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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Development Decade was held at United Nations Headquarters, New York, from 14 April to 1 May 1969.

2. The Committee adopted the following agenda (A/AC.141/1):

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Organization of work
4. Elements to be included in the international development strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade
5. Establishment of priorities for the consideration of different elements of the international development strategy
6. Discussion on the nature of commitments
7. Over-all growth targets for the Decade
8. Other related targets
9. Social development targets
10. Work programme of the Committee for 1969 and 1970
11. Provisional agenda for the third session
12. Approval of interim report

3. The Committee held fifteen meetings in which statements on various agenda items were made (see summary records A/AC.141/SR.4-13). The conclusions of the Committee at its second session are contained in paragraphs 4 to 16.
II. ELEMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE; ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITIES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY; WORK PROGRAMME OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 1969 AND 1970 (agenda items 4, 5 and 10)

4. There was a broad measure of agreement in the Committee that international development strategy for the 1970s would consist of the following:

(a) Specification of objectives;
(b) Policy measures designed to fulfill these objectives;
(c) Review and appraisal of both objectives and policies; and
(d) Mobilization of public opinion.

5. Although the Committee did not reach a decision on the final form of the document on the international development strategy for the 1970s to be submitted to the General Assembly, it envisaged that the document would, inter alia, include a preambular declaration.

6. The Committee agreed on a list of key areas for international co-operation for development during the Decade. The list is by no means exhaustive and there will be scope for the inclusion of additional areas in which there might exist possibilities for effective international co-operation during the Decade. The order in which the key areas are placed in the list does not indicate any priority as regards their importance. The list is set out below.

Key areas for international co-operation for development during the next Decade

1. International trade:
   (a) Trade in primary commodities:
      (i) Commodity agreements, including buffer stock financing;
      (ii) Access to markets;
      (iii) Diversification programmes;
      (iv) Problems posed by competition from synthetics and substitutes;
      (v) Pricing policy.
(b) Exports of manufactures and semi-manufactures from developing to developed countries:

(i) Elimination of obstacles and restrictions affecting imports from developing countries;
(ii) Scheme of generalized non-discriminatory and non-reciprocal preferences in favour of developing countries.

(c) Trade between developing countries and centrally planned economies;
(d) Trade promotion.

2. Trade expansion, economic co-operation and regional integration among developing countries.

3. Financial resources for development:

(a) Domestic financial resources:
   (i) Public and private saving;
   (ii) Fiscal and financial policies; tax reform;
   (iii) Promotion of public and private investment.

(b) External financial resources:
   (i) Volume of transfer of external financial resources;
   (ii) Terms and conditions of transfer of external financial resources;
   (iii) Progressive multilateralization of financial transfers;
   (iv) Debt servicing problem of the developing countries;
   (v) Access to capital markets of developed countries;
   (vi) Conditions for an increased contribution of private investment to development;
   (vii) Safeguarding the development efforts of developing countries from the effects of fluctuations in their export earnings.

(c) Increasing earnings from invisibles such as shipping, tourism, etc.

(d) International liquidity.

4. Science and technology:

(a) Transfer of scientific knowledge and research techniques to developing countries;

(b) Transfer of technology to developing countries; development and adaptations of technology in developing countries.
5. Human development:
   (a) Education and knowledge;
   (b) Health;
   (c) Population policy;
   (d) Nutrition;
   (e) Housing;
   (f) Employment policy;
   (g) Human environment.

6. Expansion and diversification of production:
   (a) Development of natural resources;
   (b) Agricultural production; land reform;
   (c) Accelerating the pace of industrialization, including the
development and expansion of export-oriented industries and the development
of processing industries based on raw materials available in the countries;
   (d) Development of infrastructure.

7. Plan formulation and implementation:
   (a) Conditions of effective design of plans;
   (b) Conditions of effective implementation of plans.

Note: Wherever possible, special measures in favour of the least developed
among developing countries, including land-locked countries, will be
devised while considering policy measures in the above key areas.

7. The order in which policy measures in the key areas mentioned above, as well
as other components of the international development strategy, will be considered
is set out below:
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| IV      | September 1969| 1. Further discussion of policy measures in all key areas.  
2. Preliminary consideration of proposals relating to arrangements for continuing review and appraisal of objectives and policy measures.  
3. Preliminary consideration of a draft of the preambular part of the document to be adopted by the General Assembly.  
4. Examination of arrangements for the mobilization of public opinion.  
5. Finalization of interim report in terms of paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 2411 (XXIII), including proposals regarding the launching of the Decade. |
| V       | January/February 1970 | 1. Re-examination of growth and other targets as specified earlier.  
2. Finalization of the first draft on policy measures in all key areas.  
3. Exchange of views on possible priorities regarding the policy measures.  
4. Further discussion on arrangements for continuing review and appraisal of objectives and policy measures as well as on arrangements for the mobilization of public opinion.  
5. Further discussion of a draft of the preambular part of the document to be adopted by the General Assembly. |
| VI      | April/May 1970 | Finalization of the draft on international development strategy for the '70s for adoption at the twenty-Fifth session of the General Assembly. |

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8. Consideration of policy measures in various areas would be essentially on the basis of material received from competent organizations. Relevant draft paragraphs on subjects within the competence of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development would be supplied by the Trade and Development Board. The Committee’s secretariat would prepare and submit appropriate draft paragraphs on policy measures in other key areas at the forthcoming sessions of the Committee. The draft paragraphs should be prepared on the basis of material already submitted to the Committee and in consultation with the various bodies and organizations concerned, including the Committee for Development Planning.

9. In the formulation of the international development strategy, the examination of individual areas would be undertaken in the light of its general interdependence and the close relationship among them, as well as the need to ensure an over-all coherence.

III. DISCUSSION ON THE NATURE OF COMMITMENTS (agenda item 6)

10. There was a preliminary exchange of views on the nature of commitments. It was felt that the nature of commitments would depend upon the types of agreement on policy measures to be reached in different areas. The Committee would further consider this subject in the light of its examination at forthcoming sessions of policy measures in key areas.

IV. OVER-ALL GROWTH TARGETS FOR THE DECADE; OTHER RELATED TARGETS; SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TARGETS (agenda items 7, 8 and 9)

11. The Committee recognized the need for establishing a target of over-all growth rate for gross product in real terms of the developing countries during the next Development Decade as a broad indication of the scope of international co-operative effort to be made within the framework of the international development strategy for the 1970s. The final decision on a figure for such a target would be taken at a later date when the Committee would also consider the feasibility of establishing a target for per capita growth rate as well as the question of whether the target should be denominated as an annual average for the Decade or as a rate or rates to be achieved at a terminal date or dates during...
the Decade. For the time being, the Committee proposed, without any prejudice to the position of Governments as to the final decisions, a figure of around 6 per cent for the annual average rate of growth in real terms during the Decade as a working hypothesis. In working on this hypothesis, the organizations concerned should examine both the difficulties in attaining such a rate of growth and the feasibility of attaining a higher rate.

12. The Committee also recognized the importance of reaching agreement on quantitative targets for a few major variables such as agriculture, industry, exports and domestic saving, consistent with the over-all growth target and, to the extent possible, each consistent with the other. For facilitating the further consideration of such targets by the Committee, it would be necessary for both the functional and regional organizations concerned to suggest a set of targets for the relevant variables, taking into account the working hypothesis mentioned in the preceding paragraph and covering the period of the Decade.

13. The Committee considered it important to define certain broad social objectives. The Committee, bearing in mind the agreed programme of work and calendar of meetings, wished to receive in time from its secretariat and the organizations concerned specific suggestions, and would revert to the subject after Governments have had an opportunity to examine various suggestions in the light of their own national objectives and capabilities.

14. For its consideration of the above-mentioned targets and objectives, the Committee looked forward to receiving the recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning at its forthcoming session in Bangkok.

15. It was understood that the formulation of the different objectives mentioned above would be undertaken bearing in mind the close interrelationship between them as well as the need to ensure their coherence. The aim of these objectives would be to promote the ultimate goals of the strategy to be defined in the preambular declaration.
V. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRD SESSION
(agenda item 11)

16. The Committee agreed on the following provisional agenda for its third session:

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Organization of work
4. Consideration of policy measures in the following areas:
   (a) International trade
   (b) Financial resources for development
   (c) Trade expansion, economic co-operation and regional integration among developing countries
   (d) Science and technology
5. Further consideration of an indicative target for over-all growth rate, including target for per capita growth rate and other targets and objectives
6. Initiation of discussion of policy measures in other key areas
7. Other matters
8. Provisional agenda for the fourth session
9. Time and place of the fourth session
10. Approval of interim report