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EXAMINATION OF LONG-TERM TRENDS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th meeting, on 21 September 1979, the General Assembly decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Examination of long-term trends in economic development" and allocated it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered this item at its 33rd, 44th, 46th and 52nd meetings, on 7, 19, 21 and 27 November. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/34/SR.33, 44, 46 and 52).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the examination of long-term trends in economic development (A/34/450);

(b) Letter dated 27 July 1979 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the resolutions and final communiqué of the Tenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Fez from 8 to 12 May 1979 (A/34/389 and Corr.1).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.16

4. At the 33rd meeting, on 7 November, the representative of Poland, on behalf of Afghanistan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Colombia, the Congo, Costa Rica,

Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, the German Democratic Republic, Greece, India, Iraq, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/34/L.16), entitled "Examination of long-term trends in economic development".

5. At the 44th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of Poland, on behalf of the sponsors, which had been joined by El Salvador, Mali, Norway, Peru, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Viet Nam, orally revised the draft resolution by:

(a) Inserting the words "and taking into account the international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade" between the words "Development Planning," and "his views" in operative paragraph 3, and

(b) Inserting the word "resumed" between "its" and "second" in operative paragraph 6.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.16, as orally revised (see para. 11, draft resolution I).

7. Statements on the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Jamaica and Turkey (see A/C.2/34/SR.44).

B. Draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.61

8. At the 46th meeting, on 21 November, the representative of the United States of America, on behalf of Finland, India, the Netherlands, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/34/L.61), entitled "Health as an integral part of development". Subsequently, Botswana, Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chad, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mongolia and Sweden joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

9. At the 52nd meeting, on 27 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.61 (see para. 11, draft resolution II).

10. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the World Health Organization made a statement (see A/C.2/34/SR.52).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Examination of long-term trends in economic development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3508 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the examination of long-term trends in the economic development of the regions of the world, which has initiated activities in that field in the United Nations system, and 32/57 of 8 December 1977, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 2090 (LXIII) of 25 July 1977,

Recalling also 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,

Conscious that better knowledge of long-term trends of economic and social development can form a sound scientific basis for the policies and decision-making processes in relation to development strategies and economic co-operation on a national, regional and global scale, thereby usefully supplementing other efforts towards this end within the United Nations system,

Considering that the prevailing economic and social conditions in the regions of the world and on a global scale call for international economic co-operation to be given a long-term dimension,

Aware of the need for the continuation of efforts aimed at an expansion of international economic co-operation as a development factor of ever-growing importance and an indispensable instrument in the process of establishing the new international economic order as well as for the international development strategy for the 1980s,

Mindful of the existing interrelationship and the importance of an interdisciplinary approach regarding issues of development and international economic co-operation,

Taking into account the views on long-term trends in the world economic development contained in document E/1978/138,

1. Takes note of the activities heretofore within the United Nations system relating to long-term economic trends in the regions of the world and of the Secretary-General's progress report on the subject; 1/

2. Requests the Secretary-General, United Nations organizations, organs and bodies concerned to continue their analytical work devoted to the examination of

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long-term economic and social trends and to make them available in the process of formulation of economic policies and decision-making, in particular with regard to development of international co-operation;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at its thirty-fifth session, in consultation with the Committee for Development Planning, and taking into account the international development strategy for the third United Nations Development Decade, his views on the possible outline of, and way of action on, the preparation of an over-all socio-economic perspective of the development of the world economy up to the year 2000, with special emphasis on the period up to 1990, and in particular on problems of the developing countries;

4. Emphasizes the necessity of conducting the above-mentioned work in close relationship with other similar work carried out by various organs of the United Nations system and in particular by the regional economic commissions and those working on the development strategy;

5. Invites all States, as well as the United Nations organizations, organs and bodies concerned, to contribute in their respective areas of competence to the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 above;

6. Requests the Economic and Social Council to consider at its resumed second regular sessions of 1980 and 1981, respectively, an outline and a preliminary draft of the over-all socio-economic perspective ensuing from the analysis as stipulated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session an item entitled "Long-term trends in economic development" to review the progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Health as an integral part of development

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 the United Nations conferences held during recent years on major issues relating to economic and social development and the establishment of the new international economic order, particularly the International Conference on Primary Health Care, jointly sponsored by the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund, held at Alma Ata, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, in 1978,

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Noting that a substantial portion of the population in many countries, developing as well as developed, lacks access to basic health services, and that people lacking adequate health cannot fully participate in or contribute to the economic and social development of their nation,

Welcoming the important efforts of the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund and the other agencies of the United Nations system associated with the effort to attain the goal of "health for all by the year 2000", as expressed in World Health Assembly resolutions WHA30.43 of 19 May 1977 and WHA32.30 of 25 May 1979,

Considering that peace and security are important for the preservation and improvement of the health of all people and that co-operation among nations on vital health issues can contribute importantly to peace,

Cognizant of the vital role that health and health care play in the development of countries, particularly that of developing countries,

1. Endorses the Declaration of Alma Ata, in particular its view that primary health care, aimed at the solution of the major world health problems through a combination of promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative measures, constitutes the key to the ultimate achievement of a healthful society, especially when primary health care is incorporated into the development process, particularly that of developing countries;

2. Notes with approval the decision of the World Health Assembly, contained in resolution WHA32.30, that the development of the programmes of the World Health Organization and the allocation of its resources at the global, regional and country levels should reflect the commitment of that organization to the priority of the achievement of health for all by the year 2000;

3. Calls upon the relevant bodies of the United Nations system to co-ordinate with and support the efforts of the World Health Organization by appropriate actions within their respective spheres of competence;

4. Appeals to Member States to carry out the actions called for in the Declaration of Alma Ata;

5. Reiterates the appeal contained in paragraph 10 of World Health Assembly resolution WHA32.30 to the international community to give full support to the formulation and implementation of national, regional and global strategies for achieving an acceptable level of health care for all;

6. Welcomes the decision of the World Health Assembly to ensure that the global strategy is to be reflected in the contribution of the World Health Organization to the preparation of the new international development strategy of the United Nations and calls upon the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy to give full and careful attention to the contribution of the World Health Organization;

7. Calls upon Member States, both developed and developing, to co-operate with each other and with the World Health Organization in the exchange of technological information and expertise in order to facilitate the achievement of the primary health care goals;

8. Requests the Director General of the World Health Organization, following the sixty-seventh session of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization and the thirty-fourth session of the World Health Assembly, to submit a report to the Economic and Social Council at the appropriate session in 1981 on the progress achieved in the formulation of the global health strategy and, in turn, calls upon the Council to submit recommendations for further action by the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.
