

40/177. Co-ordination in the United Nations and the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Recalling relevant parts of Articles 15, 17, 57, 58, 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, by which it, *inter alia*, endorsed the conclusions and recommendations, as amended, of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System, among which were guidelines and directives on inter-agency co-ordination,

Reaffirming further Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/77 of 26 July 1985,

Taking note of the references which were made to the importance of co-ordination in statements during the fortieth anniversary session of the United Nations,

Convinced of the pressing need for effective co-ordination and co-operation within the framework of the United Nations system, at both the intergovernmental and inter-secretariats levels, to ensure coherent, efficient and responsive implementation of programmes in the future,

Bearing in mind problems that have arisen in co-ordination,

Considering that it is important to take steps to improve further the effectiveness of the United Nations system,

1. Stresses the need for effective and improved co-ordination in the United Nations system as laid down in the Charter of the United Nations and the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and calls upon all concerned to observe more vigorously their responsibilities in this regard;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, after consultation with the executive heads of the specialized agencies, to re-examine critically and constructively all aspects of the question of co-ordination in the United Nations and the United Nations system; to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Economic and Social Council, a comprehensive report setting out his considered views on current mechanisms and procedures, and his specific recommendations aimed at enhancing co-ordination in the future, as envisaged in the Charter of the United Nations and the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and in accordance with the relevant resolutions; to report orally to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1986 and to submit a progress report to the Assembly early in its forty-first session.

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40/178. Strengthening the role of the United Nations in the field of international economic, scientific-technological and social co-operation

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the fundamental purposes of the United Nations as laid down in its Charter,

Recognizing that the creation of conditions of stability and well-being is necessary for peaceful and friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples,

Reaffirming that the United Nations, with a view to the creation of such conditions, should promote higher standards of living, full employment, conditions of economic and social progress and development solutions of interna-

tional economic, social, health and related problems, international cultural and educational co-operation, and universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

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, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Aware of the current state of international economic relations which calls for renewed efforts to promote international economic co-operation and to create a more favourable environment for advancing the economic and social development of all countries, in particular the developing countries,

Stressing the importance of multilateral economic negotiations in the United Nations system,

Noting the important role and historic responsibility of Governments for promoting international economic co-operation and for conducting fruitful multilateral negotiations to this end,

Stressing that the purposes of the United Nations can be achieved only under conditions in which its Members comply fully with their obligations assumed under the Charter,

Expressing the hope and desire that the year 1985 will mark the beginning of a new era of durable and global economic and social co-operation, of strengthening the role of the United Nations system and of further enhancing its effectiveness in this regard,

1. Reaffirms that co-operation among all nations should be based on respect for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of each State, including the right of each people to choose freely its own socio-economic and political system;

2. Appeals to all Member States to reaffirm their solemn pledge to take joint and separate action in co-operation with the Organization for the achievement of the purposes set forth in the Charter on international economic co-operation and to contribute genuinely their share of efforts to this end;

3. Emphasizes the important contribution of the United Nations system in responding to the particular needs of the developing countries, and stresses in this context the need to strengthen multilateral co-operation for development, including increased voluntary contributions to operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

4. Emphasizes also the urgent need for all Member States to intensify their contribution to creating an atmosphere favourable to fruitful and constructive negotiations on international economic problems within the United Nations system;

5. Stresses the willingness of Member States to strengthen the United Nations system as a framework for constructive dialogue and joint efforts in solving international economic, scientific-technological and social problems, especially problems confronting the developing countries;

6. Urges all Member States to continue in a constructive spirit and in good faith the negotiations initiated in the United Nations system on international economic

issues and to bring them to a successful end by reaching mutually acceptable and just solutions in accordance with the objectives agreed upon;

7. *Invites* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, in his annual reports, on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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40/179. Patterns of consumption: qualitative aspects of development

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Article 55, and the provisions of articles 22 to 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹⁸ as well as the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights,¹⁹

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3345 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/51 of 22 July 1981 on the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development, as well as the discussion of the reports of the Secretary-General on the question,²⁰

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000,²¹

Convinced of the necessity to preserve in the long term the balance between resources, population, environment and development, taking into account the advances made in science and technology and the progress accomplished in the transfer of technological innovations to developing countries,

Recalling further, as stated in paragraph 8 of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,²² that the development process must promote human dignity, economic growth, productive employment and social equity and that the ultimate aim of development is the constant improvement of the well-being of the entire population on the basis of its full participation in the process of development and a fair distribution of the benefits therefrom, within the framework of the development plans and national priorities of each country,

Reaffirming, in accordance with the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, in particular paragraph 42 thereof, that the international community will provide technical and financial support to achieve immediate and long-term social and economic objectives in the context of an overall substantial increase in resources for development, paying due respect to the cultural identities of nations and peoples,

Considering that, in order to satisfy the fundamental socio-economic needs, it is important to promote, in accordance with national economic plans and priorities, the production of goods and services necessary for the improvement of the human condition,

Noting that the United Nations has undertaken to establish consolidated inventories of data on the environment, natural resources, existing infrastructures and population, including the structure and socio-economic needs of population groups,

Recalling also that the Statistical Commission, the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

and other bodies in the United Nations system have undertaken studies of socio-economic indicators,

Aware of the need for methods to measure with greater accuracy the level of satisfaction of socio-economic needs in the developing countries, in order to facilitate the search for better ways of improving living standards,

1. *Reaffirms* the common goal pursued by the international community of realizing, through national efforts and international co-operation, and in accordance with the organization and resources of each country, the enjoyment of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for the development of the human condition as well as for the well-being of individuals and their families, especially in regard to food, clothing, housing, education, health care and necessary social services;

2. *Considers* that an accurate assessment of the advances in living standards requires a reliable measuring instrument consisting of a set of indicators related to living conditions, employment and the circumstances underlying them, and the improvement of basic national statistical programmes and capabilities related to food, clothing, housing, education, health care and necessary social services;

3. *Notes* the importance of identifying, for national use, indicative patterns of consumption that adequately meet fundamental socio-economic needs and are tailored to local and national requirements, particularly in developing countries, taking into account national experience, plans and strategies;

4. *Encourages*, in this regard, countries to undertake efforts to collect, tabulate and regularly publish accurate and updated data on consumption and living standards for different population groups, bearing in mind the need for more international attention to be given to the qualitative aspects of development;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to implement General Assembly resolution 3345 (XXIX) in order to assist all States, particularly developing countries, and the organs of the United Nations in their efforts to advance knowledge on the interrelated issues of resources, population, environment and development;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on patterns of consumption and related socio-economic indicators, based on the views of all interested States and on information about the work done so far by relevant bodies in the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, and to submit the report to the Statistical Commission at its twenty-fourth session for consideration, and requests the Economic and Social Council to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-second session.

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40/180. Agreement between the United Nations and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 11 of its resolution 34/96 of 13 December 1979,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/81 of 12 December 1985, and the draft agreement annexed thereto, intended to bring the United

¹⁸ Resolution 217 A (III).

¹⁹ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

²⁰ E/1979/75, E/1981/65, A/36/571.

²¹ A/40/519.

²² Resolution 35/56, annex.