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THE OECD OFFERS ON THE GENERAL SCHEME OF NON-RECIPROCAL
AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

ANNEXES



RESOLUTIONS

- 21(II) Preferential or free entry of exports of manufactures and semi-manufactures of developing countries to the developed countries.

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Having examined the problems relating to the application of a generalized non-reciprocal, non-discriminatory system of preferences in favour of the developing countries,

Having taken cognizance of the Charter of Algiers, the report of the Special Group on Trade with Developing Countries submitted by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and document TD/II/C.2/L.5, submitted by the Group of 77,

Recognizing the progress achieved since the first session of the Conference as reflected in the OECD report which involves a major change in commercial policies as between developed market-economy countries and the developing countries,

Recognizing the unanimous agreement in favour of the early establishment of a mutual acceptable system of generalized non-reciprocal and non-discriminatory preferences which would be beneficial to the developing countries,

Considering that it was not possible to achieve sufficient progress in respect to some key questions related to this problem,

Convinced of the need for further intensive work so as to elaborate such a system,

1. Agrees that the objectives of the generalized non-reciprocal, non-discriminatory system of preferences in favour of the developing countries, including special measures in favour of the least advanced among the developing countries, should be:
 - (a) To increase their export earnings;
 - (b) To promote their industrialization;
 - (c) To accelerate their rates of economic growth;

2. Establishes, to this end, a Special Committee on Preferences, as a subsidiary organ of the Trade and Development Board, to enable all the countries concerned to participate in the necessary consultations. Any member State which is unable to participate in the Special Committee may make its views known to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD who will bring them to the attention of the Special Committee;
3. Decides that, for the purpose of the action to be taken in accordance with paragraph 2 above, due account should be taken of the agreements and comments contained in the report of the Second Committee,
4. Requests that the first meeting of the Special Committee be held in November 1968 to consider the progress made by that time, and further requests that a second meeting be held in the first half of 1969 so that the Committee can draw up its final report to the Trade and Development Board; the aim should be to settle the details of the arrangements in the course of 1969 with a view to seeking legislative authority and the required waiver in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade as soon as possible thereafter;
5. Notes the hope expressed by many countries that the arrangements should enter into effect in early 1970.

RESOLUTION

- 61 (IX) Reports of the Special Committee on Preferences on its second and third sessions (Conference resolution 21 (II))

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling Conference resolution 21 (II) of 27 March 1968,

Taking note of the reports of the Special Committee on Preferences on its second and third sessions,

Noting with regret that the aim in resolution 21 (II), paragraph 4, of settling the details of the arrangements in the course of 1969 is not likely to be fulfilled,

Taking into account that the Special Committee on Preferences at its third session agreed upon a timetable and other arrangements for expeditiously completing its work,

1. Decides to continue the existence of the Special Committee on Preferences;
2. Requests the Special Committee on Preferences to submit its final report to a special session of the Board to be held early in 1970 on a date to be fixed by the Secretary-General in consultation with the President of the Board, the Chairman and other members of the Bureau of the Special Committee on Preferences and with representatives of Member Governments;
3. Agrees that the Board will review the progress during the third part of its ninth session.



UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A/RES/2503 (XXIV)
21 November 1969

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Agenda item 31

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(on the report of the Second Committee (A/7764))

2503 (XXIV). Preferential of free entry of exports of manufactures and semi-manufactures of developing countries to the developed countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling in its entirety resolution 21(II) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development of 26 March 1968, (1) in which the Conference recognized the unanimous agreement in favour of the early establishment of a mutually acceptable system of generalized non-reciprocal and non-discriminatory preferences, established a Special Committee on Preferences and requested that the Special Committee draw up its final report to the Trade and Development Board, stating that the aim should be to settle the details of the arrangements in the course of 1969 with/^{a view}to seeking legislative authority and the required waiver in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade as soon as possible thereafter,

Recalling further the hope expressed by many countries in the above-mentioned resolution that the arrangements should come into effect early in 1970,

Sharing the concern expressed by the Trade and Development Board in its resolution 61(IX) of 12 September 1969(2) that the aim, set forth in Conference

(1) See Proceeding of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Second Session, vol.I and Corr.1 and 3 and Add.1 and 2, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales N° E.68.II. D.14), p. 38

(2) See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session; Supplement N° 16 (A/7616), p.209

resolution 21(II), of settling the details of the arrangements in the course of 1969 is not likely to be fulfilled,

Recognizing that agreement on a system of generalized, non-reciprocal and non-discriminatory preferences constitutes a significant step taken by the international community to achieve practical results in the field of trade and development,

Taking note of the request contained in Trade and Development Board resolution 61(IX) that the Special Committee on Preferences submit its final report to a special session of the Board to be held early in 1970,

1. Believes that the early implementation of an effective and mutually acceptable system of generalized non-reciprocal and non-discriminatory preferences will be a concrete example of effective international action, within the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to promote trade expansion and accelerate the economic development of developing countries, and that it will constitute a vital element in the strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

2. Welcomes the agreement of the developed market economy countries, members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to submit substantive documentation to the Conference not later than 15 November 1969 (3) and requests that this include, to the extent possible, specific and concrete information;

3. Urges all States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to engage in constructive consultations in the Special Committee on Preferences with a view to submitting a final report which will enable the Trade and Development Board, at its special session, to arrive at satisfactory solutions regarding the arrangements, according to the time-table agreed upon at the first part of the ninth session of the Board, and to bear in mind the hope expressed by many countries in Conference resolution 21(II) that the arrangements should come into effect early in 1970.

1811th plenary meeting
14 November 1969

(3) See TD/B/262-TD/B/AC.5/23, para.21(ii)

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The OECD offers on the general scheme of non-reciprocal and non-discriminatory system of preferences

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