

Recognizing likewise the importance of adopting appropriate measures to ensure that the link between the Disarmament Decade and the Second United Nations Development Decade shall be fully understood and utilized in as practical and comprehensive a manner as possible,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with such advisers³⁸ as he may deem it necessary to designate:

(a) To formulate suggestions for the guidance of Member States, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as other organizations of the United Nations system, with a view to establishing the link between the Disarmament Decade and the Second United Nations Development Decade so that an appropriate portion of the resources that are released as a consequence of progress towards general and complete disarmament would be used to increase assistance for the economic and social development of developing countries;

(b) To propose measures for the mobilization of world public opinion in support of the link between disarmament and development and thus encourage intensified negotiations aimed at progress towards general and complete disarmament under effective international control;

2. *Requests* Member States, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as other organizations of the United Nations system, to submit to the Secretary-General their comments and recommendations on the matters indicated in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report thereon, through the Economic and Social Council, in time for consideration by the General Assembly in 1973 at the first biennial review of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade.

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11 December 1970.*

2686 (XXV). Regional economic commissions

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations relating to economic and social development, particularly Chapter IX on international economic and social co-operation and Chapter X pertaining, *inter alia*, to the mandate and functions of the Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council on the terms of reference and functions of the regional economic commissions,

Taking into account the statements made in the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other United Nations bodies on the need for uniformity in nomenclature of these commissions, in keeping with their terms of reference and functions,

Noting the importance of the unified or integrated socio-economic approach to development which the regional economic commissions have adopted and will be called upon to put into practice, particularly in the

³⁸ Subsequently referred to as the Group of Experts on the Economic and Social Consequences of Disarmament.

context of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,³⁹

Considering that the renaming of the regional economic commissions to correspond with the true nature of their activities in the economic and social fields would further emphasize the importance of an integrated socio-economic approach to development, particularly in the developing countries,

Recommends that the Economic and Social Council should consider, in consultation with the Secretary-General and taking into account the views of the regional economic commissions and those expressed on this subject at the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly, the renaming of the commissions as follows: Economic and Social Commission for Europe, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Far East, Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and Economic and Social Commission for Africa.

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2687 (XXV). Role of the regional economic commissions in the Second United Nations Development Decade

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the important role of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,⁴⁰

Conscious of the importance of making appropriate arrangements for conducting regular appraisals, on a regional basis, of progress made towards the implementation of the International Development Strategy,

Considering that the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut will be called upon to assume major responsibilities for review and appraisal at the regional level of the progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy, in collaboration with regional development banks and other regional or subregional institutions,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the contributions made by the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut towards the formulation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Requests* the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut to continue and further intensify their efforts in helping to promote, on a regional, subregional or interregional basis, trade expansion, economic co-operation and integration among their member countries as a concrete step towards the attainment of the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Affirms* that these efforts deserve the active support of the entire international community and particularly of the developed countries;

4. *Requests* the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut, in co-operation where appropriate with regional

³⁹ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

⁴⁰ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

development banks and subregional groupings and with the assistance of other organizations of the United Nations system, to make suitable arrangements for conducting regular appraisals and evaluation of the progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy;

5. *Urges* that the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut be provided with the means and resources necessary to fulfil their role for the benefit of their member countries.

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2688 (XXV). The capacity of the United Nations development system

The General Assembly,

Having considered the parts of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its ninth⁴¹ and tenth⁴² sessions and of the Economic and Social Council⁴³ concerning the capacity of the United Nations development system,

Taking note of the observations and reservations made in the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its tenth session⁴⁴ and in the Economic and Social Council at its forty-ninth session,⁴⁵

Noting that some questions remain to be settled within the framework of the examination of this subject,

1. *Approves* the provisions concerning the United Nations Development Programme contained in the annex to the present resolution and declares that such provisions shall apply to activities of the Programme commencing on 1 January 1971, taking into account the transitional measures in those provisions;

2. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to prepare for consideration by the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session, if possible, a draft omnibus statute for the Programme, incorporating the provisions contained in the annex to the present resolution and appropriate provisions from past resolutions relating to the Programme.

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ANNEX

I. THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION CYCLE

1. The formulation of the United Nations Development Programme country programme is the first phase of a process which may be called the United Nations Development Co-operation Cycle. The other phases are project formulation, appraisal and approval, implementation, evaluation and follow-up. The Cycle will also include periodic reviews. The scope of the Cycle might expand as envisaged in paragraph 9 below.

⁴¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4782), chapter VI.*

⁴² *Ibid., Supplement No. 6A (E/4884/Rev.1), chapter V.*

⁴³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8003 and Corr.1), chapter X, section A.*

⁴⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6A (E/4884/Rev.1), chapter V, paras. 95-106.*

⁴⁵ *Ibid., Forty-ninth Session, 1712th to 1714th meetings.*

II. UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME COUNTRY PROGRAMMING

A. *General principles*

2. United Nations Development Programme country programming means the programming of its assistance at the country level. It involves the identification of the role of Programme inputs in specified areas within the country's development objectives.

3. Country programming will be used as a means of achieving the most rational and efficient utilization of resources at the disposal of the Programme for its activities in order to have the maximum impact on the economic and social development of the developing country concerned.

4. Country programming will be based on individual national development plans or, where these do not exist, on national development priorities or objectives.

5. It is recognized that the Government of the country concerned has the exclusive responsibility for formulating its national development plan or priorities and objectives. Individual developing countries should be given, at their request, assistance from the United Nations, including the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut, in the general field of planning and from the specialized agencies in sectoral planning.

6. The programming of Programme assistance will be carried out in each country within the framework of indicative planning figures constituting an order of magnitude of the resources expected to be available from the Programme during the country programme period.

7. The country programme, based on national development plans, priorities or objectives and on the indicative planning figures, will be formulated by the Government of the recipient country in co-operation, at an appropriate stage, with representatives of the United Nations system, the latter under the leadership of the resident representative of the Programme; it should coincide, where appropriate, with the period of the country's national development plan. The formulation of the country programme should involve:

(a) A broad identification of the needs which arise out of the country's objectives in particular sectors, within the framework of its over-all development objectives, and which might appropriately be met by Programme assistance;

(b) As precise an indication as possible of the internal inputs, Programme inputs and, wherever possible, other United Nations inputs to meet these needs;

(c) A preliminary list of projects to be subsequently worked out for financing by the Programme to implement the country programme.

8. The country programme of assistance should support activities which are meaningfully related to the country's development objectives. This implies that the assistance provided constitutes a programme which receives its coherence and balance from its relationship to these national objectives.

9. In the process of country programming, efforts should be made at all levels to co-ordinate all sources of assistance in the United Nations system, with a view to achieving integration of the assistance at the country level.

10. It will be for the Government to take into account, while preparing the country programme, other external inputs, both multilateral and bilateral.

11. The resident representative will transmit the country programme to the Administrator of the Programme who, in turn, will submit it, with his recommendations, to the Governing Council for its consideration and approval. Approval will cover the entire period of the programme, with provision for periodic reviews aimed at possible adjustments. With the agreement of the country concerned, the Administrator, in submitting the country programme for consideration and approval, will invite the attention of the Governing Council to details of any other related programme of United Nations assistance.

12. The assistance of the Programme must be sufficiently flexible to meet unforeseen needs of recipient countries or