

tional Atomic Energy Agency, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Twenty-seven seats shall be filled by developing countries, allocated as follows:

- (i) Eleven seats for African States;
- (ii) Nine seats for Asian States and Yugoslavia;
- (iii) Seven seats for Latin American States;

(b) Twenty-one seats shall be filled by economically more advanced countries, allocated as follows:

- (i) Seventeen seats for Western European and other States;
- (ii) Four seats for Eastern European States;

(c) The composition of seats in each group should at all times give due expression to adequate sub-regional representation;

(d) Elections to these forty-eight seats shall be for a term of three years and retiring members shall be eligible for re-election;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to elect, at its resumed fifty-first session, the additional eleven members of the Governing Council.

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2814 (XXVI). Capacity of the United Nations development system

The General Assembly,

Considering the need for the United Nations Development Programme to keep abreast of the increasing requirements of the developing countries in the context of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, contained in General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970,

Mindful of the fact that the challenges of development require the continuous adaptation, improvement and updating of the United Nations system for development assistance,

Expressing its satisfaction with the steps taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme during its eleventh²³ and twelfth²⁴ sessions to implement the reforms incorporated in General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system,

Aware of the significance and impact of subregional, regional and interregional projects on the harmonious and accelerated development of developing regions and countries, particularly the least developed among them,

Bearing in mind that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, in the decision taken at its 262nd meeting, has agreed that additional regional bureaux may be established when appropriate in order to meet the needs of the various geographical areas,²⁵

Cognizant of the fact that global projects have a special significance in terms of transfer as well as creation of technology in conditions especially adapted to the specific needs and requirements of the developing countries,

Bearing in mind also the need to maximize the capacity of the United Nations development system through the most efficient and rational utilization of all its components,

Recalling the decisions taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its eleventh and twelfth sessions on the criteria to be followed in calculating indicative planning figures as reflected in paragraph 71 (h) of the report on its eleventh session and paragraph 84 of the report on its twelfth session,

Conscious of the fact that industrial development constitutes one of the essential features of development policies and planning at every stage of development,

Conscious also of the equally essential role of agricultural, pastoral, artisanal, tourism and mining development, as well as natural resources development in general, for a fully integrated and independent economy,

Stressing the importance it attaches to the developing countries themselves determining the priorities they attach to each sector of their economies, in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 22 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV),

Aware of the urgent necessity to improve the absorptive capacity of the least developed among the developing countries through appropriate financial and technical assistance,

1. *Reaffirms* the authority of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, under the guidance of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as the main policy-formulating body of the Programme from which the Administrator would receive the necessary directives for the general planning of the activities of the Programme, and commends the Governing Council for the guidance given to the Administrator in adapting the machinery of the Programme to the new demands made upon it, as reflected in the decision of the Governing Council adopted at its 262nd meeting on the organization, methods and general procedures of the Programme;²⁶

2. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to study, within the framework of the review of criteria for the indicative planning figures at its fourteenth session, ways and means of eliminating inequities due to historical circumstances, including those suffered by countries whose indicative planning figures are already committed to ongoing projects as a result of their special circumstances;

3. *Stresses* the importance it attaches to the regional bureaux of the United Nations Development Programme and to their operative capacity through direct access to the Administrator of the Programme as essential elements for the fulfilment of the objectives of the Programme;

4. *Calls upon* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider, within the framework of the comprehensive review to be undertaken at its fourteenth session, ways and means of improving the procedures for global, interregional, regional and subregional projects—in accordance with paragraphs 21, 22 and 23 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV)—in order to make them fully compatible with the country programmes of the region or area concerned while accordng equitable emphasis to the interests and priorities of all

²³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6 (E/4954 and Corr.1), chap. III.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6A (E/5043/Rev.1), chap. III.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6 (E/4954 and Corr.1), para. 52.

developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, members of the regional economic commissions and of the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut,

5. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to study the possible ways of promoting, within the present proportional allocation of resources, in accordance with paragraphs 25 and 26 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV), a greater number of global projects in the context of the implementation of the objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade in the field of science and technology, with emphasis on industrial development and agricultural, pastoral, artisanal, tourism and mining development, as well as natural resources development in general;

6. *Also stresses* that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme should prepare the omnibus statute of the Programme in such a way that it incorporates any new matter or procedures that might be agreed upon at its thirteenth and fourteenth sessions and, at the same time, keeps the flexibility necessary for the future adaptation of the Programme to changing situations;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Development Programme:

(a) To establish and implement, in collaboration with the Committee on Natural Resources, special programmes in the field of the identification and optimum utilization of the natural resources of the least developed among the developing countries;

(b) To exempt the least developed among the developing countries from the payment of local costs as long as required by their special situation;

8. *Further stresses* that the scope of the activities of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board must correspond to its functions of interagency consultations and co-ordination at the secretariat level and should be defined accordingly by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at the earliest possible opportunity, in the light of paragraph 65 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV);

9. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1617 (LI) of 27 July 1971 on projects in the field of industrial development;

10. *Expresses the hope* that increased contributions to the United Nations Development Programme will make it possible to enlarge substantially the resources available for the Programme, taking especially into account the interests and needs of the least developed among the developing countries.

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2815 (XXVI). United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1084 (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965 on the work programmes and priorities in the population fields,

Recalling further its resolution 2211 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, in response to which a trust fund, subsequently named the United Nations Fund for

Population Activities, was established in 1967 by the Secretary-General,

Bearing in mind the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, contained in General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, with particular reference to the demographic objectives and policy measures set forth in paragraphs 13 and 65 of the Strategy,

Recognizing the responsibility of the Population Commission to assist the Economic and Social Council in accordance with its terms of reference, as defined in Council resolution 150 (VII) of 10 August 1948,

Noting that the Secretary-General has requested the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to administer the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and that an Executive Director of the Fund has been appointed,

Further noting with satisfaction the progress made to date by the Fund to which, so far, thirty-two countries have contributed,

Aware that the Fund has now become a viable entity in the United Nations system,

Convinced that the Fund should play a leading role in the United Nations system in promoting population programmes—consistent with the decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council—on the problem of fast population growth as well as on the problem of under-population, which could, among other things, hamper rapid economic development,

Recognizing the need for the executing agencies of the Fund to implement with dispatch, in close co-operation with the Fund, population programmes requested by developing countries in order that such programmes may have the desired impact,

Expressing its appreciation of the efforts of the Secretary-General, which have resulted in the unprecedented growth and expansion of the Fund, and of the support extended by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme,

1. *Invites* Governments which are in a position to do so and whose policies would allow it to make voluntary contributions to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, to take the necessary steps to achieve the desired improvements in the administrative machinery of the Fund aimed at the efficient and expeditious delivery of population programmes, including measures to quicken the pace of recruiting the experts and personnel required to cope with the increasing volume of requests, as well as to consider the training of experts and personnel in the developing countries;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to inform the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-third session and the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session of the steps he has taken in the implementation of the present resolution and of any recommendations he may wish to make in this regard.

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