

For this purpose, he should have authority, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to frame such staff rules, consistent with the relevant principles laid down by the General Assembly, as he considers necessary to meet the special problems which arise in the service of the Programme.

62. With respect to the organization of the Programme at the country level, the resident representative will be redesignated resident director of the Programme. His appointment by the Administrator will be subject to the prior approval of the Government concerned.

63. There should be the maximum possible delegation of authority to the resident director. His role therefore needs to be greatly strengthened. In this context, his relations with the representatives of other United Nations organizations in the field are of crucial importance. The resident director should be recognized as having full over-all responsibility for the programme in the country concerned and his role in relation to the representatives of the other United Nations organizations, where they are posted with the prior approval of the Government concerned, should be that of the leader of the team, taking into account the professional competence of these United Nations organizations and their relations with appropriate organs of the Government. This role of leadership and over-all responsibility should extend to all contacts with the governmental authorities concerned in connexion with the programme, in regard to which he will be the principal channel of communication between the Programme and the Government. The resident director should have ultimate authority on behalf of the Administrator for all aspects of the programme at the country level and should, subject to the agreement of the organizations concerned, be the central co-ordinating authority on their behalf for the other development assistance programmes of the United Nations system. In this connexion, the organizations in the United Nations system are requested to ensure that the resident directors of the Programme are consulted on the planning and formulation of development projects with which those organizations are concerned and that they are supplied with reports on the execution of those projects, as requested by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1453 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969.

64. The creation of new field offices or the enlargement of the existing ones should depend on the volume of Programme operations in the particular country and should be undertaken with due regard to the need for economy. In the strengthening of field offices, priority should be given to effective redeployment of existing staff.

65. The Inter-Agency Consultative Board should continue to be the forum for interagency consultation and co-ordination relating to the Programme. However, the Board should undertake a thorough review of its basic functions and methods of work and its relations with the Governing Council in the light of the new system of country programming of Programme assistance and the need for the efficient implementation of the country programmes.

2689 (XXV). Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly

Takes note with appreciation of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its ninth⁴⁶ and tenth⁴⁷ sessions.

*1925th plenary meeting,
11 December 1970.*

2690 (XXV). United Nations Capital Development Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2186 (XXI) of 13 December 1966 and 2321 (XXII) of 15 December 1967,

Recalling further its resolution 2525 (XXIV) of 5 December 1969, in which it decided, inter alia, to continue the provisional arrangements for the operation of the United Nations Capital Development Fund,

Noting that it has not been possible for the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to undertake the exploratory study requested by the General Assembly in resolution 2525 (XXIV),

Taking note of the statement by the Secretary-General at the 1970 United Nations Pledging Conference on the United Nations Capital Development Fund in which he called on the General Assembly to carry out a searching review of the whole question,⁴⁸

1. Reaffirms its resolution 2525 (XXIV) and requests Member States to offer suggestions, within the framework of the exploratory study, so as to expedite the beginning of the effective operation of the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

2. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider, within the framework of the study mentioned above and taking into account the observations made by Member States during the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly, all possibilities for reaching the objectives of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, including the desirability and feasibility of providing follow-up investment projects of the Fund in country programmes;

3. Decides to preserve the original functions of the United Nations Capital Development Fund until 31 December 1971, in accordance with the measures set forth in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 2321 (XXII);

4. Requests the Secretary-General to invite Member States to contribute separately, at the same pledging conference, to the United Nations Development Programme and to the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

5. Appeals to Member States, and in particular to developed countries, to provide substantial contributions to the United Nations Capital Development Fund so as to make the Fund operational and effective.

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11 December 1970.*

2691 (XXV). International university

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraphs 196 and 197 of the introduction to the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session,⁴⁹

Recalling its resolution 2573 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1542 (XLIX) of 30 July 1970,

Believing that the establishment of an international university, truly international in character, could contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations,

Believing further that the studies on the establishment of an international university must be undertaken

⁴⁸ See A/CONF.51/SR.1.

⁴⁹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1A (A/7601/Add.1).

⁴⁶ Ibid., Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4782).

⁴⁷ Ibid., Supplement No. 6A (E/4884/Rev.1).