

co-ordinating facilities of the United Nations system of organizations;

4. *Draws the attention* of member States to the fact that recent experience demonstrates that the World Food Programme could effectively utilize resources up to double or more than double the target level agreed for pledges in 1971 and 1972 without basic changes in the existing procedures of the Programme;

5. *Requests* Governments of member States to endeavour, wherever possible and without prejudice to the obligations arising from existing international agreements, to raise their cash contribution to the World Food Programme above the amounts required for transport, insurance and other services for operations of the Programme so as to enable it to increase its purchases from exporting developing countries at world market prices;

6. *Requests* the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme and the Executive Director of the World Food Programme to take appropriate action on the suggestions contained in the report of the Committee²⁷ concerning the improvement of the Programme's procedures and administration;

7. *Requests* the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme, drawing on assistance as appropriate from the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other interested organizations within the United Nations system, to review at its twenty-third session the progress made on the proposals contained in the report of the Committee and to submit its findings to the Economic and Social Council for transmission to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

8. *Reminds* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations of the contents of paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 2462 (XXIII) and requests them, in consultation with the executive heads of other interested agencies and programmes, to report on this subject, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly as soon as possible;

9. *Notes* that, in pursuance of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 2462 (XXIII), the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has given active consideration to, and has consulted with member States on, possible ways of making appraisals of prospective food deficits and food aid needs and of ensuring that sufficient food-stuffs are available to cope with unforeseen urgent situations, including the establishment of food reserves, further notes that the Director-General has submitted his conclusions to the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and invites him to report to the Economic and Social Council as soon as possible.

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2683 (XXV). World Population Year

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2211 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 on population growth and economic development,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1484 (XLVIII) of 3 April 1970 on the Third World Population Conference,

Noting also that the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade³⁰ provides for action, both at the national and international levels, to deal with the problem of population growth in those countries which, in accordance with their concept of development, consider that their rate of population growth hampers their development,

Taking into account the progress made by Member States in coping with those aspects of the population problem which are relevant to their respective economic, social, humanistic and cultural development,

Recognizing that, in spite of the progress made so far in this regard by Member States and international organizations, and particularly the important role being played in the population field by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, varied aspects of the population problem require further attention from Member States and international organizations,

Recognizing further that a way of focusing international attention on different aspects of the population problem would be for Member States and international organizations to devote the year 1974 especially to appropriate efforts and undertakings in the field of population in the context of their respective needs and areas of competence,

Confident that the designation of the year 1974 for encouraging appropriate and relevant co-operative activity in the field of population would make a significant contribution to the realization of the objectives in this field,

1. *Designates* the year 1974 as World Population Year;

2. *Acknowledges* that the formulation and implementation of population policies and programmes are matters falling under the internal competence of each country and, consequently, that international action in the population sphere should be responsive to the varied needs and requests of individual Member States;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with interested Member States, a detailed programme of proposed measures and activities to be undertaken by the organizations of the United Nations system during the year 1974, taking into account the different character of population problems in each country and region, the population policies of Member States, as well as the proposals contained in the Secretary-General's report on the question of holding a Third World Population Conference,³¹ and to submit the programme to the Economic and Social Council in 1972 through the Population Commission at its sixteenth session;

4. *Invites* interested organizations of the United Nations system to render the necessary assistance to the Secretary-General in preparing the programme of measures and activities for the World Population Year;

5. *Invites* Member States to participate fully in the World Population Year in the context of their capacities and policies;

6. *Stresses* that assistance from organizations of the United Nations system and interested Member States should continue to be available upon request for evolving and implementing a dynamic population policy

³⁰ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

³¹ E/CN.9/224 and Add.1.

to cope with all the problems emanating from different population levels, characteristics and trends, including assistance in developing a comprehensive demographic research and studies programme as well as training programmes and in providing advisory services in this field;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly in 1975, through the Economic and Social Council, a final report on the World Population Year.

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2684 (XXV). Increase in the production and use of edible protein

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2416 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968,

Recognizing the importance of assuring adequate levels of protein production and consumption in the context of economic and social development and the well-being of present and future generations in all countries,

Cognizant of the fact that the protein problem, because of its interdisciplinary implications, requires the concerted action of all sectors, at both the national and international levels, and an integrated approach, involving economic, managerial, social and scientific considerations,

Welcoming the increased level of activities and greater attention being given to this subject by the various agencies and organizations of the United Nations system as well as the growing interest being shown in the subject by Governments,

Expressing its appreciation for the activities undertaken at the technical and interagency levels by the Protein Advisory Group,

Recognizing, however, that the efforts being made fall far short of meeting the urgent requirements of the problem,

Concerned at the lack of a coherent plan of international action and a framework for stimulating action and concern at the governmental level in the field of protein, as called for by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and by the Secretary-General, and at the insufficient impact of current efforts to achieve better levels of protein production and consumption, especially in developing countries,

Reaffirming that, in order to deal effectively with the protein problem, further and fresh efforts are necessary and the maximum co-ordination of these efforts by all agencies and organizations of the United Nations system is essential,

1. *Takes note* of the Secretary-General's progress report on the protein problem;⁸²

2. *Takes note also* of the comments on the subject made at the forty-ninth session of the Economic and Social Council;⁸³

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account the statements made at the twenty-fifth session

of the General Assembly, to prepare, with the assistance of independent experts⁸⁴ and in close consultation with the agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, a concise report on the possible elements of a broad statement of strategy, as contemplated by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, suggesting the role of Governments and the contribution of the United Nations system in closing the protein gap and including recommendations regarding those proposals already put forward which are found to be both desirable and feasible, together with an indication of the possible means of their implementation;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit the report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session;

5. *Recommends*, in the meantime, that the Secretary-General should take all possible steps in pursuance of paragraphs 3 and 5 of General Assembly resolution 2416 (XXIII), that the United Nations Development Programme should give increased attention to projects directly related to the protein problem and that the Protein Advisory Group, the specialized agencies and other United Nations organizations should continue and intensify their current activities in this field.

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2685 (XXV). Economic and social consequences of disarmament

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1516 (XV) of 15 December 1960, 1837 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, 1931 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 and 2387 (XXIII) of 19 November 1968 on the conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament, resolution 2526 (XXIV) of 5 December 1969 on a day for peace and resolution 2602 E (XXIV) of 16 December 1969 declaring the decade of the 1970s as a Disarmament Decade, and also Economic and Social Council resolutions 891 (XXIV) of 26 July 1962, 982 (XXXVI) of 2 August 1963 and 1026 (XXXVII) of 11 August 1964 on the economic and social consequences of disarmament,

Recalling the report of the consultative group of experts on the economic and social consequences of disarmament⁸⁵ and the various reports of the Secretary-General on national studies of the subject,⁸⁶

Aware that progress towards general and complete disarmament would release substantial resources which could be utilized for accelerating economic and social development in general and in the developing countries in particular,

Encouraged that the great Powers are exerting efforts to prevent what might become an uncontrollable escalation of the nuclear arms race,

Recalling further that the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade⁸⁷ has called for a close link between the Disarmament Decade and the Development Decade,

⁸⁴ Subsequently referred to as the Panel to Assist the Secretary-General in the Formulation of a Strategy Statement on the Protein Problem Confronting the Developing Countries.

⁸⁵ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 62.IX.1.

⁸⁶ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 62.IX.2.

⁸⁷ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

⁸² E/4829 and Corr.1 and 2.

⁸³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8003 and Corr.1)*, chapter IV, paras. 92-97.