

Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Desiring to promote full implementation of the provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade concerning the important role of qualified national personnel in the achievement of the development goals of the developing countries,¹⁷⁰

Noting with regret that the report on the implementation of resolution 37/228, including possible elements of general guidelines on principles, objectives and structures of education and training of personnel of developing countries, has not yet been prepared,¹⁷¹

1. *Reaffirms* the importance of implementing the provisions of its resolution 37/228;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the implementation of that resolution, to consult as soon as possible with the Governments of Member States on their experience in establishing and developing their systems of training qualified national personnel, particularly on the principles, objectives and structures of those systems;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to compile and summarize the information provided by the Governments and to submit it to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

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39/220. Financing 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 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling further its resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system and 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 on new dimensions in technical co-operation,

Reiterating its resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 33/201 of 29 January 1979 and 35/81 of 5 December 1980 on a comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development, 36/199 of 17 December 1981 and 37/226 of 20 December 1982 on operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Reaffirming the exclusive responsibility of the Government of the recipient country in formulating its national development plan, priorities and objectives, as set out in the consensus contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV), and emphasizing that the integration of the operational activities of the United Nations system with national programmes would enhance the impact and relevance of those activities,

Stressing the urgent need to strengthen multilateral co-operation for development, including increased voluntary

contributions to operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

Having considered the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on operational activities for development of the United Nations system,¹⁷²

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 38/171 and 38/172 of 19 December 1983;

2. *Notes* the positive signs at the 1984 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities,¹⁷³ which nevertheless follow a stagnation in resources for operational activities for development in 1983 compared to 1982, bearing in mind that the continuing needs of developing countries require greater efforts to strengthen that positive trend to lead to a process of growth in resources by increasing significantly the level of contributions on a more equitable basis;

3. *Stresses* the need for the successful completion of the first replenishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and urges all countries concerned, bearing in mind the particular contribution of the developed countries, to reach agreement on a priority basis for the second replenishment, in order to enable the Fund to continue its effective contribution at an adequate level,

4. *Urges* developed countries to provide supplementary financing for the seventh replenishment of the International Development Association in order to cover the shortfall and enable the Association to increase its assistance to developing countries, particularly in the development of food and agriculture;

5. *Reaffirms* the unique and central role of the United Nations Development Programme in the field of technical co-operation for development;

6. *Recognizes* the contribution of Governments to the United Nations Development Programme, particularly those which have increased their contributions by 14 per cent, bearing in mind decision 80/30 of 26 June 1980 of the Governing Council of the Programme,¹⁷⁴ reaffirms the imperativeness of providing the Programme with adequate resources, and calls upon the Governing Council, while considering the level of resources of the fourth programming cycle, to take fully into account, in accordance with the principles of the consensus of 1970,¹⁷⁵ the increased needs of the developing countries in the area of technical co-operation and the need for achieving real growth in resources;

7. *Reaffirms also* the central responsibility of Governments of developing countries in the process of co-ordination of external assistance, including the determination of local co-ordination arrangements;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations system is responsive to assisting developing countries, at their request, in strengthening their capabilities in exercising co-ordination;

9. *Requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, in his annual report for 1985, to continue to provide data on the various issues identified in General Assembly resolution 38/171, particularly in its paragraphs 15 and 24, and to report to the Assembly, at its fortieth session, on the progress achieved with regard to paragraphs 19, 23 and 27 of that resolution, and also requests the Director-General to include in his report information on the following:

¹⁷⁰ Resolution 35/56, annex, para. 47.

¹⁷¹ See A/39/308-E/1984/118.

¹⁷² A/39/417, annex.

¹⁷³ See A/CONF.126/SR.1-3.

¹⁷⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42 Rev.1) chap. XI*.

¹⁷⁵ Resolution 2688 (XXV), annex.

(a) Steps being considered to improve the process and effectiveness of round-table meetings in the light of the experience gained in the mid-term global review of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,¹⁷⁶ in close collaboration with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;

(b) The prevailing situation in various organizations and programmes of the United Nations system with regard to tied contributions in the light of paragraph 8 of resolution 38/171 and the outcome of discussions on this issue by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

(c) Data on procurement undertaken by organizations of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities;

(d) Further data on and analysis of the relationship between programme delivery and administrative and support costs of those organizations;

(e) Information on specific action taken in response to paragraph 8 of the present resolution.

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39/221. 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, and its subsequent resolutions on the Fund, including resolution 38/174 of 19 December 1983,

Taking note of resolution 137 (VI) of 2 July 1983 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development¹⁷⁷ and decision 83/28 of 24 June 1983 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,¹⁷⁸

Recalling the relevant provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,¹⁷⁹

Also recalling the relevant paragraphs of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,¹⁷⁶

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

Expressing deep concern at the very low level of contributions that have been consistently pledged to the Fund since its establishment,

Noting that the demands for assistance from the Fund are additional to, and generally different from, the types of activities financed from other sources in the United Nations system,

1. Expresses concern at the lack of implementation of its resolutions on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries;

2. Renews its appeal for adequate resources to be provided to the Fund;

¹⁷⁶ Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

¹⁷⁷ See Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Sixth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.II.D.6), part one, sect. A.

¹⁷⁸ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20), annex I.

¹⁷⁹ Resolution 35/56, annex, paras. 152-155.

3. Urges the international community to give full consideration to the special constraints facing the land-locked developing countries in their economic and social development;

4. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the executive heads of the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to continue to pursue action in favour of the land-locked developing countries within the framework of the interim arrangements, bearing in mind that each country concerned should receive appropriate technical and financial assistance.

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39/222. United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 38/175 of 19 December 1983,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1984/171 of 25 July 1984,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held at Rome from 24 April to 4 May 1984,¹⁸⁰ and having noted in particular in this context the Board's discussions on achieving the child survival and child development revolution¹⁸¹ and on the present emergency situation in Africa,¹⁸²

Reaffirming the principles and guidelines for programme activities established by the Executive Board in its efforts to reach the most disadvantaged in order to bring about a major improvement in child survival and child development, taking special advantage of developments in primary health care techniques and communications,

Noting the recommendations of the International Conference on Population, 1984 and the Mexico Declaration on Population and Development,¹⁸³ which stated, *inter alia*, that those developments have the potential to achieve a virtual revolution in child survival,¹⁸⁴

Acutely aware that the present global situation adversely affects vulnerable groups, such as children, and therefore makes the need for those efforts all the more critical,

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

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its 1984 session;¹⁸⁰

3. Urges the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, within the context of the basic services and primary health care approach for children in the delivery of programmes, to continue and intensify his efforts on the basis of recent developments in the social and biological sciences that present a new opportunity to bring about a virtual revolution in child survival and child development, at a low cost and in a relatively short time, in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Executive Board of the Fund and in co-operation with other relevant

¹⁸⁰ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 9 (E/1984/19).

¹⁸¹ *Ibid.*, chap. II.

¹⁸² *Ibid.*, chap. III.

¹⁸³ See Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I.

¹⁸⁴ *Ibid.*, sect. B, para. 22, recommendation 19.