 (IV) relating to institutional issues, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on 30 May 1976,

1. Decides to replace paragraphs 5, 7 and 8 of section II of its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, as amended by resolution 2904 (XXVII) of 26 September 1972, by the following:

"5. Membership of the Board shall be open to all members of the Conference. Those members of the Conference wishing to become members of the Board shall communicate their intention to do so, in writing, to the Secretary-General of the Conference.

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"7. The Secretary-General of the Conference shall bring all such communications to the attention of the President of the Board, who, at the commencement of the following regular, special or resumed session of the Board, or during such session as the case may be, shall announce the membership of the Board. Membership of the Board shall be for an indefinite period, subject to the provisions of paragraph 8 below.

"8. Any member of the Board which wishes to relinquish its membership shall inform the Secretary-General of the Conference, in writing, of its intention to do so. The Secretary-General of the Conference shall bring such communications to the attention of the President of the Board, who, at the commencement of the following regular, special or resumed session, or

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during such session as the case may be, shall announce the revised membership of the Board.";

2. Further decides that the present members of the Trade and Development Board shall remain in office until the new membership of the Board is established in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 7 of resolution 1995 (XIX) as amended by the present resolution.
