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44/169. Preparation of the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/193 of 11 December 1987 and 43/182 of 20 December 1988,

1. Takes note of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Whole for the Preparation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;²

2. Recommends that the *Ad Hoc* Committee adopt the outline contained in the annex to the present resolution as the basis for the elaboration of the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade.

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ANNEX

Outline for the elaboration of the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade

I. PREAMBLE

Review of the 1980s and prospects for the 1990s, with a view to adopting a flexible economic framework for growth and development for the 1990s, taking into account the results of the special session of the General Assembly devoted to international economic co-operation, in particular to the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries.

II. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

To promote the development of developing countries in the context of the strengthening of global development.

III. POLICIES AND MEASURES

The strategy should focus on national efforts in all countries and on international co-operation for the 1990s.

The strategy should address, *inter alia*:

(a) Reactivation and acceleration of broad durable economic growth and development, including:

- (i) External debt;
- (ii) International trade and commodities;
- (iii) Technology;

(iv) Industrial policies; food and agricultural policies;

(v) Economic policy frameworks;

(b) Priority aspects of development:

(i) Eradication of poverty and hunger;

(ii) Human resources and institutional development;

(iii) Population;

(iv) Environment;

(v) Food and agriculture;

(c) The need to take account of different requirements, situations and problems, including those of the least developed countries;

(d) Development financing.

IV. ROLE OF UNITED NATIONS ORGANS

V. REVIEW AND APPRAISAL

44/170. Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

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, which laid the foundations of the new international economic order,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,³

Deeply concerned that, since the adoption of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, the economic situation of the developing countries has continuously worsened and the economic, social, scientific and technological disparities between the developed and the developing countries have continued to widen,

Emphasizing that the aggravation of global economic problems, which affect in particular the developing countries, necessitates more concerted international action in order to facilitate the establishment of just and equitable economic relations and the promotion of international social justice,

² Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 41 and corrigendum (A/44/41 and Corr.1).

³ A/44/266-E/1989/65 and Add.1 and 2.

1. *Calls upon* all States to take concrete steps and measures to implement fully the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, thus contributing to the effective restructuring of the international economic system and to the reactivation of the economic growth and development of the developing countries;
2. *Reaffirms* the right of every country to adopt without external interference the economic and social system that it deems most appropriate for its own development;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session an analytical report on the progress achieved in compliance with the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and its impact on the solution of the main economic problems confronting the developing countries and the reactivation of their economic growth and development.

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44/171. Integration of women in development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 40/204 of 17 December 1985 on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development, in which it requested the Secretary-General to update the *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development* on a regular basis,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/64 of 23 July 1986 concerning the approach to be taken in updating the world survey and General Assembly resolution 42/178 of 11 December 1987, and taking note of Council resolutions 1989/106 of 27 July 1989 on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development and 1989/105 of 27 July 1989 on system-wide co-ordination of activities to advance the status of women and to integrate women in development,

Stressing the need for the operational activities for development of the United Nations system to take fully into account the position of women, and recognizing the catalytic role played by the United Nations Development Fund for Women,

Recalling the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women⁴ and stressing that activities for the integration of women in development should take into account the relevant recommendations contained therein,

Taking note of the 1989 *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development*⁵ and the report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development,⁶

Recognizing the contribution of new concepts and methods in collection of statistics on women, which enhance the depth and coverage of the analysis,

Bearing in mind that the world survey, as a fundamental assessment of the progress or lack of progress in the advancement of women, should constitute the basic documentation for the world conference on women envisaged in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,⁴

Recognizing that for many women, particularly in developing countries, the evolution of the economic and social situation during the 1980s has not resulted in the benefits anticipated at the beginning of the decade,

Recognizing also the significant contribution women make to economic activity and the major force they represent for change and development in all sectors of the economy, especially in key areas such as agriculture, industry and services, and convinced that the development process should seek to improve and facilitate their participation in all areas of the economy,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to distribute the 1989 *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development*,⁵ especially to national machineries for the advancement of women, ministries concerned with economic policy and universities;

2. *Invites* Governments to take into account, as appropriate, the recommendations contained in the 1989 *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development* in designing national policies for development, adjustment and economic reform;

3. *Considers* that the economic role and potential of women should be taken into account fully in the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session an annotated outline of the next regular update of the world survey and requests that the completed update be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council and in co-operation with the organizations of the United Nations system, in a timely manner in order to allow its proper consideration;

5. *Requests* that the next edition of the world survey, taking into account the recommendations contained in the 1989 *World Survey on the Role of Women in Development*, address the impact on women of the prevailing economic conditions in developing countries and identify obstacles to women's economic role in key areas of development, with particular focus on the socio-economic aspects of emerging trends with respect to women and education, health, population, income distribution, employment and the environment, as well as the participation of women in economic and political decision-making and their economic role at the national, regional and international levels, and that it contain proposals for concerted national, regional and international action to enhance the role of women as development agents and beneficiaries;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in updating the world survey, to ensure that its preparation is co-ordinated with that of the *World Economic Survey*, the medium-term plan and the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to develop gender disaggregated data and indicators concerning the role of women in development, including regular updates of the United Nations Women's Indicators and Statistics Data Base, at two-year intervals; in this context, particular attention should be given to economic statistics that take into account the remunerated and unremunerated contribution of women to development and to including the informal sector in the new systems of national accounts and balances to reflect adequately women's activities and ensuring that relevant studies and documents produced by the United Nations system contain such data;

8. *Calls upon* the organizations of the United Nations system to assist Governments, at their request, in monitor

⁴ *Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace. Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

⁵ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.89.IV.2.

⁶ A/44/290-E/1989/105.