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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1985, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled:

"Operational activities for development:

"(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General;

"(b) United Nations Development Programme;

"(c) United Nations Capital Development Fund;

"(d) United Nations Volunteers programme;

"(e) United Nations technical co-operation activities: reports of the Secretary-General;

"(f) Liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and allocation of the remaining balance: report of the Secretary-General."

At the same meeting, the Assembly decided to allocate the item to the Second Committee.

2. The Committee considered this item at its 35th to 41st, 44th, 46th and 48th to 51st meetings, from 18 to 21 and 25 November and 3, 5, 9, 11 and 13 December 1985. The Committee held substantive debates on the item at its 35th to 41st meetings. An account of the Committee's discussions on the item is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/40/SR.35-41, 44, 46 and 48-51). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 12th meetings, from 8 to 11 and 14 to 16 October 1985 (A/C.2/40/SR.3-12).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documentation:

(a) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/40/3); 1/

(b) Letter dated 9 January 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/74-S/16887);

(c) Letter dated 19 September 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the South Pacific Forum Communiqué of 6 August 1985 (A/40/672-S/17488);

(d) Letter dated 17 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 (A/40/762);

(e) Letter dated 20 November 1985 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/910);

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system

Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the operational activities of the United Nations system (A/40/698 and Corr.1, annex);

(b) United Nations Development Programme

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1985 and on its thirty-second session (E/1985/32 and Corr.1); 2/

(c) United Nations Capital Development Fund

Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (E/1985/32 and Corr.1); 2/

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/40/3).

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 11 (E/1985/32 and Corr.1).

(d) United Nations Volunteers programme

Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (E/1985/32 and Corr.1); 2/

(e) United Nations technical co-operation activities

(i) Report of the Secretary-General on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries (A/40/549);

(ii) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations technical co-operation activities (DP/1985/43 and Add.1-3);

(f) Liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and allocation of the remaining balance

Report of the Secretary-General on the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and allocation of the remaining balance (A/40/740).

4. At the 35th meeting, on 18 November, introductory statements were made by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Under-Secretary-General for Technical Co-operation for Development (see A/C.2/40/SR.35).

5. At the 38th meeting, on 19 November, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund made a statement (see A/C.2/40/SR.38).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

6. Informal consultations on all of the proposals were held under the Chairmanship of Ms. Inga Eriksson (Sweden), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

1. Draft resolutions A/C.2/40/L.96 and L.110

7. At the 46th meeting, on 3 December, the representative of Bangladesh, on behalf of Bangladesh, China, Colombia, Ethiopia, Finland, Japan and Poland, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/40/L.96) entitled "Fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund". Subsequently, Chile, the Gambia, Lebanon, Romania, Senegal and Tunisia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling that, by its resolution 57 (I) of 11 December 1946, it established the United Nations Children's Fund as a manifestation of the responsibility of nations and society for children as the most vital resource of the future world, and noting that the year 1986 represents the fortieth anniversary of this expression of commitment to children,

"Reaffirming the principles and guidelines for programme activities established by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund in its efforts to bring about a major world-wide improvement in child survival and child development, taking special advantage of developments in primary health care techniques and communications,

"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,

"Noting that the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund presents a unique opportunity for advancing those principles, which have the potential for a virtual revolution in child survival,

"Aware that many developing countries have recently embarked upon major child survival and development efforts and noting with appreciation in this regard the enthusiastic response of many world leaders, on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the Fund, regarding the renewed potential for achieving the goal of universal child immunization by 1990 and the commendable initiative taken by the Secretary-General in this connection,

"1. Urges that the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund be observed as a period of intensified efforts towards attaining the objectives relating to children envisaged in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade 3/ and notes the crucial role of the child survival and child development strategy in meeting those objectives;

"2. Notes that 'Children first' has been adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund as the umbrella theme for the observance of the fortieth anniversary of the Fund;

"3. Calls upon the United Nations Children's Fund, with the participation of Governments, the organizations of the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations and individuals, to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the Fund by reaffirming, through commitment and action, the responsibility of humanity for the survival and development of children;

3/ Resolution 35/56, annex, para. 48.

"4. Requests the United Nations Children's Fund, with the guidance of its Executive Board, to continue to develop and promote appropriate means by which Governments, the United Nations and other international organizations, as well as individuals, may express this commitment, particularly during the period of the fortieth anniversary;

"5. Appeals to all Governments to increase their support, assistance and contributions during the period of the fortieth anniversary and subsequently, so that the United Nations Children's Fund may be able to strengthen its co-operation with developing countries and respond to the urgent needs of children;

"6. Requests all countries to observe the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund in a befitting manner, through governmental and non-governmental participation."

8. At its 50th meeting, on 11 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/40/L.110), submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ms. Inga Eriksson (Sweden), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.96.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.110 (see para. 37, draft resolution I).

10. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, the United Republic of Tanzania and Colombia (see A/C.2/40/SR.50).

11. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.110, draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.96 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

2. Draft resolutions A/C.2/40/L.103 and L.132

12. At the 48th meeting, on 5 December, the representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of Canada, Denmark and the Netherlands, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Operational activities for development" and orally revised operative paragraph 2. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 38/171 of 19 December 1983 on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development, 39/220 of 18 December 1984 on financing of operational activities for development and 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations,

"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) of 11 December 1970, 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,

"Reaffirming also the important contribution of operational activities for development of the United Nations system in support of the overall economic and social development of developing countries,

"Reiterating its desire for a coherent and co-ordinated United Nations system in the field of operational activities for development and the need for effective leadership by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in that respect, as well as its call for full co-operation with the Director-General by all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system,

"Noting in this context the steps being taken by the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme, through the Joint Consultative Group on Policy, to enhance their collaboration in programming and implementation,

"Welcoming the co-ordinated response of the United Nations organizations in support of relief operations in Africa and the co-ordination of external assistance through the United Nations Office for Emergency Operations in Africa and the related arrangements at the country level, and welcoming the decisions of the governing bodies of the relevant United Nations organizations to strengthen their efforts in response to the crisis in Africa,

"Emphasizing the continuing need for strengthened support to the operational activities of the United Nations system, in particular through increased financial contributions,

"Noting the positive signs at the 1985 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities with respect to the increased overall level of resources available for operational activities for development, and recognizing the important contributions made by developing countries themselves to the operational activities through the United Nations system,

"Reaffirming the central role of the United Nations Development Programme in the field of technical co-operation for development and the importance of the country programming process as a means of ensuring a coherent response by the United Nations system to the priority needs of developing countries,

"Having examined the annual report for 1985 of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on operational activities for development of the United Nations system, 4/

"1. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, in preparing his report for the 1986 comprehensive policy review, to pay special attention, within a general framework of broad objectives of operational activities, to strengthening the existing mechanisms within the United Nations system with a view to furthering the coherence and co-ordination within the operational activities of the system, and to make specific recommendations thereon;

4/ A/40/698 and Corr.1, annex.

"2. Also requests the Director-General, in addition to its requests made in its resolutions 38/171 and 39/220, in his triennial report to pay particular attention to:

"(a) The need for increased programme effectiveness, inter alia through technical co-operation assessments;

"(b) Further analysis of programme delivery and administrative and support costs;

"(c) Evaluation;

"(d) The extent to which all relevant United Nations development bodies have taken action to increase their capacity to deal with issues of women in development, inter alia, by establishing internal implementation strategies, bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/46;

"and make specific recommendations thereon;

"3. Reaffirms the central responsibility of Governments of developing countries in the process of co-ordination of external assistance, including the determination of local co-ordinating arrangements;

"4. Emphasizes the importance of strengthening the co-ordinating capabilities of developing countries and the existing arrangements for co-ordination, such as the round-table process and other mechanisms for co-ordination at the country level, including the responsibilities of the resident co-ordinator;

"5. Endorses the decisions reached by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its thirty-second session, in particular those on the Fourth Programming Cycle and programme matters; 5/

"6. Calls on Member States to make every effort to attain the planned funding levels for operational activities for development by the various organizations of the United Nations system and, in that context, urges the successful completion of the current negotiations on the replenishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development to enable it to maintain its effective contribution to agricultural and food development;

"7. Expresses its concern about the uncertain financial outlook of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities;

"8. Requests the Director-General to report on the results of the efforts to increase collaboration between the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development and the United Nations Development Programme with a view to promoting utilization of their comparative strengths in development programmes and projects;

"9. Requests the Economic and Social Council, in discharging its responsibilities as defined in the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, to formulate overall policy guidance to ensure the harmonization and coherent practical operational implementation, on an integrated basis, of relevant policy decisions and recommendations;

"10. Invites the organs, organizations and agencies of the United Nations system to address the issue of co-ordination of operational activities, in the light of its resolution 32/197, with a view to ensuring the implementation of programmes and projects in an efficient and cost-effective manner and to make the outcome of those deliberations available, where possible, to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session in 1986 and to the General Assembly at its forty-first session at the time of their consideration of the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development."

13. At the 51st meeting, on 13 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ms. Inga Eriksson (Sweden) introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/40/L.132), which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.103, and orally revised the third preambular paragraph by replacing the word "Recalling" by the word "Reaffirming".

14. Statements were made by the representatives of India, Pakistan, Senegal, Denmark, France, Yugoslavia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77) and New Zealand (see A/C.2/40/SR.51).

15. The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ms. Inga Eriksson (Sweden), also made a statement (see A/C.2/40/SR.51).

16. The representative of India expressed reservations with regard to the thirteenth preambular paragraph and to operative paragraphs 1 (f), (g) and (i).

17. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.132, as orally revised (see para. 37, draft resolution II).

18. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.132, draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.103 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

3. Draft decision A/C.2/40/L.111

19. At its 50th meeting, on 11 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision (A/C.2/40/L.111), submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ms. Inga Eriksson (Sweden), entitled "Closure of the Fund for the United Nations Relief Operations in Bangladesh and of the Trust Fund Programme for the Republic of Zaire".

20. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/40/L.111 (see para. 38, draft decision I).

4. Draft decision A/C.2/40/L.112

21. At its 50th meeting, on 11 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision (A/C.2/40/L.112), submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ms. Inga Eriksson (Sweden), entitled "Closure of the Fund of the United Nations for the Development of West Irian and of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency - Residual Assets Fund".

22. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/40/L.112 (see para. 38, draft decision II).

5. Draft decision A/C.2/40/L.113

23. At its 50th meeting, on 11 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision (A/C.2/40/L.113), submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ms. Inga Eriksson (Sweden), entitled "Closure of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries".

24. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/40/L.113 (see para. 38, draft decision III).

B. United Nations Volunteers programme (sub-item (d))

Draft resolutions A/C.2/40/L.68 and L.107

25. At the 44th meeting, on 25 November, the representative of Lesotho, on behalf of Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Chad, China, the Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Mauritania, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia the United States of America, Yemen and Zambia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/40/L.68) entitled "International Volunteer Day". Subsequently, Austria joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Taking note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to the Governing Council on the United Nations Volunteers programme 6/ and of the Council's decision 1985/23 of 29 June 1985 on an International Day for Volunteers for Economic and Social Development,

"Considering that volunteer service, including that of the United Nations Volunteers, is making an incalculable contribution to socio-economic development activities,

6/ DP/1985/44.

"Recognizing that the observance of a day highlighting volunteer service would heighten awareness of that contribution and would thereby stimulate more people in all walks of life to offer their services as volunteers, both at home and abroad,

"Cognizant that such an observance would stimulate the work of all volunteer organizations - multilateral, bilateral or national, non-governmental or government-supported - and would constitute a source of encouragement for those volunteers, many of whom engage in volunteer service at considerable personal sacrifice,

"Noting the assurance of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme that the observance would not occur at the expense of other United Nations Volunteers or United Nations Development Programme activities and involve no additional financial implications,

"1. Decides to designate an International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development, to be observed annually;

"2. Determines that the Day should be observed in December, the month in which the resolution founding the United Nations Volunteers programme was adopted, in order to reinforce international awareness of the United Nations system's recognition of the importance of volunteer service;

"3. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, utilizing the United Nations Volunteers, to prepare a programme for promoting the observance of International Volunteer Day;

"4. Invites all States, specialized agencies and organs of the United Nations system, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that provide, are affiliated with or benefit from volunteer service in any of its manifestations to participate annually in celebrations and other observances of International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to promote world-wide publicity for the role of volunteer service in economic and social development activities."

26. At its 49th meeting, on 9 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/40/L.107), submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ms. Inga Eriksson (Sweden), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.68, entitled "International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development".

27. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.107 (see para. 37, draft resolution III).

28. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, New Zealand and Belgium (see A/C.2/40/SR.49).

29. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.107, draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.68 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

C. United Nations technical co-operation activities (sub-item (e))

1. Draft resolutions A/C.2/40/L.90 and L.108

30. At the 46th meeting, on 3 December, the representative of Mongolia, on behalf of Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, the Congo, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mali, Mongolia, Nicaragua, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Viet Nam and Zambia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/40/L.90) entitled "Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries". Subsequently, Madagascar joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Referring to its resolutions 33/135 of 19 December 1978, 35/80 of 5 December 1980, 37/228 of 20 December 1982 and 39/219 of 18 December 1984 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing 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, 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, 7/

"Reaffirming the crucial role of human resources in the socio-economic development process of developing countries,

"Taking into account the increasing importance of United Nations activities in the field of human resources development as they are envisaged in future years,

"Recognizing that the training of qualified national personnel is an important and integral part of human resources development,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries; 8/

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the further implementation of resolution 37/228, paying special attention to paragraph 6 thereof;

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

8/ A/40/549.

"3. Further requests the Secretary-General to ensure an integrated and multidisciplinary approach to all aspects of human resources development, in particular the training of qualified national personnel, in the programmes of work of the United Nations and the organizations of its system;

"4. Invites the Secretary-General to continue his detailed study of the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries and to submit a progress report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-second session."

31. At its 49th meeting, on 9 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/40/L.108), submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ms. Inga Eriksson (Sweden), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.90.

32. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.108 (see para. 37, draft resolution IV).

33. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.108, draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.90 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

2. Draft decision

34. At its 51st meeting, on 13 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations technical co-operation activities (DP/1985/43 and Add.1-3) (see para. 38, draft decision IV).

D. Liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and allocation of the remaining balance: report of the Secretary-General (sub-item (f))

35. At its 51st meeting, on 14 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and allocation of the remaining balance (A/40/740) (see para. 38, draft decision V).

36. After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Israel, Egypt and Yugoslavia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77) (see A/C.2/40/SR.51).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by its resolution 57 (I) of 11 December 1946, it established the United Nations Children's Fund as a manifestation of the responsibility of nations and society for children as the most vital resource of the future world, and noting that the year 1986 represents the fortieth anniversary of this expression of commitment to children,

Reaffirming the principles and guidelines for programme activities established by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund in its efforts to bring about a major world-wide improvement in child survival and child development, taking special advantage of new developments in primary health care techniques and in communications,

Acutely aware that the effect of the adverse global economic situation is more severe on vulnerable groups, such as children, particularly in developing countries, and therefore makes the need for the efforts of the United Nations Children's Fund all the more critical,

Noting that the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund presents a unique opportunity for advancing the above-mentioned principles, which have the potential for a virtual revolution in child survival,

Aware that many developing countries have recently embarked upon major child survival and development efforts and noting with appreciation in this regard the positive response of many world leaders to the commendable initiative taken by the Secretary-General on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations, regarding the renewed potential for achieving the goal of universal child immunization by 1990, which is an important part of the primary health care strategy,

Welcoming the continued co-operation between the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization in achieving their common objective, particularly as it relates to the goal of universal child immunization by 1990,

1. Urges that the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund be observed by intensifying the ongoing efforts towards attaining the objectives relating to children envisaged in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade 9/ and notes the important role of the child survival and child development strategy in meeting those objectives;

9/ Resolution 35/56, annex, para. 48.

2. Notes that "Children first" has been adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund as the umbrella theme for the observance of the fortieth anniversary of the Fund;
3. Calls upon the United Nations Children's Fund, with the participation of Governments, the organizations of the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations and individuals, to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the Fund by reaffirming, through commitment and action, the responsibility of the international community for the survival and development of children;
4. Requests the United Nations Children's Fund, with the guidance of its Executive Board, to continue to develop and promote appropriate means by which Governments, the United Nations and other international organizations, as well as individuals, may express this commitment, particularly during the period of the fortieth anniversary;
5. Appeals to all Governments to increase their support, assistance and contributions during the period of the fortieth anniversary and subsequently, so that the United Nations Children's Fund may be able to strengthen its co-operation with developing countries and respond to the urgent needs of children;
6. Requests all countries to observe the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund in a befitting manner, through governmental and non-governmental participation.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Operational activities for development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the validity of its resolution 38/171 of 19 December 1983 on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development,

Reaffirming also its resolution 39/220 of 18 December 1984 on financing of operational activities for development, as well as its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations,

Reaffirming 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,

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,

Reaffirming the responsibility of developing countries to co-ordinate development co-operation, including the determination of local co-ordination arrangements,

Reaffirming also the responsibilities of the resident co-ordinator on behalf of the United Nations system with respect to co-ordination of operational activities carried out by the United Nations system at the country level in accordance with her/his mandate,

Reaffirming the important contribution of operational activities for development of the United Nations system in support of the overall economic and social development of developing countries,

Reiterating its desire for a coherent and co-ordinated United Nations system in the field of operational activities for development and for effective leadership by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in the co-ordination of the various components of the United Nations system and in exercising overall co-ordination within the United Nations system, as set forth in resolution 32/197, as well as its call for full co-operation with the Director-General by all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system,

Noting the steps being taken by the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme, through the joint consultative group on policy to enhance their collaboration in programming and implementation,

Welcoming the decisions of the governing bodies of the relevant United Nations organizations to strengthen their efforts in response to the emergency situation in Africa and welcoming the co-ordinated response of the United Nations organizations in support of relief operations in Africa and the co-ordination of such assistance through the United Nations Office for Emergency Operations in Africa and the related arrangements at the country level,

Recognizing in this regard the need for additional financial resources to meet the urgent development needs of African countries,

Emphasizing the need for a significant, continuous and real increase in resources for operational activities to meet the growing requirements for development of the developing countries, in particular the least developed countries,

Expressing its appreciation to those Governments, of both developed and developing countries, that, at the 1985 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, announced increased contributions for operational activities for development for the year 1986 and to those Governments that have consistently maintained their contributions at a high level,

Having examined the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on operational activities for development of the United Nations system, 10/

1. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, within a general framework of broad objectives of operational activities in accordance with resolution 32/197, to include the following in his report for the 1986 comprehensive policy review, in addition to its requests contained in resolution 38/171 and the issues identified in paragraph 3 of the annual report of the Director-General for 1985 10/ and to make recommendations, as appropriate, thereon:

(a) Measures to strengthen the existing mechanisms within the United Nations system, with a view to furthering the coherence and co-ordination of operational activities;

(b) An analysis of the relationship between the increasing responsibilities of the United Nations Development Programme in the area of co-ordination and its essential role in the provision of technical co-operation;

(c) An analysis of changing requirements for technical co-operation through multilateral channels and the responsiveness of the United Nations system to them;

(d) Further analysis of programme delivery and administrative and support costs;

(e) Developments regarding joint technical co-operation needs assessments;

(f) Steps taken by United Nations organizations engaged in operational activities to promote the participation of women in development;

(g) An analysis of the response of the United Nations system in assisting developing countries in the strengthening of their co-ordination capacity;

(h) Actions taken to increase programme effectiveness through, inter alia, evaluation;

(i) Efforts undertaken to expand the geographical distribution of the sources of supply, including in underutilized donor and developing countries, for the operational activities of the system;

2. Emphasizes the importance of the round-table country review process and other mechanisms for co-ordination at the country level in facilitating the effective implementation of the development programmes in the countries concerned;

10/ A/40/698 and Corr.1, annex.

3. Takes note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme for the year 1985 and the decisions contained therein; 11/

4. Reaffirms the central funding role of the United Nations Development Programme in the field of technical co-operation for development;

5. Calls upon all States to make every effort to attain the planned funding levels for operational activities for development by the various organizations of the United Nations system and also urges the successful completion of the current negotiations on the replenishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development to enable it to maintain its effective contribution to agricultural and food development and the early consideration and completion of the eighth replenishment of the International Development Association at an adequate level;

6. Expresses its deep concern about on the shortfall of resources of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the impact on its ability to carry out its planned programmes and urges all countries to continue and increase their support for the Fund;

7. Requests the Director-General to report on the results of the efforts to increase collaboration between the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development and the United Nations Development Programme;

8. Requests the Economic and Social Council, in discharging its responsibilities as defined in the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 to assist the Assembly in establishing overall strategies, policies and priorities for the system as a whole in respect of operational activities, to formulate suggestions and recommendations at the time of its consideration of the 1986 comprehensive policy review;

9. Invites the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system, where possible, to provide the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1986 and the General Assembly at its forty-first session at the time of the 1986 comprehensive policy review of operational activities, their views on the system-wide policy issues affecting operational activities identified by the Assembly in its resolution 38/171 and in the present resolution, and also invites the organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in the preparation of his report for that review.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Volunteers programme, 12/ and the relevant decision of the Governing Council, 13/

Considering that volunteer service, including that of the United Nations Volunteers, is making an important contribution to socio-economic development activities,

Recognizing the desirability of stimulating the work of all volunteers both in the field and in organizations - multilateral, bilateral or national, non-governmental or government-supported - and of giving encouragement to those volunteers, many of whom engage in volunteer service at considerable personal sacrifice,

1. Invites Governments to observe annually, on 5 December, an International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development, and urges them to take measures to heighten awareness of the important contribution of volunteer service, thereby stimulating more people in all walks of life to offer their services as volunteers, both at home and abroad;

2. Invites also specialized agencies, other organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations that provide, are affiliated with or benefit from volunteer service to undertake and promote activities to stimulate greater awareness of the contribution to their work made by volunteers;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to promote world-wide publicity on the important role of volunteer service.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

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

The General Assembly,

Referring to its resolutions 33/135 of 19 December 1978, 35/80 of 5 December 1980, 37/228 of 20 December 1982 and 39/219 of 18 December 1984 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

12/ DP/1985/44, chap. II.

13/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 11 (E/1985/32 and Corr.1), annex I, decision 1985/23.

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, 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, 14/

Reaffirming the crucial role of human resources in the socio-economic development process of developing countries,

Taking into account the increasing importance of United Nations activities in the field of human resources development as they are envisaged in future years,

Recognizing that the training of qualified national personnel is an important and integral part of human resources development,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries; 15/
2. Reaffirms the importance of implementing the provisions of resolution 37/228;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the further implementation of resolution 39/219;
4. Further requests the Secretary-General to take into account the need for an integrated and multidisciplinary approach to all aspects of human resources development, in particular the training of qualified national personnel, in the programmes of work of the United Nations and the organizations of its system;
5. Invites the Secretary-General to continue his consultations with the Governments of Member States, in accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution 39/219 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries, and to submit a progress report, through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-second session.

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

15/ A/40/549.

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

DRAFT DECISION I

Closure of the Fund for the United Nations Relief Operations
in Bangladesh and of the Trust Fund Programme for the
Republic of Zaire

The General Assembly, having taken note of decision 85/42 of 29 June 1985 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, 16/ requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps for the closure of the Fund for the United Nations Relief Operations in Bangladesh and of the Trust Fund Programme for the Republic of Zaire and to transfer any balances of these Funds remaining at 31 December 1985 as add-ons to the United Nations Development Programme indicative planning figures of the countries concerned.

DRAFT DECISION II

Closure of the Fund of the United Nations for the Development
of West Irian and of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction
Agency - Residual Assets Fund

The General Assembly, having taken note of decision 85/42 of 29 June 1985 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme 16/ requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps for the closure as from 31 December 1985 of the Fund of the United Nations for the Development of West Irian and of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency - Residual Assets Fund.

DRAFT DECISION III

Closure of the United Nations Special Fund for
Land-locked Developing Countries

The General Assembly, having taken note of decision 85/32 of 28 June 1985 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, 16/ requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to dissolve the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries in an orderly manner by 31 December 1986 and to transfer all uncommitted resources to the general resources of the Programme.

16/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 11 (E/1985/32 and Corr.1), annex I.

DRAFT DECISION IV

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations
technical co-operation activities

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations technical co-operation activities. 17/

DRAFT DECISION V

Report of the Secretary-General on the liquidation of the
United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and
allocation of the remaining balance

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and allocation of the remaining balance. 18/

17/ DP/1985/43 and Add.1-3.

18/ A/40/740.