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ACCELERATED FLOW OF CAPITAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES*

Note by the Secretary-General

In resolution 1938 (XVIII), the General Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council to give prompt and serious consideration to the establishment of a standing committee or any other appropriate machinery to keep under constant and systematic review, against the background of total capital resources, the inflow of international assistance and development capital to the developing countries, as well as the outflow of capital from those countries. The Council was asked to examine this question in accordance with Article 68 of the United Nations Charter and in the light of the relevant decisions of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The General Assembly also asked the Secretary-General: a) to review the conceptual and methodological problems posed in his recent reports on the international flow of long-term capital and official donations; and (b) to submit proposals for making the annual presentation of data on capital flows and aid as meaningful as possible, in order to contribute to the assessment of the adequacy of capital, in particular international capital, available to the developing countries.

The Secretary-General's report on the foregoing matters is nearly ready and will be issued under the symbol A/5732. His regular report on the international flow of long-term capital and official donations will be found in document

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Item 33 of the provisional agenda.

3. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development adopted a number of recommendations in this field, including in particular recommendations A.IV.1-18 dealing with the supply and the terms and conditions of external finance and recommendation A.V.1 which in paragraph 23 (iii) proposed that one of the committees of a Trade and Development Board should deal with invisibles and financing related to trade. An account of the Conference's deliberations on this matter will be found in the report of the Third Committee.^{1/}

4. The Economic and Social Council considered these questions at its thirty-seventh session. It reviewed recent developments in the field and took no action regarding the establishment of a standing committee or any other appropriate machinery. An account of its deliberations will be found in chapter V, section I of the Council annual report to the General Assembly.^{2/}

^{1/} A/CONF.46/133 and Corr.1-5.

^{2/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. (A/5803); see also page xii of the introduction by the President.