

### 1723 (LIII). Review and appraisal

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 on the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and 2801 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 on the review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the Strategy, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1556 B (XLIX) of 31 July 1970 on the procedure for review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the Strategy, and 1621 (LI) and 1625 (LI) of 30 July 1971 relating to the process of over-all review and appraisal,

*Bearing in mind* that the periodic review and appraisal of progress made in the Second United Nations Development Decade is of crucial importance for the fulfilment of the objectives and targets as laid down in the International Development Strategy,

*Convinced* that a concerted action by Governments, the appropriate intergovernmental bodies and all bodies of the United Nations concerned, including the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, is needed to enable the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council and with the expert assistance of the Committee for Development Planning within the framework of its specific mandate, to arrive at meaningful decisions within the framework of the International Development Strategy,

*Recalling* resolution 79 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,<sup>17</sup> and reaffirming the essential role and responsibility of the Conference and of the other sectoral bodies of the United Nations family and the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut in reviewing the progress made in the implementation of the International Development Strategy in their fields of competence,

*Agreeing* with the view expressed by the Committee on Review and Appraisal in paragraph 15 of its report on its first session<sup>18</sup> that the review and appraisal exercise should contribute to the effective mobilization of public opinion in favour of the objectives and policy measures for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee on Review and Appraisal on its first session;

2. *Endorses* the time-table set up by the Committee on Review and Appraisal;<sup>19</sup>

3. *Invites* Governments, intergovernmental organs and all United Nations bodies concerned to assist the

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>18</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/5184).*

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 15.

Committee on Review and Appraisal, in order that this Committee may be able to fulfil its responsibilities adequately.

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### 1725 (LIII). Provisional agenda for the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the decision taken at its forty-eighth session that a conference on international container traffic should be convened jointly by the United Nations and the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization,<sup>20</sup>

*Recalling further* its resolutions 1568 (L) and 1569 (L) of 10 and 12 May 1971 respectively on preparation for the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic, in which, *inter alia*, it requested that a small intergovernmental preparatory group be convened to propose a specific provisional agenda for the Conference,

*Having considered* the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group,<sup>21</sup>

*Taking note* of the study entitled "Economic implications, in particular for developing countries, of the proposed convention on international combined transport of goods"<sup>22</sup> presented by the Secretary-General, the conclusions of which are summarized in a note by the Secretary-General,<sup>23</sup>

*Aware* that the study undertaken by the Secretary-General has suffered from a great paucity of data in such a manner as not to provide an adequate basis for an evaluation of all the implications of the draft convention on international combined transport of goods (draft TCM convention), and that, at the second special session of the Committee on Shipping of the Trade and Development Board, it had not been possible to study and examine in depth the study on the economic implications of the draft TCM convention,

*Considering* that a possible convention on combined transport needs previous in-depth consideration of such aspects as the possible repercussions on factors such as international trade, balance-of-payments questions, shipping and other modes of transport, freight rates and insurance,

*Noting with appreciation* the report on the second special session of the Committee on Shipping,<sup>24</sup> convened by the Trade and Development Board in pursuance of paragraph 8 of Council resolution 1568 (L),

<sup>20</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Resumed Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 1.A (E/4832/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1)*, p. 17.

<sup>21</sup> E/5096.

<sup>22</sup> ST/ECA/160.

<sup>23</sup> E/5111.

<sup>24</sup> *Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 3 (TD/B/402-TD/B/C.4/100).*