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CHAPTER XXIX

COMPREHENSIVE POLICY REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL
ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

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1. The Economic and Social Council considered the question of a comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development at the second regular session of 1980 under agenda item 5.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twentieth session; 1/

(b) Report of the High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC/13 and Corr.1 and 2); 2/

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities of the United Nations system (A/35/224 and Corr.1);

(d) Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund; 3/

(e) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-seventh session (E/1980/42); 4/

(f) Progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of paragraph 34 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 (E/1980/36);

(g) Report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and of the Administrative Committee for Co-ordination on the Joint Meetings of the two Committees (E/1980/75 and Corr.1);

(h) Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries (DP/443);

(i) Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries (DP/458);

(j) Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (DP/477);

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth session, Supplement No. 38 (A/35/38).

2/ For the printed text, see *ibid.*, Supplement No. 39 (A/35/39).

3/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980 Supplement No. 11 (E/1980/41).

4/ For the printed text, see *ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42).

(k) Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Volunteers (DP/484);

(1) Report of the Budgetary and Finance Committee of the United Nations Development Programme (DP/505).

3. At its 23rd meeting, on 2 May 1980, the Council allocated agenda item 5 to the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee, which considered it at the 6th to 10th, 12th and 14th to 17th meetings, on 11, 14 to 18, 21 and 22 July 1980. For the report of the Committee on this item, see document E/1980/98 (Parts I to III).

ACTION BY THE THIRD (PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION) COMMITTEE

United Nations Children's Fund

4. At the 12th meeting, the Committee considered a draft resolution entitled "United Nations Children's Fund", which was sponsored by Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Norway, 5/ Pakistan, Senegal, Somalia, 5/ Sweden, Thailand, the United States of America, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zambia, and was orally revised. At the same meeting, an amendment to the draft resolution was orally proposed. 6/

5. At the 14th meeting, the sponsors further revised the draft resolution, taking into account the proposed amendment. 6/ Subsequently, the Philippines 5/ joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. 5/

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution I (see E/1980/98 (Part I), para. 21). For action by the Council, see paragraph 22 (a) below.

Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries

7. At the 14th meeting, the Committee considered a draft resolution entitled "Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries", which was sponsored by Democratic Yemen, 5/ Ethiopia, Mongolia 5/ and Poland. 5/ At the same meeting, amendments to the draft resolution were orally proposed. 6/

8. At the 15th meeting, the sponsors, joined by Bulgaria and Hungary, accepted the proposed amendments.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution II (see E/1980/98 (Part I), para. 21). For action by the Council, see paragraph 22 (b) below.

5/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

6/ For particulars of the revisions and/or amendments, see the report of the Committee on this item (E/1980/98 (Part I) paras. 3-10).

High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical
Co-operation among Developing Countries

10. At the 15th meeting, the Committee considered a draft resolution entitled "High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries", which was sponsored by Argentina, Romania, Spain and the United Republic of Tanzania.

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution III (see E/1980/98 (Part I), para. 21). For action by the Council, see paragraph 22 (c) below.

Report of the Governing Council of the
United Nations Development Programme

12. At the 16th meeting, the Committee considered a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme", which was sponsored by Indonesia, Kenya, 5/ Nepal, Senegal and Uganda 5/ and was orally revised. The United Republic of Tanzania subsequently joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

13. At the same meeting, amendments to the draft resolution were orally proposed and were accepted by the sponsors. 6/

14. The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as revised, and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution I (see E/1980/98 (Part II), para. 22). For action by the Council, see paragraph 23 (a) below.

Operational activities for development

15. At the 16th meeting, the Committee considered a draft resolution entitled "Operational activities for development", which was sponsored by Denmark, 5/ Finland, the Netherlands, 5/ Norway 5/ and Sweden.

16. At the 17th meeting, the draft resolution was orally revised to take into account the various proposals made at the 16th meeting and in informal consultations. Several amendments were subsequently proposed orally, some of which were accepted by the sponsors. 6/

17. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as revised, and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution II (see E/1980/98 (Part II), para. 22). For action by the Council, see paragraph 23 (b) below.

Report of the Administrator of the United Nations
Development Programme on the United Nations
Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

18. At the 17th meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision recommending that the Council should take note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (DP/447 and Corr.1)

and of decision 80/29, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on 27 June 1980. The recommendation was submitted to the Economic and Social Council as draft decision I (see E/1980/98 (Part III), para. 4). For action by the Council, see paragraph 24 below.

Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development
Programme on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked
Developing Countries

19. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision recommending that the Council should take note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries (DP/458) and of decision 80/21, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on 26 June 1980. The recommendation was submitted to the Council as draft decision II (see E/1980/98 (Part III), para. 4). For action by the Council, see paragraph 24 below.

Progress report on the implementation of paragraph 34
of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197

20. Also at the 17th meeting, the Chairmen proposed a draft decision recommending that the Council should take note of the progress report on the implementation of paragraph 34 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 (E/1980/36). The draft decision was orally amended.

21. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision, as orally amended, and submitted it to the Council as draft decision III (see E/1980/98 (Part III), para. 4). For action by the Council, see paragraph 24 below.

ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

22. At the 45th meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council considered the draft resolutions recommended by the Committee in Part I of its report (E/1980/98 (Part I), para. 21), and took the following action:

(a) Draft resolution I was adopted; for the final text, see the annex below, Council resolution 1980/62;

(b) Draft resolution II was adopted; for the final text, see the annex below, Council resolution 1980/63;

(c) Draft resolution III was adopted; for the final text, see the annex below, Council resolution 1980/64.

23. At the same meeting, the Council considered the draft resolutions recommended by the Committee in part II of its report (E/1980/98 (Part II), para. 22), and took the following action:

(a) Draft resolution I was adopted; for the final text, see the annex below, Council resolution 1980/65;

(b) Draft resolution II was adopted; for the final text. see the annex below, Council resolution 1980/66.

24. At the same meeting, the Council considered the draft decisions recommended by the Committee in part III of its report (E/1980/98 (Part III), para. 4). Draft decisions I to III were adopted; for the final texts see the annex below. Council decisions 1980/176, 1980/177 and 1980/178 respectively.

ANNEX

Resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and
Social Council under agenda item 5 a/

Resolution 1980/62. United Nations Children's Fund

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/105 of 14 December 1979 and Council resolution 1979/53 of 2 August 1979

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held in New York from 19 to 30 May 1980, b/

Noting with appreciation the extensive work undertaken during the International Year of the Child by the United Nations Children's Fund as lead agency for the Year, and by other participating organizations,

Noting also the recommendations of the Executive Board regarding its programmes concerning education services, women, children and development, childhood disability, planning and programming for children at the country level, and the promotion of the component of technical co-operation among developing countries, and in particular its efforts to promote the local production of items and the indigenous application of appropriate technologies,

Expressing its support for the Executive Board's recommendation that the follow-up activities of the International Year of the Child should be based on the premise that those activities will be integrated in the total programme of the United Nations Children's Fund and will require the continuous co-operation of other organizations concerned in the United Nations system, as an augmentation of their usual co-operation with the Fund in the implementation of the basic services strategy and other programmes

Aware that the expanded activities of the Fund will require increased financial resources,

1. Endorses the policies, actions and conclusions of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund as they were adopted at its session and recorded in its report

2. Appeals to all Governments to increase their voluntary contributions to the Fund in relation to their capacity so that it may reach the income target of

a/ A compilation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council in 1980 will be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement Nos. 1, 1A and 1B (E/1980/80 and Add.1 and 2).

b/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 11 (E/1980/41).

\$350 million for 1982, as it appears in the medium-term work plan approved at the recent session of the Executive Board. c/

45th plenary meeting
25 July 1980

Resolution 1980/63. Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 33/135 of 19 December 1978 and Council resolution 1979/52 of 2 August 1979,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, d/ transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by decision 80/8 of 17 June 1980, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-seventh session, e/

1. Endorses the conclusions contained in chapters IV and V of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;

2. Invites the developing countries to strengthen further their national capacities to pursue a balanced policy for enhancing the role of qualified national personnel in overall socio-economic development;

3. Transmits the report of the Administrator of the Programme to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session for the consideration of possible comprehensive action within the United Nations system to assist the developing countries in their endeavour to strengthen the role of qualified national personnel in overall social and economic development;

4. Recommends that the competent United Nations organizations should continue, within their established procedures, to give due attention to the urgent need for qualified national personnel in the activities aimed at the expansion of technical co-operation among developing countries.

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25 July 1980

Resolution 1980/64. High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing

c/ Ibid., para. 236.

d/ DP/443.

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

Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries f/ and General Assembly resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978, endorsing the recommendations contained in the Plan of Action,

Having examined the report of the first High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, g/

Noting decision 80/46 of 30 June 1980 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, on technical co-operation among developing countries, h/

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the first High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries;
2. Commends to the attention of the General Assembly the report of the High-level Meeting and the decisions contained therein.

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25 July 1980

Resolution 1980/65. Report of the Governing Council of the
United Nations Development Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-seventh session i/ and the record of the special meeting on preparations for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, held at New York from 11 to 20 February 1980, j/

1. Takes note of the report of the Governing Council on its twenty-seventh session and of the decisions contained therein; k/
2. Commends to the attention of the General Assembly the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the review of present practices and proposals for enhancing the collective involvement of the developing countries in the determination of priorities for intercountry programmes and in the identification and initiation of regional projects and activities, l/ prepared in response to Assembly resolution 34/206 of 19 December 1979, as well as

f/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

g/ TCDC/13 and Corr.1 and 2; for the printed text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/35/39).

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

i/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1).

j/ Ibid., annex II.

k/ Ibid., chap. XI.

l/ DP/435.

Governing Council decision 80/9 of 17 June 1980, by which it, inter alia, endorsed the consultation process proposed by the Administrator in his report;

3. Takes note of Governing Council decision 80/41 of 27 June 1980 on the United Nations Volunteers programme and requests the Administrator to pursue his consultations with delegations and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session his recommendations regarding the renaming of the title of the post of Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers so as to reflect more appropriately the responsibilities and functions of the post;

4. Takes note also of Governing Council decision 80/15 of 25 June 1980 on agency regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures financed from sources other than the United Nations Development Programme;

5. Takes note of Governing Council decision 80/19 of 26 June 1980 on the United Nations Capital Development Fund and transmits that decision to the General Assembly for its specific consideration;

6. Brings to the attention of the General Assembly decisions 80/9 and 80/11 of 17 June 1980, 80/28 of 26 June 1980 and 80/43 of 27 June 1980 of the Governing Council relating to the implementation of Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 34/206 of 19 December 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system;

7. Endorses Governing Council decision 80/44 of 27 June 1980 concerning the reimbursement by the United Nations Development Programme of agency support costs and recommends that the executing agencies of the Programme should review their operational support systems, working methods, arrangements and staffing, with a view to bringing about significant reductions in overall support costs;

8. Urges all Governments to renew their efforts to provide the United Nations Development Programme with the necessary resources to enable it to achieve the target set for the 1977-1981 development cycle, which is predicated on an annual growth rate of 14 per cent, thereby providing a sound financial basis for the planning of activities for the third programming cycle and strengthening the role of the Programme as the central funding and co-ordinating body for multilateral technical co-operation within the United Nations system.

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Resolution 1980/66. Operational activities for development

The Economic and Social Council

Recalling General Assembly 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 1976, 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 General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, and in particular paragraph 5 (d) of section II, and section V, of the annex thereto,

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

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 33/201 of 29 January 1979,

Reaffirming the continued validity of General Assembly resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975,

Mindful of its role, in particular under Articles 62 and 66 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Mindful also of the importance of implementing the decision contained in paragraph 7 of its resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973,

Having examined the report by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on some policy issues pertaining to operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system, m/

Having examined also the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twentieth session n/ and the report of the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, on the Joint Meetings of the two Committees, o/

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on some policy issues pertaining to operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system and the suggested approach to the policy issues contained therein;

2. Recommends that the General Assembly should invite the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Director-General to the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system;

3. Recommends also that the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session should consider and select issues for appropriate action in the light of the recommendations contained in the report of the Director-General and the discussion in the Council at its second regular session of 1980;

4. Invites the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, taking into account the recommendations of the report of the Director-General and the discussion in the Council at its second regular session of 1980, to consider and agree upon the contents of and the procedures for regular policy reviews in future years, with particular reference to technical co-operation supported by appropriate statistical material, bearing in mind the orientation in the longer term of the operational activities of the United Nations system, as well as their contribution to the implementation of the new international development strategy.

m/ See A/35/224 and Corr.1.

n/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/35/38).

o/ E/1980/75 and Corr.1.

5. Invites the General Assembly to give consideration to grouping within a single analytical framework all types of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, to be accompanied by relevant statistical material, without prejudice to the relationship agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

6. Invites the General Assembly to request the Director-General to submit reports biennially on future policy reviews of operational activities, paying particular attention to the issues selected by the General Assembly for consideration.

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Decision 1980/176. Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council took note of:

(a) The report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration; p/

(b) Decision 80/29, adopted on 26 June 1980 by the Governing Council of the Programme. q/

Decision 1980/177. Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council took note of:

(a) The report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries; r/

(b) Decision 80/21, adopted on 26 June 1980 by the Governing Council of the Programme. s/

p/ DP/477 and Corr.1.

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

r/ DP/458.

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

Decision 1980/178. Progress report on the implementation of paragraph 34
of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council:

(a) Took note of the progress report on the implementation of paragraph 34 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977; t/

(b) Decided to transmit the progress report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

t/ E/1980/36.