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RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE SIXTH AND  
SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its thirtieth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 3494 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work at its eighth session. In paragraph 8 of the resolution the General Assembly called upon the Commission:

"To take account of the relevant provisions of the resolutions of the sixth and seventh special sessions of the General Assembly that lay down the foundations of the new international economic order, bearing in mind the need for United Nations organs to participate in the implementation of those resolutions". 1/

2. This note summarizes the actions taken by the General Assembly at its sixth and seventh special sessions. The note also refers to resolutions that are closely related to those actions.

3. At its twenty-fifth session the General Assembly adopted resolution 2626 (XXV) on the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade. That resolution set out objectives and measures for world economic development in the next 10-year period.

4. In resolution 3172 (XXVIII), adopted at its twenty-eighth session, the General

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1/ It may be noted that the preamble contained the following references:

"Recalling also its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, ..."

Assembly referred to the growing gap between the developed and developing countries and the slow rate of the implementation of the objectives of the international development strategy, and decided to hold in 1975 a special session to consider new development concepts and to initiate structural changes to make the United Nations system a more effective instrument of world economic co-operation.

5. Preceding that special session the Members of the United Nations convened in 1974 a special session (the sixth) of the General Assembly to study the problems of raw materials and development. That session was devoted to the study of the most important issues and adopted two documents: resolution 3201 (S-VI) on the Declaration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and resolution 3202 (S-VI) on the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order.

6. At its twenty-ninth session the General Assembly adopted resolution 3281 (XXIX) on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States.

7. At its seventh special session the General Assembly adopted resolution 3362 (S-VII) on Development and International Economic Co-operation. That resolution was designed to set in motion measures that should serve as a basis and framework for the work of the competent bodies and organizations of the United Nations system in the field of the new international economic order.

8. The over-all objective of the new international economic order is to increase the capacity of developing countries, individually and collectively, to pursue their development. 2/ The measures set in motion for this purpose concern international trade, the transfer of real resources, the transfer of technology, industrialization, food problems, agriculture, co-operation and assistance.

9. The relevant resolutions 3/ will be made available to the Commission at the present session.

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2/ 3362 (S-VII), preamble.

3/ 3201 (S-VI), 3202 (S-VI), 3281 (XXIX) and 3362 (S-VII).