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Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its twenty-first session, the General Assembly in resolution 2218 A (XXI) endorsed the recommendation contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1152 (XLI) to survey the preparations that would be required in order to further and facilitate planning for concerted international action for the period following the present United Nations Development Decade. Moreover, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the organizations of the United Nations family, to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, a progress report on the work being undertaken for preparation of "a concise and systematic survey of the various principles, directives and guidelines for action in the field of development, as contained in the resolutions, declarations and similar texts of the United Nations and related agencies and in other relevant sources". In resolution 2218 B (XXI) the Assembly requested "the Secretary-General, in responding to Economic and Social Council resolution 1152 (XLI), to elaborate and submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session, through the Council at its forty-third and forty-fifth sessions, a preliminary framework of international development strategy for the 1970's within which initial efforts could be concentrated on the elaboration of specific goals and targets for individual sectors and components".
2. The Secretary-General's progress report on these aspects (E/4376) was presented to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-third session and is now before the Assembly.

3. The Council, in resolution 1260 (XLIII), inter alia, took note of the report and requested the Secretary-General "to continue the work, indicated in his progress report, to facilitate planning for concerted international action for the period after the present Development Decade, having regard to the experience gained during this Decade".
4. The attention of the Assembly might also be called to Economic and Social Council resolution 1261 (XLIII) on the review of past experience and of possibilities for future action in the field of economic development.
5. An account of the discussions in the Council may be found in chapter III of its annual report to the Assembly.^{1/}

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/6703).