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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/C.2/34/L.130

Development aspects of the reverse transfer of technology

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and 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 further its resolutions 32/192 of 19 December 1977 and 33/151 of 20 December 1978, entitled "Reverse transfer of technology",

Taking note of the views and recommendations of the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana, relating to economic problems, 1/

Taking note further, of the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its fifth session, of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, and of the report of the Trade and Development Board at its nineteenth session,

1/ See A/34/542.

Considering that the outflow of skilled manpower from developing countries may have negative effects on the possibilities for the social and economic development of those countries and that it constitutes a reverse transfer of technology,

Reiterating the urgent need to reduce, as part of the efforts of the international community towards the establishment of the New International Economic Order, the reverse transfer of technology and to obviate its adverse effects, especially those of a development nature on developing countries,

Reiterating further the importance of technical co-operation among developing countries in the exchange of skilled manpower in the context of economic co-operation towards collective self-reliance,

Recalling the proposals made by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan bin Talal of Jordan concerning the establishment of an international labour compensatory facility 2/ which are directed towards alleviating the adverse effects of reverse transfer of technology on developing countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Reverse transfer of technology: a survey of its main features, causes and policy implications" 3/ and of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development entitled "Development aspects of the reverse transfer of technology: an assessment of the results achieved at the fifth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; 4/

2. Endorses resolution 102 (V) entitled "Development aspects of the reverse transfer of technology", adopted at the fifth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and decision 193 (XIX) entitled "Development aspects of reverse transfer of technology", adopted by the Trade and Development Board at its nineteenth session and calls on all Member States and the international community to give urgent consideration to the implementation of the measures contained therein;

3. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to take the necessary measures with respect to the co-ordination of the treatment of the question of reverse transfer of technology within the United Nations system, bearing in mind relevant paragraphs of General Assembly resolution 33/151 and United Nations Conference on Trade and Development resolution 102 (V);

2/ See E/1978/92, paras. 100-104.

3/ A/34/593.

4/ A/34/425, annex.

4. Requests the Trade and Development Board as envisaged in paragraph 6 of resolution 102 (V) to proceed at its twentieth session with the consideration of appropriate arrangements, including the necessity of convening a group of experts, to examine the feasibility of measuring human resource flows;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with UNCTAD, ILO and other relevant United Nations bodies to carry out, on the basis of the most up-to-date data available, a study on the feasibility of the proposals of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan bin Talal, in the establishment of an international labour compensatory facility and to submit a progress report to the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly and a final report to the thirty-sixth session;

6. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to carry out the studies envisaged in paragraph 7 of resolution 102 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

7. Invites Member States to respond favourably and to co-operate with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in the implementation of paragraph 9 of UNCTAD resolution 102 (V) and paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 33/151.
