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Agenda item 37REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENTNote by the Secretary-General

1. The following basic documents are before the General Assembly in connexion with its consideration of item 37 of the agenda:

(a) Final Act and Report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Vol. I, Final Act and Report (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 64.II.B.11))

(b) First annual report of the Trade and Development Board to the General Assembly:

Part One: Report of the Board on its first session (A/6023)

Part Two: Report of the Board on its second session (A/6023/Add.1)

Part Three: Report of the Board on its special session (A/6023/Add.2)

General statement by the Rapporteur (A/6023/Add.3)

2. The Final Act and Report of the Conference was submitted to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1011 (XXXVII). The views and recommendations of the Council are to be found in that resolution and also in chapter I, section I, of the Council's report to the nineteenth session of the Assembly.^{1/}

3. The comments made by the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with paragraph 22 of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), on the first annual report of the Trade and Development Board to the General Assembly will be issued in document A/6003/Add.1.

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/5903).

4. The General Assembly has already acted on the recommendations of the Conference on the institutional arrangements, methods and machinery to implement measures relating to the expansion of international trade contained in annex A.V.1 of the Final Act of the Conference. The decisions taken by the General Assembly on these matters were made in the light of a report by the Secretary-General (A/5827) and were embodied in General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX).

5. In the course of its consideration of item 40 of the agenda, the attention of the General Assembly has already been called to the recommendation contained in annex A.III.1 of the Final Act of the Conference that a specialized agency should be established in the field of industrial development.^{2/} The General Assembly decided at its 1336th plenary meeting on 24 September 1965 that action on the recommendations contained in annex A.IV.9 (creation of a regional development fund) and in annex A.IV.10 (regional development) would be postponed until the twenty-first session.

6. Two other recommendations of the Conference relating to the United Nations Capital Development Fund and to the gradual transformation of the Special Fund, contained in annexes A.IV.7 and A.IV.8 of the Final Act of the Conference, have also been brought to the attention of the General Assembly in connexion with its consideration of item 39 of the agenda.^{3/}

7. Pursuant to the recommendation contained in annex A.VI.1 of the Final Act of the Conference, a conference was convened in New York on 7 June 1965 to prepare a draft convention relating to the transit trade of land-locked countries. The draft prepared by the conference was submitted to the Trade and Development Board at its second session. However, as there had not been sufficient time for Governments to study it, the Board decided to postpone consideration of the matter until its third session.^{4/}

8. Attention is invited to resolution 20 (II) adopted by the Trade and Development Board on 15 September 1965,^{5/} which recommends that, in accordance with paragraph 2

^{2/} A/5775, para. 7.

^{3/} A/5997, para. 2.

^{4/} A/6023/Add.1, para. 7.

^{5/} Ibid., annex A.

of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), the second session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development should be convened in the first part of 1967. Attention is also called to resolution 22 (S-I) of the Board^{6/} in which the Board recommended that the headquarters of the secretariat of the Conference should be established on a permanent basis at Geneva. The Secretary-General will soon be submitting to the General Assembly a statement of the financial implications of the above-mentioned resolutions.

^{6/} A/6023/Add.2, annex A.