

current negotiations on the replenishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development to enable it to maintain its effective contribution to agricultural and food development, as well as the early consideration and completion of the eighth replenishment of the International Development Association at an adequate level;

6. *Expresses its deep concern* about the shortfall of resources of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the impact on its ability to carry out its planned programmes, and urges all countries to continue and increase their support for the Fund;

7. *Requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to report on the results of the efforts to increase collaboration between the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development and the United Nations Development Programme;

8. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, in discharging its responsibilities as defined in the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, to assist the Assembly in establishing overall strategies, policies and priorities for the system as a whole in respect of operational activities, and to formulate suggestions and recommendations at the time of its consideration of the 1986 comprehensive policy review;

9. *Invites* the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system, where possible, to provide the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1986 and the General Assembly at its forty-first session at the time of the 1986 comprehensive policy review of operational activities, their views on the system-wide policy issues affecting operational activities identified by the Assembly in its resolution 38/171 and in the present resolution, and also invites the organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in the preparation of his report for that review.

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#### 40/212. International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note* of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Volunteers programme,<sup>128</sup> and the relevant decision of the Governing Council,<sup>129</sup>

*Considering* that volunteer service, including that of the United Nations Volunteers, is making an important contribution to socio-economic development activities,

*Recognizing* the desirability of stimulating the work of all volunteers both in the field and in organizations — multilateral, bilateral or national, non-governmental or government-supported — and of giving encouragement to those volunteers, many of whom engage in volunteer service at considerable personal sacrifice,

1. *Invites* Governments to observe annually, on 5 December, an International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development, and urges them to take measures to heighten awareness of the important contribution of volunteer service, thereby stimulating more people in all walks of life to offer their services as volunteers, both at home and abroad;

2. *Invites also* specialized agencies, other organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental

organizations that provide, are affiliated with or benefit from volunteer service to undertake and promote activities to stimulate greater awareness of the contribution to their work made by volunteers;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to promote world-wide publicity on the important role of volunteer service.

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#### 40/213. Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries

*The General Assembly,*

*Referring* to its resolutions 33/135 of 19 December 1978, 35/80 of 5 December 1980, 37/228 of 20 December 1982 and 39/219 of 18 December 1984 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

*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, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

*Desiring* to promote full implementation of the provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade concerning the important role of qualified national personnel in the achievement of the development goals of the developing countries,<sup>130</sup>

*Reaffirming* the crucial role of human resources in the socio-economic development process of developing countries,

*Taking into account* the increasing importance of United Nations activities in the field of human resources development as they are envisaged in future years,

*Recognizing* that the training of qualified national personnel is an important and integral part of human resources development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries;<sup>131</sup>

2. *Reaffirms* the importance of implementing the provisions of its resolution 37/228;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the further implementation of its resolution 39/219;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the need for an integrated and multidisciplinary approach to all aspects of human resources development, in particular the training of qualified national personnel, in the programmes of work of the United Nations and the organizations of its system;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue his consultations with the Governments of Member States, in accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution 39/219, on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries, and to submit a progress report, through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the

<sup>128</sup> DP/1985/44, chap. II.

<sup>129</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 11 (E/1985/32 and Corr. 1), annex I, decision 85/23.

<sup>130</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex, para. 47.

<sup>131</sup> A/40/549 and Add. 1.

Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-second session.

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**40/214. Long-term financing and future of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 39/177 of 17 December 1984, in which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive study on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, its activities in training and research, its funding and its future role, keeping in mind related activities within the United Nations system and the relevant provisions of the Statute of the Institute,<sup>132</sup> in order to determine the most effective manner of discharging those functions, and to submit his report together with the comments of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research thereon, to the General Assembly at its fortieth session,

Recalling also its resolutions 37/142 of 17 December 1982 and 38/177 of 19 December 1983, in which it called upon the Secretary-General to submit a report on long-term financing arrangements for the Institute which would place its financing on a more predictable, assured and continuous basis,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General<sup>133</sup> and the statement made on 8 November 1985 by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation,<sup>134</sup>

Noting with regret that, so far, no agreement has been reached on the future role and, in particular, the long-term funding of the Institute,

Noting also with regret that the 1985 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities,<sup>125</sup> was unable to provide the General Fund of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research with the level of resources required to maintain the Institute as a viable entity during 1986,

Acknowledging with regret that voluntary contributions to the Institute have so far been insufficient to guarantee the level of resources needed to maintain it as a viable entity, and that it has not been possible to reach agreement on any of the three options for long-term financing arrangements for the Institute recommended by the Board of Trustees, namely, the setting up of a reserve fund, the adoption of a replenishment system or the establishment of an endowment fund,<sup>135</sup>

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Reaffirms the continuing relevance of the mandate entrusted to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, namely, to enhance the effectiveness of the United Nations, and takes note of the view of the Secretary-General that this mandate continues to be essential to the functioning of the Organization today;

3. Takes note of the administrative, staffing and organizational arrangements outlined in the report of the Secretary-General on the future work of the Institute;

4. Stresses the need to take a final decision on the long-term financing and future of the Institute at the latest at

the forty-first session of the General Assembly and, to this end, requests the Secretary-General to prepare comprehensive specific plans for the future of the Institute based on two options contained in his report:<sup>136</sup>

(a) To close down the Institute, including the possibility of re-allocating the functions of the Institute to other agencies and bodies throughout the United Nations system where those functions could be undertaken in an efficient and cost-effective manner;

(b) To restructure the Institute, including the possibility of transferring to the Institute appropriate ongoing and planned training and research functions of other agencies and bodies throughout the United Nations system;

such plans should include a detailed assessment of the financial implications of the two options, including a blueprint for a specific scheme for the long-term and stable funding of the Institute, which could be tried on an experimental basis;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to keep in mind, while preparing the plans requested in paragraph 4 above, the need for specific suggestions for the improvement of administrative arrangements to ensure cost-effectiveness;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to consult, as appropriate, with all States and the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research before finalizing the plans, which should be submitted to the General Assembly not later than 1 September 1986;

7. Urges all States that have not yet contributed to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to do so, and calls upon all countries, especially those donor countries that are not contributing at a level commensurate with their capacity, to increase their voluntary contributions in order to meet the needs of the Institute.

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**40/215. Assistance to Democratic Yemen**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 39/184 of 17 December 1984 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/6 of 28 April 1982 and 1982/59 of 30 July 1982 concerning the extensive devastation caused by the heavy floods in Democratic Yemen,

Recalling also resolution 107 (IX) of 11 May 1982 of the Economic Commission for Western Asia,<sup>137</sup> in which the Commission called for the urgent establishment of a programme for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the flood-stricken areas of Democratic Yemen,

Having considered the report prepared by the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator on the extent and nature of the damage caused by the floods,<sup>138</sup>

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Democratic Yemen,<sup>139</sup>

Recognizing that Democratic Yemen, as one of the least developed countries, is unable to bear the mounting burden of rehabilitation and reconstruction of the affected areas,

Recognizing also the efforts made by Democratic Yemen to alleviate the suffering of the victims of the floods,

<sup>132</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 45, document A/6875, annex III.

<sup>133</sup> A/40/788.

<sup>134</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Second Committee, 29th meeting, paras. 13-15.

<sup>135</sup> A/39/148, para. 8.

<sup>136</sup> A/40/788, para. 5.

<sup>137</sup> See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 12 (E/1982/22), chap. 1.

<sup>138</sup> See E/ECWA/156.

<sup>139</sup> A/40/435.