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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 1980, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its thirty-fifth session the following item:

"Operational activities for development:

- "(a) Comprehensive policy review of operational activities of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General;
- "(b) United Nations Development Programme: report of the Secretary-General;
- "(c) United Nations Capital Development Fund;
- "(d) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;
- "(e) United Nations Fund for Population Activities: report of the Secretary-General;
- "(f) United Nations Volunteers programme;
- "(g) United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries;
- "(h) United Nations Children's Fund;
- "(i) World Food Programme;
- "(j) Technical co-operation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Committee considered the item at its 4th to 7th, 10th to 17th, 22nd, 23rd, 26th, 34th, 37th and 38th meetings, on 26 September, 1, 2, 8 to 10, 13, 14, 20, 21, 23 and 31 October, and 4 November 1980. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/35/SR.4-7, 10-17, 22, 23, 26, 34, 37 and 38).
3. The Committee had before it the following documents:
- (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council (chap. IX (A/35/3/Add.9) and chap. XXIX (A/35/3/Add.29)); 1/
 - (b) Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twentieth session; 2/
 - (c) Note by the Secretary-General on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities of the United Nations system (A/35/224 and Corr.1);
 - (d) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (A/35/442);
 - (e) Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund; 3/
 - (f) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme; 4/
 - (g) 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).
4. At the 4th meeting, on 26 September, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund made an introductory statement (A/C.2/35/SR.4, paras. 16-26).
5. At the 5th meeting, on 1 October, the Under-Secretary-General for Technical Co-operation for Development made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/35/SR.5, paras. 31-42).

1/ To be incorporated subsequently in Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/35/3/Rev.1).

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

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

4/ Ibid., Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42, Rev.1).

6. At the 6th meeting, on 2 October, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme made an introductory statement (A/C.2/35/SR.6, paras. 8-17).
7. At the 7th meeting, on 2 October, the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities made an introductory statement (A/C.2/35/SR.7, paras. 14-16).
8. At the 10th meeting, on 8 October, the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation made an introductory statement (A/C.2/35/SR.10, paras. 1-8).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.14

9. At its 26th meeting, on 23 October, the Committee was informed by the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.14, entitled "United Nations Fund for Population Activities", that it was no longer before the Committee for its consideration.

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/35/L.12 and A/C.2/35/L.36

10. At the 22nd meeting, on 20 October, the representative of Norway introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/35/L.12), entitled "United Nations Children's Fund", on behalf of Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Ghana, Iceland, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Venezuela and Yugoslavia, subsequently joined by Bangladesh, Benin, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Honduras, Italy, Nepal, the Philippines, Qatar, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, the Sudan, the United States of America and Zaire, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/62 of 25 July 1980,

"Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held at United Nations Headquarters from 19 to 30 May 1980, 5/

"Believing that the International Year of the Child has given new impetus to a recognition of the importance of the well-being and upbringing of children and services on their behalf,

5/ Ibid., Supplement No. 11 (E/1980/41).

"Appreciating the important responsibilities placed upon the United Nations Children's Fund as lead agency of the United Nations system responsible for co-ordinating the development aspects of the follow-up activities of the International Year of the Child, in accordance with its resolution 34/4 of 18 October 1979, as well as the responsibilities relating to children in the International Development Strategy for the Third Development Decade,

"Recognizing the need for a much greater effort on the part of all concerned in the international community to sustain the impetus generated by the International Year of the Child and to achieve the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third Development Decade,

"Having in mind the emphasis accorded to the objectives of social and human development, including the well-being of children, as an integral part of the development process set forth in the International Development Strategy for the Third Development Decade,

"Aware that the expanded activities of the United Nations Children's Fund will require increased funds,

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

"2. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/62;

"3. Fully appreciates the responsibilities of the United Nations Children's Fund and the broad range of activities on behalf of children to be undertaken by it in light of the still enormous unmet needs of children in the developing countries;

"4. Urges the United Nations Children's Fund, with the support of its national committees, to respond imaginatively and vigorously to its important responsibilities in the follow-up activities of the International Year of the Child, in close co-operation with concerned organizations of the United Nations system and with the international community generally;

"5. Appeals to Governments and concerned organizations of the international community to re-examine their own activities on behalf of children with a view to accelerating progress toward the achievement of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third Development Decade and to co-operate fully with the United Nations Children's Fund;

"6. Expresses its appreciation to all Governments that are contributing to the United Nations Children's Fund, and appeals, with a sense of urgency, to all Governments, especially those that are not contributing at a level commensurate with their capacity, to increase their contributions, if possible on a multiyear basis, so that the Fund may reach its income target of

\$350 million for 1982, as presented in the medium-term work plan 6/ approved at the recent session of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund."

11. At its 34th meeting, on 31 October, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/35/L.36) submitted by Mr. J. Valtasaari, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.12.

12. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.36 (see para. 42, draft resolution I).

13. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.36, the sponsors withdrew draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.12.

14. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (see A/C.2/35/SR.34).

C. Draft resolutions A/C.2/35/L.15 and A/C.2/35/L.37

15. At the 22nd meeting, on 20 October, the representative of Mongolia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/35/L.15), entitled "Role of qualified personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries", on behalf of Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Poland and Viet Nam, subsequently joined by Algeria, Benin, Cape Verde, Congo, the German Democratic Republic, Guinea, Hungary, Sierra Leone, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Referring to its resolution 33/135 of 19 December 1978 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

"Taking into account Economic and Social Council resolutions 1979/52 of 2 August 1979 and 1980/63 of 25 July 1980 on the same subject, in which, inter alia, the Council requested the General Assembly to consider possible comprehensive action within the United Nations system in order to assist the developing countries in their endeavour to strengthen the role of qualified national personnel in over-all socio-economic development of developing countries,

6/ Ibid., paras. 75-77.

"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, as well as resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

"Referring to the new international development strategy for the 1980s, 7/

"Bearing in mind that the United Nations Development Programme has been acting as lead organization within the United Nations for the preparation of a study on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

"1. Takes note of the 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; 8/

"2. Commends to the attention of the developing countries the above-mentioned report and the conclusions contained in chapters IV and V therein;

"3. Invites the competent organizations of the United Nations system to give due attention to the conclusions contained in chapters IV and V of the above-mentioned report with a view to contributing, within their established procedures and possibilities, to the implementation of the recommendations;

"4. Calls upon the developed countries to assist effectively the developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, in their efforts to increase national capacities and facilities for training qualified national personnel and strengthening their role in socio-economic development;

"5. Invites the Governments of developing countries to pay special attention, with a view to further improving and expanding their national systems of training qualified personnel, to measures directed towards:

"(a) Achieving the equality of all members of their society in the field of education, irrespective of their race, nationality, sex or religious and social status;

"(b) Liquidating illiteracy;

"(c) Increasing the role of government in the field of education;

"(d) Compulsory education for all children of school age;

"(e) Planned development of national educational and training systems;

7/ A/35/464.

8/ DP/443.

"6. Also invites the recipient Governments and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to take into account the urgent need for qualified national personnel while identifying intercountry projects in the third programming cycle of the United Nations Development Programme, 1982-1986;

"7. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to make the necessary arrangements, within existing possibilities, for periodic dissemination of information on the national experience of countries with different socio-economic systems in training qualified national personnel and enhancing their role in national social and economic development;

"8. Invites the Director-General 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."

16. A statement by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.15 was circulated in document A/C.2/35/L.32.

17. At its 34th meeting, on 31 October, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/35/L.37) submitted by Mr. J. Valtasaari, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.15.

18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.37 (see para. 42, draft resolution II).

19. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.37, the sponsors withdrew draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.15.

20. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, also on behalf of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, made a statement.

D. Draft resolutions A/C.2/35/L.16 and A/C.2/35/L.38

21. At the 22nd meeting, on 20 October, the representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/35/L.16) entitled "Comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974,

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containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXXIX) 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,

"Reaffirming the continuing validity of the consensus of 1970 annexed to its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and the guidelines on new dimensions in technical co-operation contained in its resolution 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975,

"Recalling its resolution 34/213 of 19 December 1979, in which it, inter alia, decided to give consideration at its thirty-fifth session to the establishment of a single governing body for United Nations operational activities for development, and requested the Economic and Social Council to formulate and submit recommendations in this regard,

"Considering that the operational activities of the United Nations system can significantly contribute to the accelerated development of the developing countries and to the implementation of the new international development strategy 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-operation requested in its resolution 33/201 of 29 January 1979 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 are absorbed in the 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, inter alia, the transfer of resources to developing countries or regions in a tangible or intangible form,

"1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation; 9/

"2. Expresses grave concern that financial contributions to the system's operational activities for development have not increased substantially and have fallen short of the targets set by the relevant intergovernmental bodies;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General, after consultation with the heads of organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to include in his annual report on operational activities for development to the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly specific recommendations on measures to reduce administrative and other support costs in the execution of operational activities for development, including the possible measures identified in the report of the Director-General;

"4. Further requests 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 and to reduce administrative and other support costs in the execution of programmes and projects in the field of operational activities for development and requests the Secretary-General to include in his next annual report on operational activities for development progress made in this regard;

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

"6. Strongly urges all developed donor countries to increase rapidly and substantially their contributions to the system's operational activities for development on a predictable, continuous and assured basis;

"7. 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;

"8. 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 a predictable, continuous and assured basis and requests the Secretary-General to incorporate recommendations emanating from the governing bodies on this question in the report for the next comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development;

"9. Urges developed donor countries to make available on a regular basis comprehensive information on their development assistance efforts in the area of operational activities within the United Nations system, in the light of the commitments undertaken by them;

"10. 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 the implementation of the new international development strategy and thereby to the establishment of the new international economic order;

"11. Reaffirms that 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;

"12. Requests the Director-General to elaborate further in his report for the next comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development the suggestion that gaps exist in the operational activities of the United Nations system, especially in relation to the restructuring of international economic relations, and to suggest ways and means to fill such gaps, thereby strengthening the United Nations system and making it more responsive to the needs of the developing countries;

"13. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly an annual report on operational activities for development, which should also be made available to the Pledging Conference for Development Activities for information, containing comprehensive statistical information concerning all operational activities for development of the United Nations system, including the information requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 31 of its resolution 32/197, and contained in appendices II and III to the report of the Director-General with a further elaboration thereof;

"14. Decides to undertake a comprehensive policy review of operational activities every four years, on the basis of a coherent, integrated and systematic approach;

"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 preparing a comprehensive report on operational activities for development in accordance with the methodology utilized in document A/35/224 and the provisions of the present resolution, for submission to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council;

"16. 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."

22. At its 34th meeting, on 31 October, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/35/L.38) submitted by Mr. J. Valtasaari, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.16.

23. A statement by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.38 was circulated in document A/C.2/35/L.46.

24. At its 38th meeting, on 4 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.38 (see para. 42, draft resolution III).

25. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.38, the sponsors withdrew draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.16.

26. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium, China, Denmark (also on behalf of Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Japan and the Netherlands.

E. Draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.17

27. At the 22nd meeting, on 20 October, the representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/35/L.17) entitled "United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries".

28. At its 34th meeting, on 31 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.17 by 106 votes to none with 22 abstentions (see para. 42, draft resolution IV).

29. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the States members of the European Economic Community and Greece), the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Congo, the Philippines, Ethiopia and Spain.

F. Draft resolutions A/C.2/35/L.19 and A/C.2/35/L.39

30. At the 23rd meeting, on 21 October, the representative of Venezuela introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/35/L.19) entitled "United Nations Development Programme", sponsored by Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, which read as follows:

"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 its resolution 32/114, of 15 December 1977, in which it, inter alia, urged all States to take measures to provide the United Nations Development Programme with the necessary resources to fulfil the aims, objectives and programmes established in the second programming cycle, 1977-1981, and especially to achieve and even exceed the over-all annual growth rate of 14 per cent for voluntary contributions, on which the indicative planning figures for the cycle are based,

"Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 2024 (LXI), of 4 August 1976, on operational activities for development,

"Reaffirming the validity of the consensus of 1970, as set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

"Considering that the United Nations Development Programme is making an important contribution to the accelerated development of developing countries,

"Noting with appreciation the continuing increase in programme delivery and the measures taken by the Governing Council and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to improve the quality and efficiency of programme operations and to enhance proper harmonization and complementarity in the technical co-operation activities of the organizations of the United Nations system,

"Deeply concerned that the rate of increase in the Programme's resources for 1980 fell far short of the target,

"Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-seventh session, 10/

"1. Takes note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-seventh session;

"2. Notes, in particular, the decisions taken by the Governing Council on the preparation for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, including the strengthening of the country programming process through continuous programming and the arrangements for enhancing the involvement of the developing countries in the planning of the regional programmes; 11/

"3. Notes further Governing Council decision 80/44, of 27 June 1980, concerning the reimbursement by the United Nations Development Programme of agency support costs and the recommendation 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 over-all support costs;

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

11/ Ibid., chap. XI.

"4. Urges all Governments to renew their efforts to provide the United Nations Development Programme with resources necessary for the implementation of programmed activities for the 1977-1981 development cycle, which are based on an over-all annual growth rate of resources of 14 per cent, thereby providing the sound financial basis needed to implement the Programme's planned activities during the third development cycle, 1982-1986, which also assumes an over-all average annual growth of resources of at least 14 per cent;

"5. Stresses that the realization of the goals and objectives of the international development strategy will require a renewed emphasis upon technical co-operation and a significant increase in the resources provided for this purpose."

31. At its 34th meeting, on 31 October, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/35/L.39) submitted by Mr. J. Valtasaari, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.19.

32. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.39 (see para. 42, draft resolution V).

33. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.39, the sponsors withdrew draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.19.

34. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Hungary, also on behalf of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, made a statement.

G. Draft decision A/C.2/35/L.40

35. At its 34th meeting, on 31 October, the Committee had before it a draft decision (A/C.2/35/L.40) on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the United Nations Volunteers programme, submitted by Mr. J. Valtasaari, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations.

36. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/35/L.40 (see para. 43, draft decision I).

37. After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of Japan made a statement.

H. Draft decision A/C.2/35/L.44

38. At the 37th meeting, on 4 November, the representative of the Upper Volta introduced a draft decision (A/C.2/35/L.44) entitled "United Nations Capital Development Fund".

39. At the 38th meeting, on 4 November, the representative of the Netherlands proposed an oral revision of the draft decision to replace the word "consider" in the third line by the words "take a decision" and to insert the word "on" between the words "session" and "the question". The sponsor agreed to the revision.

40. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/35/L.44, as orally revised (see para. 43, draft decision II).

41. After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of Japan made a statement.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

42. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/62 of 25 July 1980,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held at United Nations Headquarters from 19 to 30 May 1980, 12/

Believing that the International Year of the Child has given new impetus to recognition of the importance of the well-being and upbringing of children and of services on their behalf,

Appreciating the important responsibilities placed upon the United Nations Children's Fund as lead agency of the United Nations system responsible for co-ordinating the development aspects of the follow-up activities of the International Year of the Child, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 34/4 of 18 October 1979, as well as the responsibilities relating to children in the new international development strategy,

Recognizing the need for a much greater effort on the part of all concerned in the international community to sustain the impetus generated by the International Year of the Child and to achieve the goals and objectives of the new international development strategy,

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

Having in mind the importance of the objectives of social and human development, including the well-being of children, as an integral part of the development process set forth in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 13/

Aware that the expanded activities of the United Nations Children's Fund will require increased funds, as established by the Executive Board,

1. Commends the policies and activities of the United Nations Children's Fund;
2. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/62;
3. Fully appreciates the responsibilities of the United Nations Children's Fund and the broad range of activities on behalf of children to be undertaken by it in light of the still enormous unmet needs of children in the developing countries,
4. Urges the United Nations Children's Fund, with the support of its national committees, to respond imaginatively and vigorously to its important responsibilities in the follow-up activities of the International Year of the Child, in close co-operation with concerned organizations of the United Nations system and with the international community generally;
5. Appeals to Governments and concerned organizations of the international community to re-examine their own activities on behalf of children with a view to accelerating progress towards the achievement of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade and to co-operate fully with the United Nations Children's Fund;
6. Expresses its appreciation to all Governments that are contributing to the United Nations Children's Fund and appeals, with a sense of urgency, to all Governments, especially those that are not contributing at a level commensurate with their capacity, to increase their contributions, if possible on a multiyear basis, so that the Fund may reach its income target of \$350 million for 1982, as presented in the medium-term work plan approved by the Executive Board at its recent session. 14/

13/ A/35/464, annex.

14/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 11 (E/1980/41), paras. 75-77.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

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

The General Assembly,

Referring to its resolution 33/135 of 19 December 1978 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

Taking into account Economic and Social Council resolutions 1979/52 of 2 August 1979 and 1980/53 of 25 July 1980 on the same subject, in which the Council, inter alia, requested the General Assembly to consider possible comprehensive action within the United Nations system in order to assist the developing countries in their endeavour to strengthen the role of qualified national personnel in the over-all social and economic development of those countries,

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, as well as its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Referring to the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 15/

Bearing in mind that the United Nations Development Programme has been acting as lead organization within the United Nations system for the preparation of a study on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

1. Takes note of the 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; 16/
2. Commends to the attention of the developing countries the above-mentioned report and the conclusions contained in chapters IV and V thereof;
3. Invites the competent organizations of the United Nations system to give due attention to the conclusions contained in chapters IV and V of the report with a view to contributing, within their established procedures and possibilities, to the implementation of the recommendations;
4. Calls upon the developed countries effectively to assist the developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, in their efforts to increase national capacities and facilities for training qualified national personnel and strengthening their role in socio-economic development;

15/ A/35/464, annex.

16/ DP/443.

5. Invites the Governments of developing countries, in accordance with their national development priorities and programmes, to continue to pay special attention, with a view to further improving and expanding their national systems of training qualified personnel, to measures directed towards:

- (a) Achieving the equality of all members of their society in the field of education, irrespective of race, nationality, sex or religious and social status;
- (b) Eliminating illiteracy;
- (c) Increasing the role of government in the field of education;
- (d) Instituting compulsory education for all children of school age;
- (e) Achieving the planned development of national educational and training systems;

6. Also invites the recipient Governments and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to take into account the urgent need for qualified national personnel while identifying intercountry projects in its third programming cycle, 1982-1986;

7. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to make the necessary arrangements, within existing possibilities, for a periodic dissemination of information on the national experience of countries with different socio-economic systems in training qualified national personnel and enhancing their role in national social and economic development;

8. Further requests the Director-General 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.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

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, 3201 (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,

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Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1768 (LIV) of 20 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 the guidelines on new dimensions in technical co-operation contained in its resolution 3405 (XXX) of 26 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 Decade 17/ 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-operation 18/ 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, inter alia, 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

17/ A/35/464, annex.

18/ A/35/224 and Corr.1, annex.

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 its 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;

9. Further 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 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, following the methodology utilized in his report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, 18/ and the provisions of the present resolution, as well as the views and comments made by 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 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 international economic relations, and to suggest 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 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 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 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.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

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,

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

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,

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Expressing deep concern at the very low level of contributions for 1980 announced at the 1979 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, 19/

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 the real costs of transit for land-locked developing countries, 20/

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

1. Urges all Member States to give due consideration to the special constraints affecting the economic and social development of land-locked developing countries;
2. Appeals to all countries to review their position with respect to the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries and to give serious consideration to having representatives of land-locked developing countries as members of the Board of Governors of the Fund;
3. Further appeals to all Member States, in particular developed countries, international organizations and multilateral financial institutions to contribute generously to the Fund at the 1980 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;
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 with other related institutions, to pursue action in favour of land-locked developing countries within the framework of the interim arrangements, taking into account that each country concerned should receive appropriate technical and financial assistance.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

United Nations Development Programme

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

19/ See A/CONF.98/SR.2.

20/ A/S.11/5 and Corr.1, annex, para. 308.

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 its resolution 32/114 of 15 December 1977, in which it, inter alia, urged all States to take measures to provide the United Nations Development Programme with the necessary resources to fulfil the aims, objectives and programmes established in the second programming cycle, 1977-1981, and especially to achieve and even exceed the over-all annual growth rate of 14 per cent for voluntary contributions, on which the indicative planning figures for the cycle were based,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 2024 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 on operational activities for development,

Reaffirming the validity of the consensus of 1970, as set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

Considering that the United Nations Development Programme is making an important contribution to the accelerated development of developing countries,

Noting with appreciation the continuing increase in programme delivery and the measures taken by the Governing Council and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to improve the quality and efficiency of programme operations and to enhance proper harmonization and complementarity in the technical co-operation activities of the organizations of the United Nations system,

Deeply concerned that the rate of increase in the resources for 1980 of the United Nations Development Programme fell far short of the target,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-seventh session, 21/

1. Takes note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-seventh session;

2. Notes, in particular, the decisions taken by the Governing Council on the preparation for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, including the strengthening of the country programming process through continuous programming and the arrangements for enhancing the involvement of the developing countries in the planning of the regional programmes; 22/

3. Notes with approval Governing Council decision 80/44 of 27 June 1980 concerning the reimbursement by the United Nations Development Programme of agency support costs and the recommendation that the executing agencies of the Programme

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

22/ Ibid., chap. XI.

should review their operational support systems, working methods, arrangements and staffing with a view to bringing about significant reductions in over-all support costs;

4. Urges all Governments to renew their efforts to provide the United Nations Development Programme with the resources necessary for the implementation of activities for the 1977-1981 programming cycle, which are based on an over-all annual growth rate of resources of 14 per cent, thereby providing the sound financial basis needed to implement the Programme's planned activities during the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, which for the purpose of forward planning also assumes an over-all average annual growth of resources of at least 14 per cent;

5. Stresses that the realization of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade 23/ will require a renewed emphasis on technical co-operation and a significant increase in the resources provided for this purpose.

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43. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Reports and decisions relating to operational activities for development

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes 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, 24/ and of decision 80/29 of 26 June 1980 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme; 25/

(b) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Fund for Population Activities; 26/

(c) Takes note of decision 80/41 of 27 June 1980 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and notes that the title of the post of Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme will be changed to Executive Co-ordinator to reflect better the present functions and responsibilities of the post.

23/ A/35/464, annex.

24/ DP/477 and Corr.1.

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

26/ A/35/442.

DRAFT DECISION II

United Nations Capital Development Fund

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the recommendations of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in its decision 80/19 of 26 June 1980; 27/

(b) Decides that it will take a decision at its thirty-sixth session on the question of the administrative expenses of the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

(c) Decides that meanwhile the Fund will continue to operate in conformity with the measures laid down in paragraph 1 of Assembly resolution 2321 (XXII) of 15 December 1967.

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