

Calculating Indicative Planning Figures and the amendments thereto,²⁷

Noting also the discussions in the Governing Council during its fourteenth session on the review of criteria to be followed in calculating indicative planning figures,

Recognizing the difficulty of devising a new general scheme designed to secure equity in the allocation of United Nations Development Programme resources to all recipient countries, as a result of which there is need for further study of the matter,

Convinced that it is imperative to devise a most fair and equitable new general scheme, envisaged to have a reasonable degree of stability and a long-term applicability, considering particularly the anticipated increase in United Nations Development Programme resources, and that would be without prejudice to the relevant special measures in favour of the least developed countries contained in the various resolutions and decisions of organizations in the United Nations system,

Noting further the general view expressed by the Governing Council at its fourteenth session that during the first development cycle, that is, 1972-1976, there will be no decrease in the level of the indicative planning figures of recipient countries as presently allocated,²⁸

1. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to undertake a special technical study and review in depth of the criteria for calculating indicative planning figures, taking into account the relevant decisions and resolutions of the Governing Council of the Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, the report of the Governing Council on its fourteenth session concerning the review of those criteria, and the views expressed on this matter at the twenty-seventh session of the Assembly;

2. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to submit his study, as envisaged in paragraph 1 above, to the Governing Council at its sixteenth session for detailed consideration with a view to finalizing the new criteria for calculating indicative planning figures at the seventeenth session of the Council.

*2109th plenary meeting
14 December 1972*

2973 (XXVII). Financial resources of the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

Reiterating that, unless the resources available for programme purposes are substantially enlarged and doubled by 1975, it will not be possible to ensure the most effective operation of the country programming system, nor to utilize fully the programme delivery capacity of the system,

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1615 (LI) of 26 July 1971, requested the Governing Council of the United Nations Development

Programme to review its planning estimates in order to attain the goal of doubling the resources of the Programme by 1975 and urged Governments to increase their contributions to the Programme for this purpose,

Invites Governments, in particular those donor Governments whose contributions have lagged behind in recent years, to increase their contributions to the United Nations Development Programme by at least 15 per cent annually in order to promote the objective of doubling the total resources available to the Programme by 1975.

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2974 (XXVII). Co-operation among developing countries in the United Nations technical co-operation programmes and increased efficiency of the capacity of the United Nations development system

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the dynamic nature of the development process in the developing countries,

Conscious of the need to ensure maximum consistency and coherence in the activities of the United Nations Development Programme,

Noting the measures adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to implement the consensus²⁹ which resulted from the study of the capacity of the United Nations development system and the provisions of which also appear in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

Prompted by the desire to strengthen those efforts by an in-depth study of the different options facing the international community in the field of development assistance and to evaluate them with a view to selecting those which will ensure the maximum effectiveness of the activities of the United Nations Development Programme in pursuit of its objectives,

Concerned about the need to implement its resolution 2811 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 on financial contributions to the United Nations Development Programme, as well as the need for further resources in order to increase the likelihood that the Programme's assistance to developing countries, especially to the relatively less developed among them, will be successful,

Concerned also at the impact of the growing administrative costs of the United Nations Development Programme on existing resources, and the adverse effect of this on the net amounts channelled into assistance,

Reaffirming that the effectiveness of the development process of developing countries depends primarily on the developing countries themselves and that the contribution of the international community to this development is essential,

Convinced of the need to make the fullest use of the capacity and experience of all Member States, independent of their degree of development, in united action designed to accelerate the development of the

²⁷ *Ibid.*, paras. 96 and 97.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. II, sect. D.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, *Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6A (E/4884/Rev.1)*, para. 94.