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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Tunisia: draft resolution*

Protectionism

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 on the Declaration and Programme of Action for the Establishment of the New International Economic Order and its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and the relevant resolutions adopted by the fourth Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 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,

* The draft resolution is submitted by the delegation of Tunisia on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77.

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, sections I, III and 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.
