

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION

Notice to Members

Enclosed herewith, on the recommendation of Mr DEWULF, are the French and English texts of the resolution on an international development strategy for the third United Nations Development Decade, as adopted by Committee No. 2 of the thirty-third session of the General Assembly.

This text has not yet been adopted by the General Assembly.

Translations of the text in the other official languages will be issued as soon as possible.

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR COMMITTEES
AND INTER-PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS

Annex: text of the resolution in French and English

Luxembourg, 22 December 1978

Preparations for an international development strategy
for the third United Nations Development Decade

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 cooperation,

recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the regional commissions, and other organs and organizations of the United Nations system having a direct bearing on the formulation of the new international development strategy,

taking note of the decision adopted by the Assembly of heads of state and government of the Organization of African Unity at its fourteenth ordinary session, held at Libreville from 2 to 5 July 1977, approving the revised framework of principles for the implementation of the new international economic order in Africa, 1976-1986 (see a/32/310, annex II),

taking note also of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session (official records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 6, s/1978/46 and Corr. 1),

noting that there is a relationship between development and peace, security and disarmament,

deeply concerned by the fact that inequities and imbalances in international economic relations have widened the gap between the developed and developing countries, and that they constitute major obstacles to the development of the developing countries and adversely affect international relations and the promotion of world peace and security,

recognising the crucial and urgent need for national and international measures for the accelerated economic and social development of the developing countries,

recognising also the continuing need to identify and meet development needs of developing countries,

recognising further that trends in the world economy during the second United Nations Development Decade which have adversely affected the situation of the developing countries have made all the more precarious the grave situation already facing the least developed among the developing countries, and that special energetic and effective measures must be taken to ensure their accelerated development,

recognising the continuing necessity for special measures and specific action to meet the special and pressing problems of the land-locked, island and most seriously affected developing countries,

reiterating the conviction that in the context of the efforts required to achieve a just and equitable relationship between the developed and the developing countries, it is imperative to bring about far-reaching changes in the structure of the present international economic system,

recognising that the formulation of a new international development strategy should be an integral part of the continuing efforts of the international community to accelerate the development of the developing countries, and to establish the new international economic order,

bearing in mind the results of major United Nations meetings and conferences on world economic and social development, held during the second United Nations Development Decade,

I.

1. affirms that the new international development strategy should be designed to promote the development of the developing countries, should be formulated within the framework of the new international economic order and be directed towards the achievement of its objectives, should be a vast undertaking involving the entire international community for the promotion of international cooperation for development, and should specify goals, objectives and policy measures addressed to both developed and developing countries for accelerating the development of the developing countries, and thereby contribute to the solution of international economic problems and sustained global economic development, and also be supported by such development on the basis of justice, equality and mutual benefit,

2. decides that the new international development strategy should provide a set of interrelated and concerted measures in all sectors of development in order to promote the economic and social development of the developing countries and to ensure their equitable, full and effective participation in the formulation and application of all decisions in the field of development and international economic cooperation,

3. further decides that the new international development strategy should therefore address itself, inter alia, to the following objectives:

(a) bringing about, in the spirit of mutual benefit, far-reaching changes in the structure of world production with a view to expand and diversify the production of, and provide for additional employment in, the developing countries,

(b) increasing substantially food and agricultural production in the developing countries and facilitating effectively the access of their agricultural exports to international markets on a stable and more predictable basis and at fair remunerative prices,

(c) developing institutional and physical infrastructure in the various development sectors in the developing countries,

(d) promoting industrialization in the developing countries, and, to that end, ensuring, inter alia, speedy and tangible progress towards the fulfilment of the target of increasing to the maximum possible extent and as far as possible the share of developing countries in total world industrial production to at least 25 per cent by the year 2000,

(e) improving the terms of trade of developing countries, ensuring a substantial increase of their share in world exports especially through the expansion and diversification of their production and trade, and extending to them special and preferential treatment, where feasible and appropriate, in the context of the general effort to liberalise world trade particularly in their favour, as steps towards promoting equity in trade relations between the developing and the developed countries,

(f) increasing substantially the flow of resources in real terms to the developing countries on a predictable, continuous and increasingly assured basis,

(g) enhancing the responsiveness of the international monetary system to the needs and interests of the developing countries in the

context of further reform of the system for the benefit of the international community,

(h) promoting the transfer of technology to developing countries by securing the removal to the fullest extent possible of obstacles to, and taking positive measures for, such transfer, as well as the development of indigenous capacity in the field of science and technology in these countries and formulation of national and international policies to avoid the reverse transfer of technology and the outflow of skilled personnel,

4. emphasises in this connection that the new international development strategy should reflect, in an appropriate manner, the need for:

(a) adequate policies for the promotion of social development, to be defined by each country within the framework of its development plans and priorities and in accordance with its socio-economic structure and stage of development, taking into account that the final aim of development must be the constant increase of the well-being of the entire population on the basis of its full participation in the process of development and a fair distribution of the benefits therefrom,

(b) full mobilisation of national resources, both human and material, of developing countries,

(c) the mobilisation and integration of women and youth in development,

(d) the protection of the environment and taking environmental considerations into account in accordance with the development plans and priorities of developing countries,

5. also emphasises that the new international development strategy should contribute to the promotion of the objective of national and collective self-reliance of the developing countries, especially through the promotion and support of economic and technical cooperation among themselves,

6. further emphasises that the new international development strategy should give particular attention to the most pressing problems and deteriorating situations of the least developed countries and should contain special and effective measures towards the elimination of the basic constraints facing these countries and to ensure their accelerated development,

7. emphasises further that the new international development strategy should also contain specific measures and actions to meet the special and pressing problems of the land-locked, island and most seriously affected developing countries,

8. emphasises that, in order to launch the new international development strategy on a sound footing, it is of fundamental importance that the current and projected negotiations and conferences under the aegis of the United Nations system and on the major international development issues relating to the establishment of the new international economic order be completed speedily and successfully,

9. decides that the results of the conferences and meetings relating to the establishment of the new international economic order should be given full consideration in the preparation of the new international development strategy,

10. also decides that, for the purpose of achieving the objectives set out in paragraphs 1 to 9 above, the new international development strategy should, within the framework of viable, consistent, specific, quantitative and qualitative goals and objectives - both overall and sectoral - define the role of, and where appropriate contain, agreed commitments of all countries, expressed in quantified terms or in a time framework, or in both, for the adoption and implementation of policy measures to achieve the above goals and objectives,

11. stresses that the new international development strategy should take fully into account that colonialism, imperialism, neo-colonialism, interference in internal affairs, apartheid, racial discrimination and all forms of foreign aggression and occupation constitute major obstacles to the economic emancipation and development of the developing countries and people and therefore must be eliminated without delay,

12. decides that the new international development strategy should envisage appropriate arrangements for reviewing the progress in its implementation and its possible adaptation in the light of new needs or developments, while fully adhering to the ultimate achievement of the international development strategy within the decade.

II.

1. Decides to establish a preparatory committee for the preparation of the new international development strategy, which should be provided with the necessary conference facilities and should hold an organizational session early in 1979 at United Nations headquarters,
2. also decides that the preparatory committee shall be open to the participation of all states as full members and shall be responsible to the General Assembly and report to it through the Economic and Social Council,
3. requests the preparatory committee to establish its programme of work and calendar of meetings in such a manner as to be able to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session, 1979, a preliminary draft of the new international development strategy, with a view to finalising it in time for its adoption in 1980,
4. invites all states to participate actively in the work of the preparatory committee and to make an effective contribution to the formulation of the new international development strategy,
5. stresses that, in order to establish a solid basis for the preparations, research and planning for development within the framework of the United Nations system should be geared towards the above-mentioned objectives,
6. invites the Committee for Development Planning to take fully into account in its future work the new international development strategy in accordance with the objectives set forth above,
7. requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation with the responsibility for providing overall guidance, orientation and coordination for the contributions of the relevant secretariats of the United Nations system to the formulation of the new international development strategy and submit relevant documentation in this regard to the preparatory committee,

8. requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the executive heads of the other organs, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system to cooperate fully with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation in fulfilling his task in connection with the formulation of the new international development strategy,

9. requests the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, as appropriate, to bring their respective regional experiences to bear on the preparation of their inputs to the formulation of the new international development strategy, taking fully into account the different levels of development and differing development situations of their respective regions,

10. requests the United Nations secretariat in the light particularly of its responsibilities regarding interdisciplinary research and analysis as well as technical cooperation, the regional commissions, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Fund for population activities, and the specialised agencies, including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, as well as the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organizations in the United Nations system, to contribute effectively to the preparatory work for the new international development strategy by providing inputs, including relevant documentation, in accordance with the objectives set forth above.

