

9. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session, on progress in preparing for the International Year of the Child, including its financing and the level of contributions pledged.

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31/170. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The General Assembly,

Recalling 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,

Recalling further its resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 in which it, *inter alia*, decided to place the United Nations Fund for Population Activities under the authority of the General Assembly and established the respective roles relating to the Fund of the Economic and Social Council and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,

Noting with satisfaction that the United Nations Fund for Population Activities has become a most effective and viable entity in the United Nations system in the population field, owing in particular to its increased resources and its assistance to the developing countries,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities entitled "Priorities in the future allocation of the resources of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities";⁸⁶

2. *Takes note* of the views expressed on this matter at the twenty-second session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme⁸⁷ and at the sixty-first session of the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Endorses* the following general principles to be applied in making future allocations of resources:

(a) To promote population activities proposed in international strategies, particularly the World Population Plan of Action;⁸⁸

(b) To meet the needs of developing countries which have the most urgent need for assistance in the area of population activities in view of their population problems;

(c) To respect the sovereign right of each nation to formulate, promote and implement its own population policies;

(d) To promote the self-reliance of recipient countries;

(e) To give special attention to meeting the needs of disadvantaged population groups;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to apply the criteria for establishing priorities and the other recommendations set forth in his report, taking into account the decisions made by the Governing Council in this regard, in close co-operation with the specialized agencies and the regional commissions concerned, as appropriate;

5. *Invites* Governments to continue and to increase their contributions to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities in view of the rapidly increasing needs of developing countries for population assistance;

6. *Recommends* that the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, for purposes of continuity of the programme, should normally be appointed for a four-year term;

7. *Urges* continuing full collaboration and co-operation on operational matters between the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as between the Executive Director and the executive heads of other organs within the United Nations system in the field of population.

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31/171. Operational activities for development

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-first⁸⁹ and twenty-second⁹⁰ sessions, as well as the statement of the Administrator of the Programme⁹¹ and the views expressed during the debate on operational activities at the thirty-first session of the General Assembly,

Reiterating the principle reflected in the consensus on the functions and operations of the United Nations development system as embodied in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

Endorsing Economic and Social Council resolution 2024 (LXI) of 4 August 1976,

Stressing the continued need for a co-ordinated and integrated approach to technical co-operation activities carried out by the United Nations system according to the priorities of the recipient Governments, as well as General Assembly resolution 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 on new dimensions in technical co-operation,

Stressing further that the implementation of multi-lateral technical co-operation is a common endeavour of the organizations and programmes of the United Nations system,

1. *Notes with appreciation* that, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2024 (LXI), the

⁸⁶ DP/186 and Corr.1.

⁸⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5846/Rev.1)*, chap. XVI.

⁸⁸ *Report of the World Population Conference, 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

⁸⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5779)*.

⁹⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2A (E/5846/Rev.1).

⁹¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Second Committee, 30th meeting, paras. 2-13.*

Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the executive heads of the agencies and programmes members of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board are taking steps, in a spirit of partnership, to strengthen their mutual co-ordination, both between headquarters and in recipient countries, with a view to improving the integration of technical assistance in line with the above-mentioned consensus;

2. *Requests* all organizations of the United Nations system to pursue actively their consultations in order to develop the measures required to strengthen their co-operation and to ensure, through an efficient United Nations development field network, an integrated and interdisciplinary approach to operational activities, and looks forward to the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, to be submitted through the Economic and Social Council, on the steps taken and results achieved;

3. *Invites* all countries to help promote a properly co-ordinated approach to operational activities and to assist in the achievement of the dynamic growth of the activities of the United Nations Development Programme for 1977-1981 based on the need for an equitable sharing of the total effort required with regard to the level, timeliness and usability of voluntary contributions to the Programme.

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31/172. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia

The General Assembly,

Noting with deep concern the recent failure of rain during critical stages of the cropping season in parts of Ethiopia,

Mindful of the demands made on the resources of the Government of Ethiopia,

Noting with appreciation the assistance given to Ethiopia by Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

Recognizing the relief and rehabilitation efforts made by the Government of Ethiopia,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1986 (LX) of 6 May 1976, by which the Council requested the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to intensify the response to the needs for recovery, rehabilitation and development of the drought-stricken areas,

Further recalling its resolution 3441 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, in which it urged the United Nations and the specialized agencies to continue to implement vigorously the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1833 (LVI) of 8 May 1974, 1876 (LVII) of 16 July 1974 and 1971 (LIX) of 30 July 1975,

1. *Urges* the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the other United Nations organizations and specialized agencies to continue and intensify their assistance to Ethiopia in its relief and rehabilitation efforts in their respective areas of competence and to implement promptly the relevant provisions of Gen-

eral Assembly resolutions 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 and 3441 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1833 (LVI), 1876 (LVII), 1971 (LIX) and 1986 (LX);

2. *Appeals* to all Member States and voluntary agencies and intergovernmental organizations to continue and increase their assistance to Ethiopia;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General, the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session and to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-second session on the implementation of paragraphs 1 and 2 above and of other relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Council.

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31/173. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, establishing the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the strengthening of that Office, 3440 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, which provides, *inter alia*, for measures to be taken in support of the activities of the Office, and 3532 (XXX) of 17 December 1975 on the financing of emergency relief assistance and technical co-operation activities of the Office,

Recalling section II, paragraph 14, of its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2016 (LXI) of 3 August 1976, in which the Council recommended that the General Assembly at its thirty-first session should consider the most appropriate means for the financing, after 31 December 1977, of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

Aware that it would be desirable, for planning purposes, for the General Assembly to give guidance to the Secretary-General on the modalities for the future financing of the activities of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator⁹² and of the further information given by the Co-ordinator in his statement to the Second Committee on 19 November 1976;⁹³

2. *Commends* the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and his staff for the progress made in strengthening the capacity of his Office with a view to providing an efficient world-wide service of mobilizing and co-ordinating disaster relief, including in particular the collection and dissemination of information on disaster assessment, priority needs and donor assistance;

3. *Recognizes* that there will be a need for the maintenance of the activities of the core programme

⁹² A/31/88 and Add.1 and 2.

⁹³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Second Committee, 47th meeting, paras. 1-16.*