

Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the executive heads of the agencies and programmes members of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board are taking steps, in a spirit of partnership, to strengthen their mutual co-ordination, both between headquarters and in recipient countries, with a view to improving the integration of technical assistance in line with the above-mentioned consensus;

2. *Requests* all organizations of the United Nations system to pursue actively their consultations in order to develop the measures required to strengthen their co-operation and to ensure, through an efficient United Nations development field network, an integrated and interdisciplinary approach to operational activities, and looks forward to the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, to be submitted through the Economic and Social Council, on the steps taken and results achieved;

3. *Invites* all countries to help promote a properly co-ordinated approach to operational activities and to assist in the achievement of the dynamic growth of the activities of the United Nations Development Programme for 1977-1981 based on the need for an equitable sharing of the total effort required with regard to the level, timeliness and usability of voluntary contributions to the Programme.

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21 December 1976*

### **31/172. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting with deep concern* the recent failure of rain during critical stages of the cropping season in parts of Ethiopia,

*Mindful* of the demands made on the resources of the Government of Ethiopia,

*Noting with appreciation* the assistance given to Ethiopia by Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

*Recognizing* the relief and rehabilitation efforts made by the Government of Ethiopia,

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1986 (LX) of 6 May 1976, by which the Council requested the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to intensify the response to the needs for recovery, rehabilitation and development of the drought-stricken areas,

*Further recalling* its resolution 3441 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, in which it urged the United Nations and the specialized agencies to continue to implement vigorously the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1833 (LVI) of 8 May 1974, 1876 (LVII) of 16 July 1974 and 1971 (LIX) of 30 July 1975,

1. *Urges* the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the other United Nations organizations and specialized agencies to continue and intensify their assistance to Ethiopia in its relief and rehabilitation efforts in their respective areas of competence and to implement promptly the relevant provisions of Gen-

eral Assembly resolutions 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 and 3441 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1833 (LVI), 1876 (LVII), 1971 (LIX) and 1986 (LX);

2. *Appeals* to all Member States and voluntary agencies and intergovernmental organizations to continue and increase their assistance to Ethiopia;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General, the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session and to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-second session on the implementation of paragraphs 1 and 2 above and of other relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Council.

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### **31/173. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, establishing the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the strengthening of that Office, 3440 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, which provides, *inter alia*, for measures to be taken in support of the activities of the Office, and 3532 (XXX) of 17 December 1975 on the financing of emergency relief assistance and technical co-operation activities of the Office,

*Recalling* section II, paragraph 14, of its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 2016 (LXI) of 3 August 1976, in which the Council recommended that the General Assembly at its thirty-first session should consider the most appropriate means for the financing, after 31 December 1977, of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

*Aware* that it would be desirable, for planning purposes, for the General Assembly to give guidance to the Secretary-General on the modalities for the future financing of the activities of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator<sup>92</sup> and of the further information given by the Co-ordinator in his statement to the Second Committee on 19 November 1976;<sup>93</sup>

2. *Commends* the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and his staff for the progress made in strengthening the capacity of his Office with a view to providing an efficient world-wide service of mobilizing and co-ordinating disaster relief, including in particular the collection and dissemination of information on disaster assessment, priority needs and donor assistance;

3. *Recognizes* that there will be a need for the maintenance of the activities of the core programme

<sup>92</sup> A/31/88 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>93</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Second Committee, 47th meeting, paras. 1-16.*

of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, as specified in the statement made to the Second Committee by the Co-ordinator on 24 November 1976;<sup>94</sup>

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, his proposals for a continued sound financial basis for the core programme, which should include proposals for the transfer, over a period of time, of appropriate costs from voluntary funding to the United Nations regular budget;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in formulating his draft programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979, to include provision for the financing from the regular budget of a substantial portion of those core programme administrative activities currently financed from the trust fund established in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX), as an initial step in the process of ensuring a sound financial basis for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and to enable the Assembly to reach a final decision on this matter on the basis of the fullest possible information;

6. *Decides* to maintain for a further two-year period from 1 January 1978 the trust fund established pursuant to its resolution 3243 (XXIX), modified under resolutions 3440 (XXX) and 3532 (XXX), in order to ensure that the financial resources available to the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator remain adequate to meet the tasks entrusted to that Office;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing his budgetary proposals referred to in paragraph 5 above, to take full account of the possibility of field co-ordination being undertaken, where appropriate, by the resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme with due consideration being given to the views expressed by the Government of the disaster-stricken country;

8. *Appeals* to all Governments to make contributions to the trust fund for a further two-year period;

9. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to undertake in 1978 the review of alternative sources of funding for the technical co-operation activities of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator provided for in General Assembly resolution 3532 (XXX);

10. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit a report on possible sources of financing for such activities to assist the Economic and Social Council in this review;

11. *Decides* to examine further the question of future financial arrangements for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator at its thirty-second session with a view to reaching definitive conclusions at that time.

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**31/174. Ways and means of accelerating the transfer of real resources to developing countries on a predictable, assured and continuous basis**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development

Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

*Recalling further* its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, in which it, *inter alia*, called for an increased, predictable, continuous and increasingly assured flow of concessional financial resources for development on more favourable terms and conditions,

*Disturbed* by the stagnating flows of official development assistance, which during the Second United Nations Development Decade has remained well below the target stipulated in the International Development Strategy,

*Recognizing* that increased volume, predictability and continuity of such flows are necessary to enhance socio-economic progress and promote more systematic and effective development planning and implementation in developing countries,

*Noting with concern* that the need for long-term sustained development assistance has become more urgent in the light of increasing economic difficulties which have hampered the continuity of the economic growth and long-term development plans of many developing countries,

*Recalling also* its resolution 3489 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit a study on ways and means of accelerating the transfer of real resources to developing countries on a predictable, assured and continuous basis,

1. *Takes note* of the report submitted by the Secretary-General<sup>95</sup> in response to General Assembly resolution 3489 (XXX);

2. *Reiterates* its appeal to developed countries which have not yet done so to meet the target of 0.7 per cent of the gross national product for official development assistance set out in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Urges* developed countries to accelerate the transfer of real resources to developing countries on a predictable, continuous and increasingly assured basis and, towards that end, to consider seriously the various suggestions proposed in the report of the Secretary-General, including wider implementation of the current practices of some developed countries, particularly:

(a) The pledging of development assistance on a multiyear basis, in order to provide developing countries with more reliable projections of aid on a longer-term basis to facilitate their development planning;

(b) The appropriation of development assistance in such a manner as to prevent the erosion in the real value of aid in terms of the national currency of the individual donor country;

(c) The endowment of development assistance with non-lapsing authority to ensure that budgetary allocations unexpended at the end of the fiscal year for which they are appropriated are carried forward;

<sup>94</sup> See A/C.2/31/15.

<sup>95</sup> A/31/186 and Corr.1.