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363 (XVII) CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND REGIONS
OF DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Noting General Assembly resolutions 3177 (XXVIII), 3241 (XXIX), 3442 (XXX) and 31/119 on economic co-operation among developing countries, and resolutions 3202 (S-VI) and 3362 (S-VIII), particularly sections VII and VI, respectively, as well as resolutions 2974 (XXVII), 3251 (XXIX) and 3461 (XXX) on technical co-operation among developing countries and resolutions 31/179 concerning the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,

Noting also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1963 (LIX) on technical co-operation among developing countries and 2023 (LXI) concerning the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, as well as resolution 2043 (LXI) on strengthening of the regional commissions for regional and interregional co-operation, particularly operative paragraph 5 recommending the co-operation of United Nations organizations and specialized agencies with the regional economic commissions "with a view to making them centres for the formulation, co-ordination and implementation of programmes for the promotion of co-operation among States members of the respective commissions",

Noting further decision 142 (XVI) adopted by the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, establishing a Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries, and particularly its functions of strengthening the mutual co-operation among developing countries at the subregional, regional and interregional levels,

Recalling its resolutions 316 (XV) of 29 March 1973 on co-operation among developing countries of different geographical areas and 354 (XVI) of 13 May 1975 on technical co-operation among developing countries,

Mindful of the Manila Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the Third Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Seventy-seven (2 to 7 February 1977), and in particular of Part Two, section C, which stresses the need to foster mutual co-operation among developing countries,

Bearing in mind the Measures for Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries adopted at the Conference of the Group of Seventy-seven (Mexico City, 13 to 22 September 1976), in particular the requests for assistance on different aspects of these Measures addressed by the Conference to the regional economic commissions,

Convinced that the concept of collective self-reliance represents a renewed effort of co-operation among developing countries aimed at achieving forms of mutual support and complementarity in the development of their respective economies and societies,

Recognizing the increasing importance of programmes of mutual co-operation among developing countries and regions of different geographical areas as a strategy for accelerating their development on the basis of the principle of collective self-reliance,

Conscious of the role that the Commission should play in the mobilization and more effective utilization of domestic resources at the subregional and regional levels to reinforce the unity and capacity of the developing countries of the region for joint action and for self-reliant national development,

1. Takes note of the final report of the Regional Intergovernmental Meeting on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries convened by the United Nations Development Programme in co-operation with the Economic Commission for Latin America in Lima, Peru, from 10 to 15 May 1976 (DP/TCDC/RBLA/10);

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Expedite the necessary institutional arrangements to establish within the secretariat, in close co-operation with

the competent bodies of the United Nations system, a special unit to promote mutual co-operation among developing countries of the region, paying particular attention to geographically disadvantaged and land-locked countries, and between those countries and the countries of other geographical areas, with the objective of integrating this activity fully within the programme of work of the Commission in order to implement without delay the recommendations addressed to the regional economic commissions in the report of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (DP/69), in the relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions on economic and technical co-operation among developing countries, and in other United Nations fora;

(b) Take the necessary measures to develop and intensify mutual co-operation with the secretariats of other regional economic commissions with a view to promoting programmes and projects for the mobilization of economic and technical co-operation at the regional and interregional levels, including the organization and holding of seminars and meetings of working groups, if required and in co-ordination with other competent bodies of the United Nations system, in which a technical dialogue and exchange of experience can be effected;

(c) Invite the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to organize jointly a meeting at the technical level on interregional horizontal co-operation between the secretariats of both regional commissions and to convene in due course an interregional meeting at governmental level to discuss appropriate measures for the implementation of concrete projects of co-operation among the African and Latin American regions;

(d) Assist the United Nations Development Programme, as required, in the preparatory activities concerned with the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries to be held in Buenos Aires from 27 March to 7 April 1978;

(e) Take all appropriate measures to assist the developing member countries of the Commission and the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the recommendations contained in the final report of the Regional Intergovernmental Meeting on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries held in Lima, Peru;

(f) Assist the developing member countries of the Commission, as appropriate, in their preparations for the Buenos Aires Conference.

3. Urges all developing member nations of the region to establish appropriate mechanisms for promoting technical co-operation activities among themselves;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to make adequate provision in order to enable the secretariat of the Commission to carry out its activities effectively in the sphere of co-operation among developing countries and regions of different geographical areas in compliance with operative paragraphs 6 and 7 of Economic and Social Council resolutions 2043 (LXI);

5. Decides to include an item on co-operation among developing countries and regions of different geographical areas in the agenda of all the biennial sessions of the Commission as a permanent question to be examined by the Member Governments.

201st. meeting
5 May 1977