

Commending the encouraging results achieved in the field of inter-agency co-operation with the support of the Governments concerned and the other members of the United Nations system and noting with appreciation the untiring activities of the non-governmental organizations working on behalf of refugees,

Noting that the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme has approved an increased programme to cover additional needs of refugees, particularly in Africa,

Noting with appreciation the sizable increase in contributions from certain countries, and also the increase in the number of contributing countries,

Expressing concern, however, about the difficulties still facing the High Commissioner in financing his programme,

1. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue to provide international protection and assistance to refugees who are his concern, while giving special attention to new groups of refugees, particularly in Africa, in conformity with the relevant General Assembly resolutions and the directives of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme;

2. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to continue to lend their support to the High Commissioner's humanitarian task by:

(a) Facilitating the voluntary repatriation, local integration or resettlement of refugees who are the High Commissioner's concern;

(b) Improving the legal status of refugees residing in their territory, *inter alia*, by acceding to the international instruments relating to refugees and by treating new refugee situations in accordance with the principles and spirit of the Declaration on Territorial Asylum and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

(c) Providing the High Commissioner with the necessary means of accomplishing the task incumbent upon him and, in particular, by enabling him to reach the financial targets established with the approval of the Executive Committee;

(d) Drawing the attention of the governing bodies of other organs in the United Nations system to the need to support the High Commissioner in his efforts to ensure that the requirements of refugees, including education and training, are taken into full account.

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2432 (XXIII). United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Having considered chapter XIII, section B, of the report of the Economic and Social Council,¹¹ dealing with the United Nations Children's Fund,

Welcoming the emphasis placed by the United Nations Children's Fund upon considering the needs of the child as a whole and, to that end, aiding programmes to improve the health, nutrition, education and general well-being of the younger generation in developing countries,

Recognizing that these programmes are essential in achieving the goals of the United Nations in promoting development,

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7203).

Noting that the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund at its June 1968 session, continuing its practice of periodic reviews of programmes of the Fund, considered an assessment of education projects jointly assisted by the Fund and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Noting further with satisfaction the prominence given by the United Nations Children's Fund to supporting national training schemes in many fields which contribute directly to the preparation of human resources essential for social as well as economic development,

Observing with approval that the United Nations Children's Fund continues to respond to the emergency needs of mothers and children,

Deeply concerned, however, at the magnitude of the unfulfilled needs of children in the developing countries and at the increasing demands on the United Nations Children's Fund for long-range aid and, more recently, for emergencies,

1. *Endorses* the policies and programmes of the United Nations Children's Fund to aid countries to protect and prepare the younger generation within the larger context of national development;

2. *Commends* the United Nations Children's Fund for its continued close co-operation with other members of the United Nations system of organizations;

3. *Appeals* to Governments and other donors to increase substantially their contributions to the United Nations Children's Fund so that its present goal of an annual income of \$50 million can be attained no later than the end of the present United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Welcomes* the appeal of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for special contributions to meet the emergency needs of mothers and children;

5. *Calls upon* national and international bodies with responsibility for multilateral and bilateral aid to consider how their programmes might take account of the needs of children and youth to the fullest possible extent.

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19 December 1968.*

2433 (XXIII). International control of psychotropic substances

The General Assembly,

Concerned at the epidemic spread of the abuse of psychotropic substances not yet under international control and considering the responsibilities exercised by the United Nations in that field under Chapter IX of the Charter of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind the reports of the Economic and Social Council and of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs issued in 1966,¹² 1967¹³ and 1968¹⁴ and the work of the World Health Organization,

¹² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/6303); Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/4140).*

¹³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/6703); Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/4294).*

¹⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7203); Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/4455).*

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1293 (XLIV) and 1294 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968 and World Health Assembly resolutions WHA18.47 of 20 May 1965, WHA20.42 and WHA20.43 of 25 May 1967 and WHA21.42 of 23 May 1968 urging controls on psychotropic substances not yet under international control,

Noting the progress made under the aegis of the Economic and Social Council to develop international control of psychotropic substances not yet under such control,

Requests the Economic and Social Council to call upon the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to give urgent attention to the problem of the abuse of the psychotropic substances not yet under international control, including the possibility of placing such substances under international control.

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19 December 1968.*

2434 (XXIII). Technical assistance in the field of narcotics

The General Assembly,

Considering the responsibility that the United Nations exercises in the field of narcotic drugs under Chapter IX of the Charter of the United Nations and under the international narcotics treaties,

Conscious of the fact that narcotic drug abuse cannot be efficiently combated if the sources of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs are not suppressed,

Recognizing that countries in which the narcotic raw materials are grown may not be able, by their own effort alone, to put an end to illicit cultivation,

Bearing in mind the recent reports to the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and of the Permanent Central Narcotics Board,

Recalling its resolution 1395 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 which established a continuing programme of technical assistance for narcotics control,

Considering that drug addiction, where it is widespread, constitutes an obstacle to the economic and social development of the countries concerned and requires urgent and concerted efforts for its solution, which would have far-reaching and salutary effects on the ever-growing problem of drug abuse,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the International Narcotics Control Board and in consultation with interested Governments, to develop plans for putting an end to the illegal or uncontrolled production of narcotic raw materials and to submit these plans, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

2. *Invites* the specialized agencies, in particular the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, as well as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to participate fully in the preparation of these plans;

3. *Recommends* that the Governments concerned develop plans to seek assistance from these agencies, from the United Nations Development Programme and from bilateral sources in their efforts to develop alternative economic programmes and activities, such as the substitution of crops, as one of the most constructive

means of ending the illegal or uncontrolled cultivation of narcotic raw materials.

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2435 (XXIII). Assistance in cases of natural disaster

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2034 (XX) of 7 December 1965 on assistance to Governments in cases of natural disaster and its decision to review at its twenty-third session the experimental arrangements provided for in paragraph 5 of that resolution,

Having noted the views of the Economic and Social Council on the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations family of organizations in connexion with natural disasters,¹⁵

Noting with satisfaction that the arrangements provided for in General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX) and the assistance extended to Governments by the Secretary-General under that resolution have contributed towards relieving the distress and hardships which follow natural disasters,

Noting with appreciation the co-operation and assistance offered by certain Governments and provided by various United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies, as well as by the League of Red Cross Societies and other voluntary organizations, in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX),

Having considered the view of the Secretary-General that United Nations assistance under General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX) would be of considerably wider use and benefit to the developing countries subject to natural disasters if its conditions were broadened,

Recognizing the importance of scientific research and modern technology in reducing the impact of natural disasters on man and society,

Reiterating the importance it attaches to adequate pre-disaster planning by Member States, in order to mitigate the effects of natural disasters,

1. *Invites* Governments which have not already done so to make national preparations to meet natural disasters, including administrative arrangements and such measures as training of relief personnel, stockpiling of supplies needed for disaster relief, earmarking of means of transportation and the development of warning systems and of means of speedy communication;

2. *Invites* Governments and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as other organizations concerned, to give full recognition to the need to promote scientific research regarding the causes and early manifestations of impending disasters, to ascertain and assess areas and places of high vulnerability, and to encourage preventive and protective measures, such as the construction of disaster-resistant housing;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the organizations of the United Nations system as well as the League of Red Cross Societies and other organizations concerned, to consider ways of expanding assistance to Governments in the fields referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above;

¹⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Resumed Forty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 1, document E/4544.*