

implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;¹⁵⁴

4. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider measures to enhance the capacity of the United Nations Capital Development Fund to respond effectively to the priority needs of the least developed countries, including measures to improve complementarity between the capital assistance available to them from the Fund and other types of assistance available to the least developed countries administered by the United Nations Development Programme, with a view to maximizing the impact and effective utilization of those resources in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries;

5. *Endorses* the programme orientation and operational policies of the United Nations Capital Development Fund as described in the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the Fund in 1980 and, in particular, stresses the importance of achieving a balance between resources allocated for meeting basic needs of low-income groups and those required for strengthening the productive sectors and dealing with other structural bottle-necks, with a view to promoting national self-reliance and accelerated self-sustained economic growth of the least developed among the developing countries;

6. *Decides* that the administrative and programme support costs of the United Nations Capital Development Fund shall be met from the general resources of the Fund, while the United Nations Development Programme will continue to provide field support services as well as all headquarters administrative support services to the Fund;

7. *Calls upon* Governments not already contributing to the United Nations Capital Development Fund, particularly developed countries and others in a position to do so, to provide financial support to the activities of the Fund.

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17 December 1981*

36/197. United Nations Children's Fund¹⁵⁹

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/56 of 22 July 1981,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held at United Nations Headquarters from 11 to 22 May 1981,¹⁶⁰

Reaffirming the principles and guidelines for the programme activities of the United Nations Children's Fund laid down by the Executive Board, in particular the field-oriented and action-oriented approach of the Fund and the maintenance of a low ratio of administration to programme costs,

Acutely aware that the present global economic situation adversely affects the ability of developing countries to implement plans for the extension of basic services to children and mothers, which requires the most effective use of available resources to advance the well-being of children,

Concerned that the situation regarding the income of organizations of the United Nations system depending on voluntary contributions, including the United Nations Children's Fund, has recently been adversely affected by a number of unfavourable factors,

Bearing in mind that the programmes of co-operation of the United Nations Children's Fund are contributing to the realization of the relevant goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,¹⁶¹

1. *Commends* the policies and activities of the United Nations Children's Fund;

2. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/56;

3. *Reaffirms* the role of the United Nations Children's Fund as the lead agency in the United Nations system responsible for co-ordinating the follow-up activities of the International Year of the Child related to the goals and objectives concerning children set forth in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Commends* the Executive Director and the secretariat of the United Nations Children's Fund for their efforts to enlarge the income of the Fund so that it may respond more effectively to the needs of developing countries in support of their programmes to enlarge basic services for the benefit of children and mothers;

5. *Urges* all organizations concerned in supporting the activities of the United Nations Children's Fund, including the national committees for the Fund and the co-operating non-governmental organizations, as well as other organizations of the United Nations system, to enlarge and enhance their co-operation with the Fund in order to maximize the effectiveness of such co-operation in the interests of children and mothers in developing countries;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to Governments that have responded to the needs of the United Nations Children's Fund and expresses the hope that more Member States will follow their example;

7. *Invites* all Governments that make pledges of voluntary contributions to make payment thereof as early as possible so that the United Nations Children's Fund may proceed with the implementation of its programmes without undue delay while maintaining an adequate level of operating capital;

8. *Appeals* to all Governments to increase their contributions, if possible on a multiyear basis, so that the United Nations Children's Fund may, in the present global economic situation, be able to augment its co-operation with developing countries and respond to the urgent needs of the children in those countries.

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36/198. United Nations Volunteers programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-eighth session¹⁶² and its decision 81/1 of 18 June 1981¹⁶³ on the United Nations Volunteers programme,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the successful achievement of the United Nations Volunteers programme during the first decade of service, that it is active in ninety-three countries, including the least developed countries, and that it has, in response to General Assembly resolution 34/107 of

¹⁵⁹ See also sect. II, resolution 36/244.

¹⁶⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 8 (E/1981/48).*

¹⁶¹ Resolution 35/56, annex.

¹⁶² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11 (E/1981/61/Rev.1).*

¹⁶³ *Ibid.*, annex I.

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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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.