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Australia, Canada, Germany, Federal Republic of, France,  
Iceland, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom of Great Britain  
and Northern Ireland and United States of America:  
draft resolution

The role of entrepreneurs in economic development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the right of each country to determine its objectives, to endeavour to fulfil its development plans, to strengthen the public and private sectors of its economy in accordance with its national economic system and priorities, and to invest in the development of its human resources,

Recognizing the responsibility of each Government to provide an environment conducive to the promotion of development,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/10 of 28 May 1985 on public administration and finance for development, as well as General Assembly resolution 34/137 of 14 December 1979 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries, in which the Assembly emphasized the importance of an efficient public sector in the development process,

Affirming the importance of both private and public enterprises contributing to the development process,

Noting that indigenous entrepreneurs play a vital and positive role in mobilizing national resources and promoting economic growth and development,

Aware that many countries are actively seeking ways and means of encouraging and strengthening the role of entrepreneurs in the development process in order to stimulate creativity and initiative and thus contribute to the objectives of economic growth and development,

1. Invites the Secretary-General, in conjunction with the regional economic commissions, the United Nations Development Programme, the International Labour Organisation, the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other competent organs of the United Nations system, to support the efforts of interested States in encouraging entrepreneurs and improving the extent and effectiveness of their involvement in the development process in order to achieve higher sustained growth;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council a report on the role of entrepreneurs in promoting economic development, including an analysis of existing incentives and impediments;

3. Further requests that a preliminary oral report on this question be made to the General Assembly at its forty-second session;

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the second regular session of 1987 of the Economic and Social Council an item entitled "The role of entrepreneurs in economic development".

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