

14 December 1979, reached ahead of schedule the target of one thousand volunteers in service;

2. *Notes* the activities of the programme in the fields of youth and domestic development service;

3. *Considers* that the programme is a valuable instrument of multilateral technical co-operation in response to the needs of the developing countries, in particular the least developed and newly independent countries;

4. *Reiterates* its appeal to Governments, organizations and individuals to contribute or to increase their contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers so as to enable the programme to overcome the financial constraints affecting it, and requests the Executive Co-ordinator to explore ways of ensuring increased resources and to make proposals thereon to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme.

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17 December 1981*

36/199. Operational activities for development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling further its resolutions 33/201 of 29 January 1979 and 35/81 of 5 December 1980 on a comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development,

Recalling its resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system and 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 on new dimensions in technical co-operation,

Having noted with deep concern the outcome of the 1981 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, held on 3 and 4 November 1981,

Having examined the annual report for 1981 of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on operational activities for development of the United Nations system,¹⁶⁴

Reiterating that a substantial part of world resources, material as well as human, continues to be diverted to armaments with detrimental effect on international security and on efforts to achieve the new international economic order, including operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and calling upon Governments to take effective measures in the field of real disarmament that would increase the possibilities of allocation of resources now being used for military purposes to economic and social development, especially development of developing countries,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the annual report for 1981 of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and takes note of the areas identified by the Director-General in which further progress can be made;

2. *Reaffirms* that the operational activities for development of the United Nations system should contribute effectively to the implementation of the International

Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, which should provide the framework within which those activities should be planned and conducted;

3. *Expresses its deep concern* that over-all voluntary contributions from Governments and other sources to the funds and programmes that are included in the United Nations pledging conferences for development activities have been stagnating and falling short in many cases of targets which have been set by the relevant intergovernmental bodies, with serious consequences for the organizations concerned with respect to their capacity to maintain the level of their operational programmes in support of the growing needs of developing countries for multilateral concessional assistance through the United Nations system;

4. *Strongly reiterates* the need for a substantial and real increase in the flow of resources for operational activities on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis and, in this context, urges all countries, particularly those developed countries whose over-all performance is not commensurate with their capacity, to increase rapidly and substantially their contributions to the system's operational activities for development;

5. *Invites* all countries to inform the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session of the steps they have taken or intend to take in response to the present resolution and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly, taking into account targets which have been set by the relevant intergovernmental bodies;

6. *Decides* to review and appraise on a regular basis the mobilization of resources for operational activities for development, taking into account targets which have been set by the relevant intergovernmental bodies and, for this purpose, requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to include in his annual report to the General Assembly a compilation of information provided by Governments, in accordance with paragraph 5 above, and other relevant information, together with his comments and recommendations;

7. *Expresses its deep concern* at the slow progress towards placing the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities for development on a more stable financial basis and, in this context, urges all countries that are able to do so to indicate, while making their pledges, their probable contributions for a multiyear period, taking into account the need to ensure increased resources in real terms on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis;

8. *Reiterates* its invitation to the governing bodies of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as appropriate, to consider new and specific ways and means of mobilizing increased resources for operational activities for development on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis and requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to take into account the outcome of these considerations in the preparation of his report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

9. *Welcomes* paragraph 4 of decision 81/16 of 27 June 1981 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,¹⁶³ in which the Council urged the Administrator to reduce the size of the administrative budget of the Programme, and urges all the governing bodies of the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities for development, as a general guideline, to seek to minimize the administrative and overhead costs with a view to increasing the proportion of resources available to meet the assistance requirements of developing countries;

¹⁶⁴ A/36/478 and Corr.1, annex.

10. *Invites* all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities for development to adopt appropriate measures leading to a greater use of the capacities of developing countries in local or regional procurement of material and equipment, in training and in services, in facilitating the increased use of local contractors, and in the recruitment of training, technical and managerial personnel, bearing in mind decision 81/28 of 30 June 1981 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;¹⁶³

11. *Requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to include in his report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session recommendations on specific ways and means of increasing the participation of developing countries in the execution of programmes and projects of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system, bearing in mind paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 of Assembly resolution 35/81;

12. *Invites* the governing bodies of the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities to take the action requested in paragraphs 8, 9 and 11 of General Assembly resolution 35/81, and invites the Secretary-General and the heads of those organs, organizations and bodies to provide information on the action taken by the governing bodies, and requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to include that information, together with his own recommendations, in his reports to the Assembly at its thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions and, in preparing the recommendations requested in paragraph 18 of that resolution, to take into account the responses made by the above-mentioned governing bodies and the comments made thereon by delegations during the thirty-sixth session of the Assembly;

13. *Welcomes* the establishment by the Secretary-General of the consultative process in pursuance of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 34/213 of 19 December 1979, in which the Assembly called for consultations with Governments, through the resident co-ordinator, and for the participation of all organizations concerned both at the country level and subsequently through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, calls upon the executive heads of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to co-operate fully in that process, and requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to include in his annual report information on the outcome of those consultations;

14. *Requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to provide in his annual report comprehensive statistical information on operational activities for development of the United Nations system on the same basis as that contained in the annual report for 1981, and to include separately in his report information pertaining to the United Nations Trust Fund for Special Economic Assistance Programmes and the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme, as well as information relating to administrative, programme and other support costs incurred by organizations engaged in operational activities for development.

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36/200. United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 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 Eco-

nomie Order, 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 35/81 of 5 December 1980 on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development and 35/83 of 5 December 1980 on the United Nations Development Programme,

Reaffirming the unique and important contribution which the United Nations Development Programme is making to the development efforts of developing countries,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-eighth session¹⁶² and Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/59 of 22 July 1981 on the report of the Governing Council,

Concerned at the shortfall of voluntary contributions in relation to the assumed over-all average annual growth of resources,

Aware that, together with efforts to obtain additional voluntary contributions, steps are being taken to increase further the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the United Nations Development Programme,

Noting that the Governing Council of the Programme has decided to retain for the purposes of forward planning for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, an assumed over-all average annual growth of resources of at least 14 per cent,

Noting with appreciation the statement made before the Second Committee on 24 September 1981 by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme,¹⁶⁵

Reaffirming the validity of the consensus of 1970, as set forth in the annex to its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-eighth session and the decisions contained therein;¹⁶⁶

2. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/59;

3. *Stresses* that the realization of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade requires a renewed emphasis upon technical co-operation and a significant increase in the resources provided for that purpose;

4. *Endorses also* decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme¹⁶⁶ on streamlining and rationalizing the work of the Governing Council;

5. *Commends* the efforts made by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to increase further the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the Programme, and encourages the Administrator to continue to intensify those efforts, taking account, *inter alia*, of the need to restrain administrative expenditures in order to maximize programme delivery in accordance with paragraph 4 of decision 81/16 of 27 June 1981 of the Governing Council of the Programme;¹⁶⁶

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to all Governments of both developed and developing countries which, at the 1981 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, announced contributions or their intention to contribute to the United Nations Development Programme for 1982, in particular those Governments which have consis-

¹⁶⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Second Committee, 3rd meeting, paras. 19-24.*

¹⁶⁶ *See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11 (E/1981/61/Rev.1), annex I.*