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India: draft resolution*

Report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and
Development on its fifth session

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also its resolution 33/154 of 20 December 1978,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its fifth session held at Manila from 7 May to 3 June 1979 1/ and the report of the Trade and Development Board on its tenth special session 2/ and on its nineteenth session,

Noting with satisfaction the Arusha Programme for Collective Self-Reliance and Framework for Negotiations adopted by the Fourth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77, 3/ held at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, from 6 to 16 February 1979, setting forth the objectives and proposals of the developing countries at the fifth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

* The draft resolution is submitted by the delegation of India on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77.

1/ TD/268 and Add.1.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/34/15).

3/ TD/236.

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Noting also with satisfaction the views and recommendations of the Sixth Summit Conference of Heads of State or Governments of Non-Aligned Countries held at Havana, 4/ relating to economic problems,

Considering that a number of important issues relating to the establishment of the new international economic order are under negotiation or consideration in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, such as the Integrated Programme for Commodities, in particular the establishment of the Common Fund, protectionism and structural adjustment, economic co-operation among developing countries, the debt problem of developing countries, the transfer of real resources to developing countries, international monetary reform, interrelationships between trade, development, money and finance, the international code of conduct on the transfer of technology, equitable principles and rules for restrictive business practices, participation of developing countries in world shipping; and a convention on international multimodal transport,

Emphasizing that all concerns of the developing countries deserve the urgent attention of the world community,

1. Takes note of the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its fifth session 1/ and the report of the Trade and Development Board on its tenth special session 2/ and on its nineteenth session.

2. Notes with deep disappointment that the agreements reached by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its fifth session were very limited in nature

3. Urges all States, in particular the developed countries, to implement urgently, through action at the national and international levels, the agreements reached by the United Conference on Trade and Development at its fifth session and by the Trade and Development Board at its nineteenth session;

4. Endorses resolution 131 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development concerning protectionism and structural adjustment, 5/ takes note of decision 199 (XIX) of 20 October 1979 of the Trade and Development Board on the same subject-matter, and calls for full implementation by Governments of commitments and recommendations emanating therefrom.

5. Endorses also resolution 124 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 5/ in which the Conference called for prompt action for finalizing and adopting the articles of agreement of the Common Fund at the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on a Common Fund for the conclusion of negotiations on individual commodities, agreements or arrangements; and for the establishment of frameworks of international co-operation for expanding in developing countries the processing of primary commodities, and for the greater participation of developing countries in the marketing and distribution thereof

4/ A/34/542.

5/ TD/268, part one, sect. A.

6. Welcomes the announcement of voluntary contributions to the Second Window made at the fifth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the important announcement concerning contributions to the Common Fund made by the Special Fund of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries at the second session of the Interim Committee of the United Nations Negotiating Conference on a Common Fund; and urges the countries and international institutions which have not yet done so to indicate their voluntary contributions before the United Nations Negotiating Conference on a Common Fund at its fourth session;

7. Welcomes resolution 105 (V) of 1 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development relating to the international food trade 5/ and endorses the recommendations contained therein;

8. Endorses the recommendations contained in resolution 103 (V) of 30 May 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development relating to restrictive business practices, 5/ including those concerning the collection and dissemination of information on such practices and the preparation of studies on marketing and distribution arrangements and abuse of dominant market power which adversely affect international trade;

9. Endorses also the recommendations contained in resolution 129 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 5/ regarding measures to increase, both bilaterally and through the multilateral financial institutions, the quantity and quality of official development assistance to developing countries as well as private and other non-official flows to them, including their access to private capital markets;

10. Endorses further resolution 101 (V) of 30 May 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 5/ and takes note of the demands of the developing countries that their interests be taken into account in the revision of the present international industrial property system;

11. Endorses resolution 102 (V) of 30 May 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 5/ with regard to additional studies on the development aspects of the reverse transfer of technology and decision 193 (XIX) of 20 October 1979 of the Trade and Development Board regarding the provision of facilities, upon request, for a multilateral exchange of views among the countries concerned on development aspects of the reverse transfer of technology;

12. Endorses also resolution 106 (V) of 1 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 5/ and reiterates the invitation to member States of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development not yet Contracting Parties to the Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences to consider becoming Contracting Parties so that the Convention could enter into force as soon as possible;

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13. Endorses further resolution 121 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 5/ relating to the provision of financial and technical assistance, including training, to assist the developing countries build up their merchant fleets and port facilities;
14. Endorses the decision contained in resolution 122 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 5/ to launch a comprehensive new programme of action, comprising two phases, for the least developed countries, and underlines the importance to these countries of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries referred to in paragraph 11 (e) of that resolution;
15. Endorses also resolutions 111 (V) and 123 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 5/ relating to actions to be taken by individual countries and by the international community to help meet the particular needs and problems of land-locked and island developing countries;
16. Endorses further resolution 119 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 5/ regarding protectionism in the service sector and notes that the Secretary-General of the Conference has been requested to examine and analyse the effects of such practices on the growth of air transport in developing countries;
17. Endorses resolution 114 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 5/ relating to institutional issues and affirms, in the context of sections I and II of that resolution, that the necessary steps should be taken in order to increase the effectiveness of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as a principal instrument of the General Assembly for negotiations on relevant areas of international trade and related issues of international economic co-operation and as one of the major instruments of the United Nations for reviewing on a continuous basis, the interrelated problems in the field of international trade and related areas of international economic co-operation, including the need for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to have greater flexibility in budgetary, financial and administrative matters for the efficient performance of its responsibilities;
18. Endorses also resolution 115 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 5/ and decides that the necessary steps should be taken to ensure that Arabic will have full capacity as an official working language of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development with respect to both interpretation and translation facilities with effect from 1 January 1980;
19. Urges all States to reach early agreement on the remaining issues of importance to the developing countries which were remitted by the fifth session of the Conference to its permanent machinery;
20. Urges that the study envisaged in resolution 125 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 5/ relating to a complementary facility for commodity-related shortfalls in export earnings be completed as soon as possible;

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21. Welcomes resolution 128 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 5/ relating to international monetary reform, in particular, the decision contained therein to establish within the Conference an ad hoc intergovernmental high-level group of experts to examine fundamental issues regarding the future evolution of the international monetary system, and requests that its report be made available, together with the comments and recommendations of the Trade and Development Board thereon, to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

22. Endorses the recommendations contained in resolution 112 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 5/ regarding action at the international, regional, subregional and national levels to strengthen the technological capacity, and to accelerate the technological transformation of developing countries;

23. Reaffirms the need for the implementation of the measures enumerated in resolution 120 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to assist the developing countries achieve an equitable participation in the transport of cargoes, and more especially bulk cargoes, generated by their own foreign trade;

24. Emphasizes resolution 127 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in particular the importance of the special session of the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries to be held early in 1980 to consider, inter alia, proposals of the developing countries for appropriate support with regard to (a) the establishment of a global system of trade preferences among developing countries, (b) co-operation among state trading organizations of developing countries, (c) the establishment of multinational marketing enterprises of developing countries, as well as for the studies and necessary meetings pursuant to resolution I (I) of the Committee on Economic Co-operation between Developing Countries;

25. Welcomes decision 186 (XIX) of the Trade and Development Board on trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems and all trade plans resulting thereafter and urges all States, members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to participate constructively in the consideration of this item at the twenty-first session of the Trade and Development Board;

26. Endorses resolution 107 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 5/ and requests the Trade and Development Board, at its twenty-first session, to recommend the place, date and duration of the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, taking into account the offer made in this regard by the Government of Cuba.
