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Report of the Second Committee (Part III)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Committee continued its consideration of the item at its 53rd meeting, on 28 November 1979. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary record (A/C.2/34/SR.53).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.52

2. At the 42nd meeting, on 16 November, the representative of Pakistan introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/34/L.52) entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people" on behalf of Algeria, Angola, the Comoros, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, Grenada, India, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Jordan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Nicaragua, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Yugoslavia. At the same time, he orally revised the draft resolution by inserting the words "to the Economic and Social Council and" before the words "to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session" in operative paragraph 4. Subsequently, Burundi, the Congo, Guinea, Indonesia, Morocco and Senegal joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

3. At its 48th meeting, on 23 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.52, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 96 to 3, with 20 abstentions (see para. 19, draft resolution I). 1/ The voting was as follows:

1/ At the 48th meeting, the representative of Cuba stated that, had his delegation been present at the time of the vote, it would have voted in favour of the draft resolution. The delegation of Bangladesh later informed the Secretariat that, had it been present during the voting, it would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Canada, Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Burma, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

4. At the same meeting, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Israel, the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the European Economic Community) and Sweden.

B. Draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.54

5. At the 44th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of the Philippines introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/34/L.54) entitled "World Tourism Organization" on behalf of Argentina, Austria, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Greece, Italy, Kenya, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, Spain and Yugoslavia. At the same time, he orally revised the draft resolution by deleting the word "appropriate" before the words "representation at the Conference" in operative paragraph 2. Subsequently, Brazil, Burundi, the Ivory Coast, Lebanon, Rwanda, Senegal and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At the 48th meeting, on 23 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.54, as orally revised (see para. 19, draft resolution II).

C. Draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.55

7. At the 44th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of Tunisia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/34/L.55) entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon" on behalf of Argentina, Algeria, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, France, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Pakistan, Paraguay, the Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Tunisia, Uruguay and Yemen. Subsequently, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, the Ivory Coast, Japan, Madagascar, Oman, Peru, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Arab Emirates and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

8. At the 48th meeting, on 23 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.55 (see para 19, draft resolution III).

9. Statements on the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Lebanon and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

D. Draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.51

10. At the 42nd meeting, on 16 November, the representative of Jordan introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/34/L.51) entitled "Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories" on behalf of Algeria, Angola, the Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen. Subsequently, Afghanistan, Burundi, Mali, Morocco, the Sudan and Yugoslavia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

11. A statement of the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.51 was submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.2/34/L.78).

12. At the 53rd meeting, on 28 November, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution, as contained in document A/C.2/34/L.78.

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.51 by a recorded vote of 104 to 2, with 23 abstentions (see para. 19, draft resolution IV). 2/ The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahamas,
Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma,

2/ At the 53rd meeting, the representative of Qatar stated that, had his delegation been present at the time of the vote, it would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Central African Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

14. Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Israel, Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the European Economic Community), Japan, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America and Portugal.

E. Draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.62 and Rev.1

15. At the 47th meeting, on 23 November, the representative of Mongolia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/34/L.62) entitled "Role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries" on behalf of Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Benin, Bulgaria, the Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, India, Iraq, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Mali, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Pakistan, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic and Viet Nam. Subsequently, Cape Verde and Sao Tome and Principe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Referring to its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 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 resolutions 3335 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3488 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, 32/179 of 19 December 1977 and 33/144 of 20 December 1978 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1978/60 of 3 August 1978 and 1979/48 of 31 July 1979,

"Taking into account the relevant provisions of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation 3/ adopted at the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, held at Lima from 12 to 26 March 1975, which, inter alia, recognized the importance of ensuring an adequate role for the public sector in the expansion of the industrial development of developing countries,

"Noting the relevant provisions of the Economic Declaration adopted by the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana from 3 to 9 September 1979,

"Stressing the need for an expanded exchange of information and experience regarding the role of the public sector through a more detailed examination of its different aspects,

"Reaffirming the right of every State to exercise full and permanent sovereignty over its natural resources and economic activities for the benefit of its people,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries; 4/

"2. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/48 of 31 July 1979;

"3. Requests the United Nations Development Programme and other competent organizations to give, within the context of national development systems and priorities, due consideration to technical co-operation projects for strengthening the role of the public sector and improving the performance of public enterprises;

3/ See A/10112, chap. IV.

4/ E/1979/66.

"4. Recommends that the regional commissions consider in detail the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of the developing countries of their respective regions, giving particular attention to the aspects noted in paragraph 5 of resolution 32/179;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his detailed study of the role of the public sector and submit through the Economic and Social Council, a further comprehensive report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, paying special attention, inter alia, to the following aspects:

"(a) Role of the public sector in the mobilization of national resources for social and economic development;

"(b) Role of public enterprises as main instruments of the public sector and ways of increasing their efficacy;

"(c) Ways and means of strengthening the public sector, including its institutional and managerial capabilities, as the basis for developing appropriate national and international measures;

"(d) The public sector as a lever for introducing national development plans and establishing social and economic development priorities;

"(e) Ways and means of ensuring the practical exchange of experience and information among developing countries on the role of the public sector, for example, the possibility of holding seminars and publishing handbooks on the experience of different countries in the field of developing the public sector;

"6. Reaffirms Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/60 of 3 August 1978 which, inter alia, invites regional commissions and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system to assist the Secretary-General continuously in preparing further studies on the role of the public sector."

16. At the 53rd meeting, on 28 November, the representative of Mongolia, on behalf of the sponsors, which had been joined by Mauritius and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, introduced a revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.2/34/L.62/Rev.1), which entailed the following changes:

(a) In the first preambular paragraph, the replacement of the words "Referring to" by the word "Recalling";

(b) In the third preambular paragraph, the replacement of the words "Taking into account" by the words "Bearing in mind";

(c) In the fifth preambular paragraph, the replacement of the word "Stressing" by the word "Emphasizing"; the deletion of the words "information and"

before the word "experience"; and the insertion of the words "especially among the developing countries" before the words "through a more detailed examination of its different aspects";

(d) The insertion of a new seventh preambular paragraph, which read as follows:

"Bearing in mind that every State has the sovereign and inalienable right to choose its economic and social system in accordance with the will of its people, without outside interference";

(e) In operative paragraph 3, the replacement of the word "Requests" by the word "Invites", and the insertion of the words "where appropriate" before the words "due consideration";

(f) In operative paragraph 4, the replacement of the words "Recommends that the regional commissions consider" by the words "Invites the regional commissions to examine";

(g) In operative paragraph 5, the replacement of the word "Requests" by the word "Invites", and the deletion of the word "further" before the words "comprehensive report to the General Assembly";

(h) In operative paragraph 5 (c), the insertion of the words "where appropriate" after the words "Ways and means", and the replacement of the words "as the basis" by the words "as a possible basis";

(i) In operative paragraph 5 (d), the replacement of the words "The public sector" by the words "Role of the public sector";

(j) In operative paragraph 5 (e), the replacement of the word "ensuring" by the word "facilitating";

(k) The insertion of a new operative paragraph 5 (f), which read:

"Role of the public sector in relation to other sectors of economic activity";

(l) In operative paragraph 6, the insertion of the words "continue to" between the words "to" and "assist", the deletion of the word "continuously", and the addition of the words "in promoting the economic development of developing countries" at the end of that paragraph.

17. At the same time, he orally revised the sixth preambular paragraph of the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/34/L.62/Rev.1) to read as follows:

"Recalling the pertinent provisions of the above-mentioned resolutions, which reaffirmed the right of every State to exercise full and permanent sovereignty over its natural resources and economic activities for the benefit of its people".

18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.62/Rev.1, as orally revised (see para. 19, draft resolution V).

19. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States of America made a statement.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Assistance to the Palestinian people

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3236 (XXIX) and 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 33/147 of 20 December 1978,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1978 (LIX) of 31 July 1975, 2026 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 and 2100 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977,

Taking into consideration the reports of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people, 5/

Taking note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-sixth session, 6/ and of the response of the Administrator of the Programme, 7/

1. Notes with satisfaction the action taken by the Administrator and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in response to General Assembly resolution 33/147;

2. Endorses decision 79/18 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme 8/ on the implementation of resolution 33/147;

5/ E/1979/61 and Add.1.

6/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40 and Corr.1).

7/ Ibid., para. 111.

8/ Ibid., chap. XXI.

3. Urges the relevant agencies, organizations, organs and programmes of the United Nations system to take the necessary steps for the full implementation of Economic and Social Council resolutions 2026 (LXI) and 2100 (LXIII);

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council and to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

World Tourism Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/157 of 19 December 1977 and 33/122 of 19 December 1978 concerning the World Tourism Organization,

Noting with satisfaction the report prepared by the World Tourism Organization and circulated under a note by the Secretary-General in response to resolution 33/122, 9/

Further noting the work accomplished by the World Tourism Organization in the field of tourism and the steps it has taken in this regard, especially the operational activities for the promotion of tourism, in particular for the benefit of developing countries,

Recognizing that the programmes and activities of the World Tourism Organization in the field of tourism contribute, in accordance with its statutes, 10/ to global economic and social development and to international understanding, peace and progress,

Further noting that the World Tourism Organization will convene a World Tourism Conference at Manila in September 1980 to examine past and present trends in tourism with a view to defining guidelines for its future development, planning and promotion to enable States to formulate tourism development strategies,

1. Requests the World Tourism Organization to continue its efforts towards the further development and promotion of tourism, especially in the developing countries, through closer international co-operation pursuant to its statutory objectives and having regard to its central and decisive role in the field of tourism;

2. Urges States to give due attention and co-operation to the preparatory work of the World Tourism Organization for the World Tourism Conference to be held

9/ E/1979/99.

10/ E/4955, annex.

at Manila in 1980, and to ensure representation at the Conference at the highest possible level in order to achieve the most effective results, particularly in the promotion and strengthening of tourism and in developing countries to enable them to derive a fair and equitable share of the benefits of international tourism;

3. Reiterates its invitation, through the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to State Members of the United Nations which are not yet members of the World Tourism Organization to consider becoming members of that organization;

4. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization, to submit the report and recommendations of the World Tourism Conference to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 33/146 of 20 December 1978 on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 26 September 1979, 11/

1. Notes with satisfaction the appointment by the Secretary-General of a co-ordinator to assist the Government of Lebanon in the assessment, formulation and phasing of aid and ensure its implementation within the framework of the needs of Lebanon;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to pursue his efforts to implement fully General Assembly resolution 33/146;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1980 and to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the
occupied Arab territories

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the relevant principles of international law and the provisions of the international conventions and regulations, in particular the Hague Convention IV of 1907 12/ and the fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949, 13/ concerning the obligations and responsibilities of the occupying Power,

Recalling its previous resolutions on permanent sovereignty over natural resources, particularly their provisions supporting resolutely the efforts of the developing countries and the peoples of territories under colonial and racial domination and foreign occupation in their struggle to regain effective control over their natural and all other resources, wealth and economic activities,

Bearing in mind the pertinent provisions of 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 and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling further its resolutions 3175 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, 3336 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3516 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/186 of 21 December 1976 and 32/161 of 19 December 1977 on permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories,

1. Emphasizes the right of the Arab States and peoples whose territories are under Israeli occupation to full and effective permanent sovereignty and control over their natural and all other resources, wealth and economic activities;
2. Reaffirms that all measures undertaken by Israel to exploit the human, natural and all other resources, wealth and economic activities in the occupied Arab territories are illegal and calls upon Israel immediately to desist forthwith from all such measures;
3. Further reaffirms the right of the Arab States and peoples subjected to Israeli aggression and occupation to the restitution of and full compensation for the exploitation, depletion and loss of and damages to their natural, human and all other resources, wealth and economic activities, and calls upon Israel to meet their just claims;

12/ Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, The Hague Conventions and Declarations 1899-1907 (New York, Oxford University Press, 1915), p. 100.

13/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.

4. Calls upon all States to support and assist the Arab States and peoples in the exercise of their above-mentioned rights;

5. Calls upon all States, international organizations, specialized agencies, investment corporations and all other institutions not to recognize, or co-operate with or assist in any manner in, any measures undertaken by Israel to exploit the resources of the occupied territories or to effect any changes in the demographic composition or geographic character or institutional structure of those territories;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session a report which takes into consideration the provisions of paragraph 2 of its resolution 32/161.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 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 resolutions 3335 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3488 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, 32/179 of 19 December 1977 and 33/144 of 20 December 1978 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1978/60 of 3 August 1978 and 1979/48 of 31 July 1979,

Bearing in mind the relevant provisions of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation ^{14/} adopted at the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, held at Lima from 12 to 26 March 1975, which, inter alia, recognized the importance of ensuring an adequate role for the public sector in the expansion of the industrial development of developing countries,

Noting the relevant provisions of the Economic Declaration adopted by the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana from 3 to 9 September 1979, ^{15/}

^{14/} See A/10/12, chap. IV.

^{15/} A/34/542, annex, sect. IV.

Emphasizing the need for an expanded exchange of experience regarding the role of the public sector, especially among the developing countries, through a more detailed examination of its different aspects,

Recalling the pertinent provisions of the above-mentioned resolutions, which reaffirmed the right of every State to exercise full and permanent sovereignty over its natural resources and economic activities for the benefit of its people,

Bearing in mind that every State has the sovereign and inalienable right to choose its economic and social system in accordance with the will of its people, without outside interference,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries; 16/
2. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/48;
3. Invites the United Nations Development Programme and other competent organizations to give, within the context of national development systems and priorities, where appropriate, due consideration to technical co-operation projects for strengthening the role of the public sector and improving the performance of public enterprises;
4. Invites the regional commissions to examine in detail the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of the developing countries of their respective regions, giving particular attention to the aspects noted in paragraph 5 of resolution 32/179;
5. Invites the Secretary-General to continue his detailed study of the role of the public sector and submit, through the Economic and Social Council, a comprehensive report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, paying special attention, inter alia, to the following aspects:

(a) Role of the public sector in the mobilization of national resources for social and economic development;

(b) Role of public enterprises as the main instruments of the public sector and ways of increasing their efficacy;

(c) Ways and means, where appropriate, of strengthening the public sector, including its institutional and managerial capabilities, as a possible basis for developing appropriate national and international measures;

(d) Role of the public sector as a lever for introducing national development plans and establishing social and economic development priorities;

(e) Ways and means of facilitating the practical exchange of experience and information among developing countries on the role of the public sector, for example, the possibility of holding seminars and publishing handbooks on the experience of different countries in developing the public sector;

(f) Role of the public sector in relation to other sectors of economic activity;

6. Reaffirms Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/60 in which the Council, inter alia, invited regional commissions and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system to continue to assist the Secretary-General in preparing further studies on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries.
