

8. *Further requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to prepare, in consultation with the United Nations Development Programme and the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, as well as with the Governments concerned, a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982.

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35/81. Comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development

The General Assembly,

Recalling 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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973,

Recalling further its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, in particular section V of the annex thereto,

Mindful of the importance of implementing fully and without undue delay the recommendations contained in its resolution 32/197,

Recalling its resolutions 33/201 of 29 January 1979 and 34/213 of 19 December 1979,

Reaffirming the validity of the consensus of 1970, as set forth in the annex to its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, and of the guidelines on new dimensions in technical co-operation, as set forth in the annex to its resolution 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975,

Reaffirming also the importance of the full and speedy implementation of its resolution 3405 (XXX),

Considering that the operational activities of the United Nations system can contribute significantly to the accelerated development of the developing countries and to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade¹⁵⁹ and thus to the establishment of the new international economic order,

Having examined the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation¹⁶⁰ and noting with interest paragraph 8 thereof, relating to the categorization of operational activities for development,

Concerned by the fact that a significant part of the resources for the technical co-operation activities of the United Nations system is absorbed in administrative and other support costs of the funding and executing agencies,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/66 of 25 July 1980 on operational activities for development,

Considering that operational activities for development encompass, *inter alia*, those activities of a development co-operation character that seek to mobilize or increase the potential and capacities of countries to promote economic and social development and welfare, including the transfer of resources to developing countries or regions in a tangible or intangible form,

Considering also that a substantial part of world resources, material as well as human, continues to be diverted to armaments with a detrimental effect on international security and on efforts to achieve the new international economic order, including operational activities of the United Nations system for development, and calling upon Governments to take effective measures in the field of real disarmament that would increase the possibility of allocation of resources now being used for military purposes to economic and social development, especially the development of developing countries,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation;

2. *Affirms* that the operational activities for development of the United Nations system should make an effective contribution to the accelerated development of developing countries and to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and thereby to the establishment of the new international economic order;

3. *Expresses its grave concern* that financial contributions to the system's operational activities for development have not increased substantially and have generally fallen short of targets which have been set by the relevant intergovernmental bodies;

4. *Strongly reiterates* the need for a substantial and real increase in the flow of resources for operational activities on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis;

5. *Strongly urges* all donor countries, particularly those developed countries whose over-all performance is not commensurate with their capacity, to increase rapidly and substantially their contributions to the system's operational activities for development on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis;

6. *Urges* all countries that are able to do so to indicate, while making their pledges, their probable contributions to the system's operational activities for development for a multiyear period, taking into account the need to ensure increased resources in real terms on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis;

7. *Invites* the governing bodies of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as appropriate, to consider new and specific ways and means of mobilizing increased resources for operational activities for development on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis;

8. *Invites* the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to develop, in the light of section V of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, specific recommendations on measures to reduce administrative and other support costs, to achieve maximum uniformity and harmonization of administrative, financial, budgetary, personnel and planning procedures and to improve the project procedures in the execution of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

¹⁵⁹ See resolution 35/56 above, annex.

¹⁶⁰ A/35/224 and Corr.1, annex.

9. *Invites* the Secretary-General and the heads of organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to adopt, in the meantime, all possible measures to improve management procedures, to reduce administrative and other support costs, and to enhance over-all efficiency in the execution of programmes and projects in the field of operational activities for development with a view to increasing the proportion of resources available to meet the assistance requirements of developing countries;

10. *Reaffirms* that, as set forth in the annex to its resolution 3405 (XXX), Governments and institutions of recipient countries should be increasingly entrusted with the responsibilities for executing projects and, to this end, that the operational activities of the United Nations system should, *inter alia*, effectively contribute to the training of the personnel of recipient countries;

11. *Urges* Governments and the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to accelerate their efforts for the effective implementation of section V of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 and, in this context, requests the heads of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to continue to take all necessary measures to improve coherence of action and effective integration at the country level, in accordance with the objectives and priorities of the Governments concerned, of the various sectoral inputs from the United Nations system;

12. *Welcomes* the progress being made in the implementation of paragraph 34 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 and requests the Secretary-General to complete as expeditiously as possible the process of designation of resident co-ordinators, taking fully into account the provisions of Assembly resolution 34/213;

13. *Decides* to undertake a comprehensive policy review of operational activities in 1983, and thereafter every three years, on the basis of a coherent, integrated and systematic approach;

14. *Further decides* to consider, at its next comprehensive policy review on operational activities for development, the question of the establishment of a single governing body for United Nations operational activities for development, in accordance with paragraph 35 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General, for the purpose of the next policy review, to entrust the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation with the preparation of a report on policy issues pertaining to operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system, based on the methodology utilized in his report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session,¹⁶⁰ and the provisions of the present resolution, as well as the views and comments of delegations on the issue of operational activities for development at the second regular session of 1980 of the Economic and Social Council and at the thirty-fifth session of the Assembly, for submission to the Assembly through the Council;

16. *Requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation also to include in his report:

(a) Recommendations arising from paragraph 7 above, together with his own recommendations;

(b) An elaboration of the suggestion that gaps exist in the operational activities of the United Nations system, especially in relation to the restructuring of in-

ternational economic relations, and suggestions as to ways and means of filling such gaps, thereby strengthening the United Nations system and making it more responsive to the needs of the developing countries;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust to the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation the submission to the General Assembly of an annual report on operational activities for development, which should also be made available to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, containing comprehensive statistical information concerning all operational activities for development of the United Nations system, including the information requested by the Assembly in paragraph 31 of the annex to resolution 32/197 and contained in appendices II and III to the report of the Director-General, with a further elaboration thereof in the light of commitments undertaken;

18. *Further requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to include in his annual report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session information on progress made concerning the invitations set forth in paragraph 9 above and to include in his annual report to the Assembly at its thirty-seventh session the recommendations requested in paragraph 8 above, together with his own.

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35/82. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/177 of 21 December 1976, by which it approved the statute of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries,

Recalling also its resolutions 32/113 of 15 December 1977, 33/85 of 15 December 1978 and 34/209 of 19 December 1979,

Recalling further resolution 123 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development¹⁶¹ and taking note of decision 80/21 of 26 June 1980 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,¹⁶²

Convinced that access to the world market at the least possible cost is an integral part of meaningful economic development of land-locked developing countries,

Bearing in mind that the majority of countries classified as least developed are land-locked developing countries,

Expressing deep concern at the very low level of contributions for 1980 announced at the 1979 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities,¹⁶³

Noting that, according to the report of the Secretary-General prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 34/207 of 19 December 1979, contributions to the Fund must increase significantly if it is to be effective in meeting the large requirements for reducing

¹⁶¹ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

¹⁶² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12* (E/1980/42/Rev.1), chap. XI.

¹⁶³ See A/CONF.98/SR.1 and 2.