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I. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (ECLAC)

Resolutions adopted by the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee at its first session, 31 October - 4 November 1985

2(I). Possible areas of co-operation of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee with other member countries of ECLAC

- l. Reiterates the request made by ECLAC to the Executive Secretary to undertake, without further delay, a study aimed at identifying concrete activities that would contribute to strengthening the co-operation between member countries of the Committee and other member countries of the Commission within the sphere of action of the ECLAC offices in Mexico and Bogotaá;
- 2. <u>Invites</u> the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and pertinent United Nations specialized agencies to support the initiative referred to in the previous paragraph.
 - II. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD)
 - A. Resolutions adopted by the Trade and Development Board at its thirtieth session, 18-29 March 1985

309(XXX). Services

The Trade and Development Board

- 1. Agrees that the contribution of UNCTAD to future work, pursuant to Conference resolution 159 (VI), of 2 July 1983 should encompass, in addition to the ongoing work on specific sectors of services;
 - (a) Consideration of the definitional aspects of services;
- (b) Strengthening and refining of the data base at the national, regional and international levels, together with methodological improvement in this field;
- (c) Further in-depth studies of the role of services in the development process to enable countries to analyse the role of the services sector in their economies and its contribution to all aspects of the development process;

- (d) Assisting, upon request, within available resources, interested member States in their analysis of the role of services in their economies;
- 2. Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to invite the United Nations Development Programme and other appropriate sources to provide assistance in meeting individual and joint requests in the implementation of paragraph 1 of the present decision.
 - B. Resolutions adopted by the Trade and Development Board at its thirty-first session, 6-27 September 1985
- 319 (XXXI). Specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries

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- 14. Further requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to seek extrabudgetary resources, including funds from the United Nations Development Programme and other voluntary contributions, in order to enable him to comply with paragraphs 9, 10 and 13 of the present resolution;
- 325(XXXI). Towards the technological transformation of developing countries in the pharmaceutical sector
- 2. <u>Invites</u> the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development, the United Nations Development Programme and other financing programmes to attach priority to the joint inter-agency project on "Formulation of appropriate strategies for facilitating pharmaceutical supplies to developing countries ", for which the World Health Organization has been designated lead agency, and provide adequate resources for its implementation;
- 321(XXXI). Trade relations among countries having different economic and social systems and all trade flows resulting therefrom
- 5. Notes with appreciation the UNCTAD technical assistance activities in the area of trade of the developing countries with the Socialist countries of

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Eastern Europe and again requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to ensure adequate support, including from resources provided for technical assistance within the existing budgetary resources, for the implementation of technical assistance projects and programmes of UNCTAD in the area of promoting trade and economic co-operation of developing countries, particularly the least developed among them, with the Socialist countries of Eastern Europe; invites the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to hold the necessary consultations with a view to their financing, especially in the 1987-1991 cycle; and invites also voluntary contributions for these purposes.

C. Conclusions adopted by the Meeting of Governmental Experts on Co-operative Exchange of Skills among Developing Countries

6-15 February 1986

Recommends that the Board, at its thirtieth session, propose to the High-level Committee to consider at its fourth session, in regard to TCDC, inviting the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to undertake, in co-operation with other relevant organizations of the United Nations system and in particular, UNDP, an in-depth study on a broad geographical basis on the role of technical co-operation among developing countries and, in particular, the exchange of skills among them in the transfer of technology, assessing, in particular, their current contribution in the technological transformation of developing countries and proposing measures designed to strengthen that role in the transfer of technology;

D. Resolutions adopted by the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries at its sixth session 28 September - 11 October 1985

Island and land-locked countries

57. Requests the United Nations system, in particular the UNDP, to continue to support those LDCs in the solution of their specific transit-transportation and communications problems;

III. UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)

Decisions adopted by the Governing Council at its 13th session, 14-24 May 1985

13/9. State-of-the-environment reports

A. State-of-the-environment report 1985

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- 4. Also invites the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, acting in its capacity as governing body of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, and the United Nations Population Commission, to consider the recommendations for action listed in part two of the report with a view to supporting their implementation:
- 5. Further invites the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, non-governmental organizations such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, and multilateral and bilateral development assistance organizations, to co-operate with the Environment Programme in pilot activities, the latter's part in those activities to be undertaken within the available resources of the Programme, to identify and assess areas in which an integrated approach to solving population and environment problems could be achieved:

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13/30. Desertification

A. Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

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9. <u>Invites</u> the Executive Director to consult each of the principal international organizatons which are funding desertification control activities, including the World Bank and the regional development banks, the United Nations Development Programme, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the international centres for agricultural research and the Club du Sahel, to ascertain how the Environment Programme can best assist and facilitate those efforts, and to recommend to the Council at its fourteenth session measures that can be taken to enhance the effectiveness of co-operation between the Environment Programme and those institutions;

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- B. Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region
- 2. Authorizes the Executive Director to continue support to the Office as a joint venture with the United Nations Development Programme;
- 3. Urges the Executive Director and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to consolidate the achievements realized so far by the Office and to intensify efforts to mobilize resources for continued assistance to the countries served by the Office in combating desertification;
- 13/33. Additional sources of funding
 - 2. Requests the Executive Director
- (c) To intensify co-operation between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, enabling specific activities to be financed through funding by the latter,
 - IV. OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR)

Decisions adopted by the Executive Committee at its thirty-sixth session, 7-18 October 1985

- VI. Refugee aid and development
- (b) <u>Urged</u> the High Commissioner to continue seeking further opportunities to help refugees through developmental activities, in co-operation with the World Bank, UNDP and other organizations specialized in development assistance, as well as with non-governmental organizations with experience and expertise in the field;

IX. UNHCR assistance activities

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(h) Requested Governments of countries of asylum to give consideration to the inclusion of development-oriented refugee programmes in their national development plans;

V. UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT)

Resolutions adopted on 8 May 1985 by the Commission on Human Settlements at its eighth session

- 8/12. Financing of human settlements
- 4. <u>Urges</u> multilateral and bilateral agencies to restructure their present system of technical assistance for housing and human settlements development in order to give more emphasis to the provision of infrastructure, equipment and training.
- 8/16. Additional resources for the United Nations HABITAT and Human Settlements Foundation
- 2. Also requests the Executive Director to intensify his close co-operation with the United Nations Development Programme, thereby ensuring more financing of specific activities from the resources of that agency;

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- VI. UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY (UNU)
- A. <u>Decisions of the Council adopted</u> at its twenty-fifth session, 8-12 July 1985
- 4. Adopted the following resolution on the proposed Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (INRA):

The Council is pleased with the outcome of the technical meeting concerning the programme of work of INRA and thanks the Government of France for hosting the meeting. The Council appreciates UNDP's readiness to support INRA financially, the World Bank's technical advice and support, and the agreement concluded with the OAU and ECA to ensure co-operation with African regional institutions.

B. Decisions of the Council adopted at its twenty-sixth session, 9-13 December 1985

8. Adopted the following statement on the establishment of the Institute of Natural Resources in Africa (INRA):

The Council is greatly encouraged by the progress made towards the establishment of INRA. The Council endorses the Prospectus prepared for INRA and the initial priority projects set out in the document. The Council appreciates the interest shown in INRA by a number of Governments, international organizations and agencies and appeals to these potential donors to provide the necessary financial resources for INRA. The Council reiterates the necessity for an endowment fund for INRA to provide an assured basic income and ensure the long-term viability of the Institute. The Council also stresses the importance of operating and project contributions to supplement the interest income from the investment of an endowment fund. The Council expects to make a decision regarding the formal establishment of INRA at its twenty-seventh session in July 1986 and accordingly, requests the various prospective donors to make generous pledges and contributions for INRA in the near future.

VII. INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO)

Resolutions adopted by the Assembly at its 14th session, 11-22 November 1985

A. 559(14). The World Maritime University

- 1. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to enhance significantly its annual contribution to the World Maritime University during the next UNDP programming cycle, 1987-1991;
- 5. Requests developing countries to give priority to fellowships for the World Maritime University in discussions with bilateral donors and with the United Nations Development Programme;
- A. 587(14). Arrangements for combating major incidents or threats of marine pollution

Recognizing the roles of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the protection of the marine environment and their long-standing co-operation with the Organization in this area.

1. <u>Invites</u> the Secretary-General, in co-operation with UNEP, UNDP and other organizations concerned, as appropriate, to undertake on a priority basis an evaluation of the problems of countries faced with the threat of major marine pollution from spillages of oil and other hazardous substances, taking into consideration the roles of the respective organizations in dealing with these problems;

VIII. UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO)

Resolutions taken by the General Conference 8 October-9 November 1985

- 8.1. Principles, methods and strategies of action for development
 - 2. <u>Invites</u> the Director-General in particular:
 - (a) under Programme VIII.I, "Study and planning of development",
 - (ii) to co-operate with member States and the other organizations of the United Nations system with a view to facilitating the implementation of development policies, in particular by encouraging the preparation of development planning and evaluation methods in UNESCO's fields of competence, by furthering knowledge of the relations between development, population and technological progress, particularly in rural areas, by organizing training activities and promoting increased awareness among planners and evaluation specialists in UNESCO's field of competence, and by encouraging the definition of problems relating to women in terms which can be reflected in development planning;
- 11.9. Integration of culture and development
- 2. <u>Urges</u> the Director-General to find ways of encouraging economic and development agencies to pay greater attention to the cultural dimension in their strategies and plans and to have greater regard for the consequences of their programmes on the cultural life of the people being assisted.

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IX. UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (UNIDO)

Decisions adopted by the General Conference at its first regular session (second part), 9-13 December 1985

GC.1/Dec.39. Agreement between UNIDO and the United Nations Development Programme

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The General Conference

- (a) <u>Took note</u> of the draft agreement between the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and UNIDO, prepared by the secretariat (UNIDO/IDB.1.9, annex II) and of the observations made during the second part of the first session of the Board as well as further observations made by Governments:
- (b) <u>Requested</u> the Director-General, on the basis of the draft agreement and the observations referred to above, to commence negotiations with the Administrator of UNDP with a view to establishing a final text as soon as possible;
- (c) <u>Authorized</u> the Director-General to conclude the agreement on behalf of UNIDO.

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X. WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION (WTO)

Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth session, 17-26 September 1985

A/Res/158/VI. Progress report of the Secretary-General since the fifth session of the General Assembly

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- 10. Requests, in this context, that States increasingly entrust to WTO the execution of technical co-operation projects financed by UNDP;
- 13. Requests the UNDP Administrator to arrange for WTO to be entrusted, wherever appropriate and depending on the availability of funds, with projects for which it has the capacity of decision, with particular regard to the financing, without commission, of sectoral support missions.
- 14. Congratulates the management of UNDP and the resident representatives on the understanding they now show WTO as an executing agency for UNDP:

