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Report of the Second Committee (Part I)

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1. The General Assembly, at its 2237th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1974, allocated to the Second Committee agenda item 42, entitled "United Nations Conference on Trade and Development: report of the Trade and Development Board".
2. The Second Committee considered this item at its 1607th to 1613th meetings, from 15 to 17 and 21 to 22 October, and at its 1619th and 1620th meetings, on 29 and 30 October. At the 1619th meeting, the Committee submitted a separate report on those meetings. An account of the discussions of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records. An account of the Committee's discussion at later meetings will be given in part II of the report (A/9826/Add.1).
3. At its 1607th meeting, on 15 October, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.
4. The Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Trade and Development Board on the first part of its fourteenth session; 1/
 - (b) Report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of its resumed fifty-seventh session; 2/
 - (c) Report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the findings of his study on the indexation of prices (TD/B/503 and Suppl. 1 and Suppl. 1/Add.1).

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/9615).

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 3 A (A/9603/Add.1), part I.

5. At the 1619th meeting, on 29 October, the representative of the Upper Volta, on behalf of the delegations of Afghanistan, Burundi, Dahomey, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Mali, Nepal, Rwanda, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Upper Volta, Yugoslavia and Zaire, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1353) entitled "Special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries".
6. At the 1620th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of the Upper Volta, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution by replacing the words "setting up" by the word "convening".
7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by 112 votes to none, with 1 abstention (see para. 15 below, draft resolution I).
8. At the 1619th meeting, on 29 October, the representative of the Upper Volta, on behalf of the delegations of Algeria, Burundi, the Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Gabon, Greece, Hungary, Iraq, the Libyan Arab Republic, Mexico, Mongolia, Poland, Senegal, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Upper Volta, Yemen and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1356) entitled "Report of the Trade and Development Board".
9. At the same meeting, the representative of Mauritania moved the closure of the debate on the draft resolution.
10. The Committee approved the closure of the debate by a recorded vote of 53 to 28, with 33 abstentions. The voting was as follows:
- In favour: Albania, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, China, Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, India, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Niger, Pakistan, Poland, Qatar, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia.
- Against: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Paraguay, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Zaire.
- Abstaining: Afghanistan, Burma, Central African Republic, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Khmer Republic, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, Venezuela, Zambia.

11. At the same meeting, the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1356) was adopted by a roll-call vote of 78 to 4, with 33 abstentions (see para. 15 below, draft resolution II). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Albania, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Chile, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay.

Abstentions: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burma, Central African Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Khmer Republic, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela, Zaire.

12. At the 1619th meeting, on 29 October, the representative of Japan, on behalf of the delegations of Argentina, Brazil, Burundi, Colombia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Sweden, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1360) entitled "Fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development".

13. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution.

14. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/L.1360 without a vote (see para. 15 below, draft resolution III).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

15. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Special measures in favour of the least developed among
the developing countries

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Trade and Development Board 3/ on the progress made in the implementation of special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries,

Noting Trade and Development Board decision 100 (XIII) of 8 September 1973 on special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries,

Noting further Economic and Social Council decision 30 (LVII) of 2 August 1974 on special measures in favour of the least developed countries,

Recalling resolution 62 (III) of 19 May 1972 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 4/ relating to special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries,

Recalling further its resolution 3174 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 on special measures in favour of the least developed countries,

Considering that the application of special measures in favour of the least developed countries in the field of trade policy has not been implemented and that the financial assistance to those countries is far below the optimum flow necessary to enable them to attain the growth rate contemplated in the International Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 5/

1. Endorses decision 119 (XIV) of the Trade and Development Board of 13 September 1974 convening an intergovernmental group to analyse and evaluate the progress achieved and to make suggestions for adequate means of overcoming the difficulties encountered in the implementation of general policy measures in favour of the least developed countries in accordance with the provisions of resolution 62 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/9615).

4/ See Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

5/ General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

2. Urges Member States and organizations of the United Nations system to intensify urgently their efforts in favour of the least developed countries, including those in the field of trade;

3. Requests the international financial institutions, in particular the International Development Association and the regional development banks, to allocate urgently additional resources to the least developed countries;

4. Decides to consider at its thirtieth session the note by the Secretary-General on the establishment of a special fund for the least developed countries. 6/

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Report of the Trade and Development Board

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Trade and Development Board, 7/

Referring to Trade and Development Board resolution 111 (XIV) of 12 September 1974 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1873 (LVI) of 17 May 1974,

Considering that the President of the third session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Mr. Clodomiro Almeyda, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile, has been imprisoned for already a year,

Recalling that Mr. Almeyda placed his prestige and his knowledge at the service of the international community, particularly at the third session of the Conference which was held at Santiago de Chile in 1972,

Commissions the President of the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations to request the Government of Chile to release immediately Mr. Clodomiro Almeyda, the President of the third session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

6/ E/5499.

7/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/9615).

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Fourth session of the United Nations Conference on
Trade and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964 and Trade and Development Board resolution 113 (XIV) of 13 September 1974,

Bearing in mind the invitation of the Government of Kenya to hold the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at Nairobi,

1. Accepts with appreciation the invitation of the Government of Kenya;
2. Decides that the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will be held at Nairobi in May/June 1976 for a period not exceeding four weeks.
