

4. Welcomes resolution 222 (XXI) of 27 September 1980 of the Trade and Development Board⁵³ on the debt and development problems of developing countries and urges all developed donor countries which have not done so to take the necessary steps to implement fully and immediately section A of Board resolution 165 (S-IX) of 11 March 1978,⁵⁴ taking into account paragraph 5 thereof;

5. Takes note of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental High-Level Group of Experts on the Evolution of the International Monetary System,⁵⁵ which met at Geneva from 28 July to 5 August 1980, reaffirms the role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in contributing to the efforts towards the evolution of the international monetary system, particularly regarding the interaction between that system and world trade and development, and urges those countries that did not participate in the work of the Group of Experts to do so in the future;

6. Notes with concern that the United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology did not complete its task at its third session, as called for by the General Assembly in resolution 34/195 of 19 December 1979, decides to convene a fourth session of the Conference from 23 March to 10 April 1981 and reiterates its call for the necessary political will and flexibility on the part of all Governments in order to reach agreement on the outstanding issues and to take all decisions necessary for the adoption of the international code of conduct on the transfer of technology, bearing in mind the interests and concerns of the developing countries;

7. Notes with satisfaction the adoption of the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1979,⁵⁶ and urges Governments that have signed it but have not yet completed the procedures required for ratification, acceptance or approval of the Agreement to do so as soon as possible, and Governments that have not yet signed the Agreement but wish to accede to it to do so without delay after its provisional entry into force, so that the Agreement may enter into force definitively at an early date.

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35/61. Action programme in favour of developing island countries

The General Assembly,

Reiterating the programme of specific action in favour of developing island countries envisaged in resolutions 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976⁵⁷ and 111 (V) of 3 June 1979⁵⁸ of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Recalling its resolutions 31/156 of 21 December 1976, 32/185 of 19 December 1977 and 34/205 of 19 December 1979 and other resolutions of the United

⁵³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/35/15)*, vol. II, annex I.

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/33/15 and Corr.1)*, vol. I, part one, annex I.

⁵⁵ TD/B/823-TD/B/AC.32/2.

⁵⁶ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.II.D.5.

⁵⁷ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10 and corrigendum), part one, sect. A.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, *Fifth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

Nations relating to the special needs and problems of developing island countries,

Mindful that further specific action is needed to assist developing island countries—in particular those which suffer handicaps due especially to smallness, remoteness, constraints in transport and communications, great distances from market centres, highly limited internal markets, lack of marketing expertise, low resource endowment, lack of natural resources, heavy dependence on a few commodities for their foreign exchange earnings, shortage of administrative personnel and heavy financial burdens—in offsetting the major handicaps that they face in their development process,

Bearing in mind the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁵⁹

1. Notes with concern that very few significant initiatives have so far been taken for the implementation of the specific actions envisaged in resolutions 98 (IV) and 111 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. Appeals to all States, international organizations and financial institutions to take urgent and effective steps to implement specific actions in favour of developing island countries, as envisaged in resolutions 98 (IV) and 111 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as well as in other resolutions on this subject;

3. Invites the competent organizations of the United Nations system to take further measures as necessary to enhance their capacity to respond positively to the specific needs of developing island countries during the Third United Nations Development Decade;

4. Decides to undertake at its thirty-seventh session a comprehensive review of the implementation of the measures taken by the international community in favour of the specific needs of the developing island countries, as called for in the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and other resolutions on this subject.

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35/62. 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 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 32/192 of 19 December 1977 and 33/151 of 20 December 1978, entitled "Reverse transfer of technology", as well as its resolution 34/200 of 19 December 1979 on development aspects of the reverse transfer of technology,

Noting 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 1979,⁶⁰

⁵⁹ See resolution 35/56 above, annex.

⁶⁰ See A/34/542, annex, sect. IV.