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Chad, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali,
Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Swaziland, Uganda, Upper Volta, Zambia:
draft resolution

Specific action related to the particular needs and
problems of land-locked developing countries

The General Assembly,

Reiterating the special measures in favour of the land-locked developing countries, particularly those stated in resolutions 63 (III) of 19 May 1972, 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976, and 123 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Bearing in mind various other resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, its related organs and the specialized agencies emphasizing special and urgent measures in favour of land-locked developing countries,

Recognizing that the lack of access to the sea, aggravated by great distances to sea-ports, by remoteness and isolation from world markets, and by the greater difficulties and costs of their international transport services, constitutes a major and persistent hindrance to the social and economic development of the land-locked developing countries,

Recalling the provisions of its resolutions 31/157 of 21 December 1976, 32/191 of 19 December 1977, 33/150 of 20 December 1978, and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations with respect to the exercise of the right of land-locked developing countries to free access to and from the sea as well as their right to freedom of transit,

1. Reaffirms the right of land-locked developing countries to free access to and from the sea and their right to freedom of transit;

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2. Calls upon developed countries, other States, international organizations and financial institutions to urgently implement the specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries contained in resolutions 63 (III), 98 (IV) and 123 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and in other relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations;

3. Notes with regret that the assistance given so far falls far short of the needs of the land-locked developing countries;

4. Urges the international community and international financial institutions to provide increased assistance to land-locked developing countries in the form of grants or concessional loans for the construction, improvement and maintenance of their transport and transit infrastructure and facilities;

5. Commends the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other related agencies within the United Nations system for the work and assistance they have provided to the land-locked developing countries and requests that those countries be provided with increased resources to meet their needs;

6. Invites the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy to take fully into account, in the formulation of the strategy for the third United Nations development decade, the special problems relating to land-locked developing countries;

7. Recommends intensified activities relating to conducting necessary studies and the implementation of special measures and action programmes, including those under "economic co-operation among developing countries", as well as those under the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, at the regional and subregional level, in co-operation with the regional commissions.
