

1993/69, Contribution of technologies, including new and emerging technologies, to the industrialization of developing countries and the strengthening of regional and global integration processes, and proposed ways and means of transferring such technologies and incorporating them into the productive sector of those countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the contribution of technology to industrialization and regional and global integration,¹⁸³

Recognizing that appropriate action at the subregional, regional, interregional and international levels can considerably broaden the scope for equitable, sustainable and efficient industrial development at the national level,

Considering that ongoing globalization trends define new modalities of international specialization, to which developing countries and economies in transition must respond,

Bearing in mind the fruitful experience gained from innovative approaches to technological cooperation at the regional and subregional levels,

Emphasizing that priority attention must be given to support activities at the national level, as the basis both for national development and for cooperation at the subregional, regional and interregional levels,

Considering the contribution of technologies, including new and emerging ones, to the industrialization of developing countries and the strengthening of regional and global integration processes,

Pursuing its mandate of promoting and catalysing international cooperation in the field of science and technology for development, in particular in developing countries, and in helping to solve global scientific and technological problems,

Bearing in mind the theme and contents of Agenda 21,³⁵ in particular paragraphs 3L2, 34.13 and 35.3 thereof,

Taking into account General Assembly resolutions 46/165 of 19 December 1991 and 47/153 of 18 December 1992,

Recognizing the strong interest expressed by the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in

enhancing the linkages between research and development activities and the productive sector, and the related policy measures,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation on new developments and trends in the programmes and activities of the United Nations system in science and technology for development,¹⁸⁴

1. *Decides* to form an ad hoc panel of experts from the members of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, aided by the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to study in depth the various issues related to the substantive theme and the report of the Secretary-General¹⁸⁵ so as to formulate recommendations for consideration by the Commission at its second session, under an agenda item entitled "Action arising from the first session", concentrating on the following issues:

(a) Policies and mechanisms for promoting linkages among national, subregional, regional and global science and technology systems and between those science and technology systems and the industrial sector of developing countries;

(b) The development of internal linkages within the United Nations system for effective coordination of the work dealing with the promotion of sustainable industrial development;

(c) Past, present and future trends in science and technology, including the transfer of technology, and their implications for the sustainable industrial development of developing countries;

(d) Strategies for using science and technology in promoting exports in selected sectors;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to submit to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its second session a report on the results obtained from the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Interrelationship between Investment and Technology Transfer;

3. *Requests* the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the International Labour Organisation and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to update the section of the report of the Secretary-General¹⁸⁶ concerning the problems and policy measures related to promoting effective linkages between research and development and the productive sector, with particular attention to the new developments and approach being effected in support of Agenda 21, and with an indication of any major new opportunities open for international cooperation in this matter; the updated section will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of United Nations activities in science and technology, to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994.