

37/231. United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/51 of 28 July 1982,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held at United Nations Headquarters from 10 to 21 May 1982,²⁰⁹

Reaffirming the principles and guidelines for programme activities established by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, in particular its basic-services approach and its efforts to reach the most disadvantaged as part of a comprehensive field-oriented and action-oriented development policy, and the maintenance of a low ratio of administration to programme costs,

Acutely aware that the present global economic situation both adversely affects the ability of developing countries to implement efforts to extend basic services and makes the need for those services all the more critical,

Concerned that the situation regarding financing for development, including in particular the situation of multilateral agencies depending upon voluntary contributions, has been adversely affected by a number of unfavourable factors,

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

2. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/51;

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;²¹⁰

4. *Urges* the Executive Director and the secretariat of the United Nations Children's Fund to continue and intensify their innovative efforts to adapt the basic-services approach for children in the light of the current economic crisis, in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Executive Board of the Fund;

5. *Commends* the Executive Director and the secretariat of the United Nations Children's Fund for their imaginative efforts to enlarge the income of the Fund so that it may respond to the needs of 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. *Appeals* to all Governments, especially to those whose voluntary contributions may not reflect their capacity to contribute, to increase their contributions, preferably the contributions to the general resources, if possible on a multi-year basis, so that, in the light of the present economic situation, the United Nations Children's Fund may meet its responsibilities to developing countries in responding to the urgent needs of children.

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37/232. United Nations technical co-operation activities

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2029 (XX) of 22 November 1965, by which it established the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to provide general policy guidance and direction for the United Nations Development Programme as a whole, as well as for the United Nations regular programmes of technical assistance,

Recalling also its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, in particular paragraph 43 of the annex thereto regarding the accountability of the executing agents to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for the implementation of projects funded by the Programme,

Recalling further its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, in the annex to which were set out the functions of a separate organizational Secretariat entity for, *inter alia*, the management of technical co-operation activities carried out by the United Nations, and the need for that resolution to be fully implemented in order to accomplish economies of scale,

Bearing in mind the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade set out in the annex to its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/71 of 10 November 1982 concerning a register of development activities to be developed by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination within a year,

Convinced that greater transparency in activities of technical co-operation will support the mobilization of financial resources for accelerated development,

Mindful that the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the Secretariat is the second largest executing agency of projects financed by the United Nations Development Programme,

Noting with appreciation in this respect the statement made on 5 October 1982 by the Under-Secretary-General for Technical Co-operation for Development,²¹¹

1. *Endorses* decision 82/19 of 18 June 1982 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,²¹² in which the Council took note, *inter alia*, of the annual report of the Secretary-General on technical co-operation activities of the United Nations;²¹³

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make his annual report on technical co-operation activities of the United Nations also available in the future, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly, and recommends that, with reference to the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, the report should be expanded in order to contain a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the relationship between programme delivery and administrative costs, the level and use of programme support cost earnings, and expenditures by sources of funds and by components, with an indication of the origin of inputs;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General also to include in his annual report a succinct evaluation of the results achieved, during the preceding year, with regard to completed projects.

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²¹¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Second Committee, 6th meeting, paras. 1-12.*

²¹² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1), annex I.*

²¹³ DP/1982/22 and Add.1.

²⁰⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 7 (E/1982/17).*

²¹⁰ Resolution 35/56, annex, paras. 48 and 50.