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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION:  
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ESTABLISHED  
UNDER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/174

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee  
(A. Ahsan) on the basis of informal consultations held on the  
draft resolution contained in document A/34/L.17

United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

The General Assembly,

Noting the request contained in paragraph 11 (e) of resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 1/ adopted on 3 June 1979, by which the Conference emphasized the special importance of the action to be taken and invited the General Assembly to convene a United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, in order to finalize, adopt and support the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s,

Expressing deep concern at the gravity of the economic and social situation of the least developed countries,

Emphasizing also that the special and pressing problems facing the least developed countries should be fully taken into account in the formulation of the strategy for the third United Nations development decade,

Bearing in mind the need for full implementation of the Comprehensive New Programme of Action and urgent implementation of the immediate action programme for 1979-1981, in favour of the least developed among the developing countries, called for in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

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1/ See TD/268, part one, sect. A.

1. Decides to convene a United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in 1981;
2. Decides further that the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries should have the objective of finalizing, adopting and supporting the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the least developed countries, as outlined in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to designate the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, bearing in mind the focal role which it has played in the preparation of the Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, as Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;
4. Decides to designate the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to act as the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries open to the full participation of all States Members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;
5. Further decides to initiate the preparation of studies as provided for in resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations conference on Trade and Development, by the relevant secretariats of the United Nations system and requests donor Governments and the least developed countries themselves to initiate similar studies, and requests the Preparatory Committee to consider any additional studies that may be necessary;
6. Requests the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries, which is scheduled to meet in February 1980, to recommend additional sessions which may be necessary in 1980-1981 to complete the preparations for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;
7. Requests the Preparatory Committee to report on its work to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;
8. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in response to paragraph 33 of resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations conference on Trade and Development to entrust the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation with the responsibility for taking the necessary steps, with the collaboration of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to ensure the full mobilization and co-ordination of all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the further elaboration and implementation of the Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries and in the preparations for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;
9. Invites the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system concerned, especially the regional commissions, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, to extend their fullest co-operation, support and contribution to the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.