

cies and Programmes shall help to evolve and co-ordinate short-term and longer-term food aid policies recommended by the World Food Conference and shall, in particular:

(a) Provide general guidance on the policy, administration and operation of the World Food Programme;

(b) Provide a forum for intergovernmental consultations on national and international food aid programmes and policies;

(c) Review periodically general trends in food aid requirements and availabilities;

(d) Recommend to Governments, through the World Food Council, improvements in food aid policies and programmes on such matters as programme priorities, commodity composition of food aid and other related subjects;

(e) Formulate proposals for the more effective co-ordination of multilateral, bilateral and non-governmental food aid programmes, including emergency food aid;

(f) Review periodically the implementation of the recommendations made by the World Food Conference on food aid policies;

6. *Decides also* that the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes shall report annually to the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, which, in considering the reports of the Committee, shall take into account the responsibilities of the World Food Council, and that the Committee shall submit periodic and special reports to the World Food Council;

7. *Resolves* that the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes should normally hold regular sessions twice a year and such special sessions as it considers necessary or as called for by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in consultation with the Executive Director of the World Food Programme, or on request submitted in writing by at least one third of the members of the Committee;

8. *Further resolves* that the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes shall be serviced by the Executive Director of the World Food Programme, acting in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and that in this respect the Executive Director shall be guided by the relevant provisions of the General Regulations⁸ of the World Food Programme and in particular shall continue to rely to the maximum extent possible on the technical services of the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system, without any duplication of such services;

9. *Invites* the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes to adopt its own rules of procedure, which shall be based on the rules of procedure hitherto applicable to the Intergovernmental Committee, and to make provision for inviting States Members of the United Nations or members of the Food and Agri-

culture Organization of the United Nations that are not members of the Committee to participate in its deliberations;

10. *Authorizes* the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes to establish such subsidiary bodies as may be necessary to enable it to discharge its functions;

11. *Resolves* that the appointment of the Executive Director and the administration, procedures, financing and other working arrangements of the World Food Programme should continue to be governed, *mutatis mutandis*, by the *World Food Programme Basic Documents*.

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3405 (XXX). New dimensions in technical co-operation

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

Recalling the consensus, annexed to its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, as the comprehensive framework for the activities of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as the voluntary and universal character of the Programme,

Recalling its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, in particular section II, paragraph 6, thereof,

1. *Endorses* the decision adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twentieth session on new dimensions in technical co-operation, which is set forth in the annex to the present resolution;

2. *Stresses* the importance of applying the general guidelines contained in that decision for the future orientation of the United Nations Development Programme;

3. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to review periodically the progress in the application of these guidelines;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to give continuing attention to the assessment of the progress in the application of these guidelines and to report thereon on a regular basis to the General Assembly.

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ANNEX

Decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme⁹

At its 487th meeting, on 25 June 1975, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme:

(a) Reaffirmed the consensus of 1970¹⁰ as the comprehensive framework for the activities of the United Nations Development Programme and also reaffirmed the voluntary and universal character of the Programme;

(b) Recalled the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 pertaining to the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order;

⁹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5703/Rev.1), para. 54.

¹⁰ Resolution 2688 (XXV), annex.

⁸ For the text, see *World Food Programme Basic Documents*.

(c) Took note with appreciation of the documentation submitted by the Administrator, particularly the report of the Administrator on new dimensions in technical co-operation;¹¹

(d) Requested the Administrator:

- (i) To take all necessary measures to introduce more flexibility in the United Nations Development Programme, to enhance its dynamism and effectiveness and make the scope of activities and working methods of the Programme more responsive to the changing needs and priorities emerging from new economic conditions;
- (ii) To base those measures on the proposals favourable to developing countries contained in the report of the Administrator on new dimensions in technical co-operation, taking into account the observations made thereon in the Governing Council during its twentieth session;

(e) Adopted, in particular, the following general guidelines for the future orientation of the United Nations Development Programme, and requested the Administrator to ensure that the guidelines were reflected to the maximum extent possible in the execution of the Programme:

- (i) The basic purpose of technical co-operation should be the promotion of self-reliance in developing countries by building up, *inter alia*, their productive capability and their indigenous resources and by increasing the availability of the managerial, technical, administrative and research capabilities required in the development process;
- (ii) The selection of priority areas in which to seek the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme should remain the exclusive responsibility of the Governments of the recipient countries; in that context, the Programme should respond favourably to requests for meeting the most urgent and critical needs of each developing country, taking into account the importance of reaching the poorest and most vulnerable sections of their societies and enhancing the quality of their life;
- (iii) Technical co-operation should be seen in terms of output or the results to be achieved, rather than in terms of input;
- (iv) So long as projects are for the basic purpose of technical co-operation, the United Nations Development Programme should provide, where appropriate, equipment and material resources, adopt a more liberal policy towards local cost financing and be flexible in requirements for counterpart personnel;
- (v) The United Nations Development Programme should diversify the sources of its supply from countries to enable it to mobilize in a prompt and efficient manner all available human and material resources for technical co-operation, including particularly those from developing countries;
- (vi) The United Nations Development Programme should give increased support to programmes of technical co-operation among developing countries and should procure as much equipment and as many services as possible on a preferential basis, in accordance with United Nations practice, from local sources or from other developing countries;
- (vii) Governments and institutions in recipient countries should be increasingly entrusted with the responsibility for executing projects assisted by the United Nations Development Programme;
- (viii) Technical co-operation should be provided at any of the levels and stages of the development process, including assistance for project planning, pre-feasibility, feasibility, detailed engineering design and, where appropriate, construction and initial operations and management;
- (ix) In accordance with the consensus, the United Nations Development Programme should more often enter into partnership with capital assistance sources, in the terms expressed in paragraph 53 of the report of the

Administrator on new dimensions in technical co-operation, with a view to financing the technical assistance components of projects and programmes, taking into account the close relationship between technical co-operation and capital formation;

- (x) In the context of new dimensions of technical co-operation, special attention should be paid to the requirements of the least developed among the developing countries;

(f) Decided to undertake periodic reviews of progress in the application of the above guidelines, as part of the continuing and over-all efforts to improve the quality and efficiency of the United Nations Development Programme;

(g) Invited the Economic and Social Council to bring this decision, together with the report of the Administrator on new dimensions in technical co-operation and the respective part of the Governing Council's report on its twentieth session,¹² to the attention of the General Assembly as the contribution of the United Nations Development Programme to the preparations for the seventh special session of the Assembly.

3406 (XXX). International year of the child The General Assembly,

Taking note of the views concerning an international year of the child contained in chapter VII of the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund¹³ and the documents mentioned therein,

Recognizing that, in addition to various types of emergency assistance, rapid expansion and permanent improvement of basic services for children are needed in order to help to alleviate the chronic poverty and want afflicting children in many developing countries,

Concerned for all aspects of the well-being of children, for their human rights and for their legal and cultural identity,

Convinced that much greater awareness on the part of the international community of the situation of children would contribute significantly to the efforts being made to meet their needs,

Also convinced that an international year of the child, if adequately prepared for, supported and financed by Governments and by the general public through voluntary contributions, might help to strengthen that awareness and lead to the adoption of suitable measures,

Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1962 (LIX) of 30 July 1975, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the organizations concerned in the United Nations system and with interested non-governmental organizations, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, through the Council at its sixty-first session, bearing in mind the need for government support if such a year is to be productive, a report on measures and modalities for ensuring the adequate preparation, support and financing of the activities envisaged in the framework of an international year of the child, to be preferably the year 1979, to coincide with the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child.¹⁴

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¹² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5703/Rev.1), chap. II.*

¹³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6 (E/5698).

¹⁴ Resolution 1386 (XIV).