

implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;¹⁵⁴

4. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider measures to enhance the capacity of the United Nations Capital Development Fund to respond effectively to the priority needs of the least developed countries, including measures to improve complementarity between the capital assistance available to them from the Fund and other types of assistance available to the least developed countries administered by the United Nations Development Programme, with a view to maximizing the impact and effective utilization of those resources in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries;

5. *Endorses* the programme orientation and operational policies of the United Nations Capital Development Fund as described in the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the Fund in 1980 and, in particular, stresses the importance of achieving a balance between resources allocated for meeting basic needs of low-income groups and those required for strengthening the productive sectors and dealing with other structural bottle-necks, with a view to promoting national self-reliance and accelerated self-sustained economic growth of the least developed among the developing countries;

6. *Decides* that the administrative and programme support costs of the United Nations Capital Development Fund shall be met from the general resources of the Fund, while the United Nations Development Programme will continue to provide field support services as well as all headquarters administrative support services to the Fund;

7. *Calls upon* Governments not already contributing to the United Nations Capital Development Fund, particularly developed countries and others in a position to do so, to provide financial support to the activities of the Fund.

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36/197. United Nations Children's Fund¹⁵⁹

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/56 of 22 July 1981,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held at United Nations Headquarters from 11 to 22 May 1981,¹⁶⁰

Reaffirming the principles and guidelines for the programme activities of the United Nations Children's Fund laid down by the Executive Board, in particular the field-oriented and action-oriented approach of the Fund and the maintenance of a low ratio of administration to programme costs,

Acutely aware that the present global economic situation adversely affects the ability of developing countries to implement plans for the extension of basic services to children and mothers, which requires the most effective use of available resources to advance the well-being of children,

Concerned that the situation regarding the income of organizations of the United Nations system depending on voluntary contributions, including the United Nations Children's Fund, has recently been adversely affected by a number of unfavourable factors,

Bearing in mind that the programmes of co-operation of the United Nations Children's Fund are contributing to the realization of the relevant goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,¹⁶¹

1. *Commends* the policies and activities of the United Nations Children's Fund;

2. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/56;

3. *Reaffirms* the role of the United Nations Children's Fund as the lead agency in the United Nations system responsible for co-ordinating the follow-up activities of the International Year of the Child related to the goals and objectives concerning children set forth in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Commends* the Executive Director and the secretariat of the United Nations Children's Fund for their efforts to enlarge the income of the Fund so that it may respond more effectively to the needs of developing countries in support of their programmes to enlarge basic services for the benefit of children and mothers;

5. *Urges* all organizations concerned in supporting the activities of the United Nations Children's Fund, including the national committees for the Fund and the co-operating non-governmental organizations, as well as other organizations of the United Nations system, to enlarge and enhance their co-operation with the Fund in order to maximize the effectiveness of such co-operation in the interests of children and mothers in developing countries;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to Governments that have responded to the needs of the United Nations Children's Fund and expresses the hope that more Member States will follow their example;

7. *Invites* all Governments that make pledges of voluntary contributions to make payment thereof as early as possible so that the United Nations Children's Fund may proceed with the implementation of its programmes without undue delay while maintaining an adequate level of operating capital;

8. *Appeals* to all Governments to increase their contributions, if possible on a multiyear basis, so that the United Nations Children's Fund may, in the present global economic situation, be able to augment its co-operation with developing countries and respond to the urgent needs of the children in those countries.

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36/198. United Nations Volunteers programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-eighth session¹⁶² and its decision 81/1 of 18 June 1981¹⁶³ on the United Nations Volunteers programme,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the successful achievement of the United Nations Volunteers programme during the first decade of service, that it is active in ninety-three countries, including the least developed countries, and that it has, in response to General Assembly resolution 34/107 of

¹⁵⁹ See also sect. II, resolution 36/244.

¹⁶⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 8 (E/1981/48).*

¹⁶¹ Resolution 35/56, annex.

¹⁶² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11 (E/1981/61/Rev.1).*

¹⁶³ *Ibid.*, annex I.