

4. *Recommends* that future medium-term plans of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should contain intersectoral presentations of the various programmes dealing with issues of concern to women, particularly those relating to the access of women to productive resources, income and employment and the access of women to services;

5. *Recommends also* that priority areas addressed in programmes 2 and 3 of the system-wide medium-term plan should be reflected in technical co-operation activities carried out for the benefit of women;

6. *Emphasizes* that the system-wide medium-term plan should be formulated so as to permit verification and monitoring of the progress made towards the achievement of its objectives;

7. *Further emphasizes* the importance of the plan of action formulated by the United Nations Development Programme in consultation with the United Nations Development Fund for Women for the more active and deliberate involvement of women in development through technical co-operation;

8. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to undertake in 1989 a cross-organizational programme analysis in order to review systematically the activities for and resources allocated to the advancement of women;

9. *Decides* that the Commission on the Status of Women shall review the final draft of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development before its consideration by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1987.

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#### **1986/72. Protection against products harmful to health and the environment**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 37/137 of 17 December 1982, 38/149 of 19 December 1983 and 39/229 of 18 December 1984,

*Having reviewed* the report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment<sup>70</sup> regarding progress in the development of the consolidated list of products whose consumption and/or sale have been banned, withdrawn, severely restricted or not approved by Governments,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his report on products harmful to health and the environment, describing work undertaken in preparing the consolidated list and in advancing work towards improvement of the list in future editions;

2. *Commends* the Secretary-General for initiating the memoranda of understanding between the United

Nations and the World Health Organization and between the United Nations and the United Nations Environment Programme/International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals, and for developing constructive and appropriate delegation of responsibility for the preparation of the consolidated list;

3. *Decides* that the consolidated list of products which have been banned, withdrawn, severely restricted or not approved by Governments shall continue to be published as one document, including generic/chemical and brand names and the names of all manufacturers of such products;

4. *Urges* Governments to continue to co-operate with the United Nations Environment Programme/International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals and the World Health Organization in providing current, corrected and updated information on national regulatory actions.

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#### **1986/73. Development of human resources**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

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

*Recalling* the importance attached to the development of human resources in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>71</sup>

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 2083 (XX) of 20 December 1965 on the development and utilization of human resources, 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, and 40/213 of 17 December 1985 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

*Recalling further* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1090 A (XXXIX) of 31 July 1965 and 1274 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967 on the development and utilization of human resources,

*Considering* that it is for each developing country to decide the possible content of a national programme for the development of human resources,

*Welcoming* the activities of States which place increased emphasis on co-operation for the development of human resources in the developing countries,

*Taking into account* the increasing importance of United Nations activities in the development of human resources, as envisaged for future years, and convinced of the need for greater co-ordination of those activities,

*Noting with appreciation* decision 86/14 of 27 June 1986 of the Governing Council of the United Nations

<sup>70</sup> A/41/329-E/1986/83.

<sup>71</sup> General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

Development Programme on the role of the Programme in the development of human resources,<sup>72</sup>

1. *Reaffirms* the need for an integrated and multidisciplinary approach to all aspects of the development of human resources in the programmes of work of the United Nations and the other organizations of the United Nations system;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account earlier studies and the discussions to be held at the twenty-second series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to submit a report on human resources development and on the activities of the United Nations system as a whole in this field, with conclusions and recommendations, to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, for consideration and appropriate action;

3. *Calls upon* all organs and organizations of the United Nations system to implement the present resolution and to convey their views on the question to the Secretary-General.

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#### **1986/74. Policy review of operational activities for development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 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* General Assembly resolutions 38/171 of 19 December 1983 and 40/211 of 17 December 1985,

*Appreciating* the overall impact of operational activities for development, which have become an established and important dimension of the development efforts of the organizations of the United Nations system,

*Reaffirming* that the primary objective of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system is to promote the economic self-reliance of developing countries through multilateral co-operation and, in this context, emphasizing the need to maintain the multilateral character of the operational activities of the United Nations system and for all Governments to enhance their commitment in this regard,

*Stressing* the urgent need to strengthen multilateral co-operation for development through, *inter alia*, in-

creased voluntary contributions to the operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

*Reaffirming* the exclusive responsibility of the Government of the recipient country in formulating its national development plan, priorities and objectives, as set out in the consensus contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, and emphasizing that the integration of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system with national programmes would enhance the impact and relevance of those activities,

*Reaffirming* that economic and technical co-operation among developing countries should be a significant dimension of all operational activities for development, as a key element in the strategy of collective self-reliance and an essential instrument to promote changes contributing to a balanced and equitable process of global economic development,

*Emphasizing* the need to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system in supporting the efforts of developing countries,

*Emphasizing also* the urgency for the United Nations system to respond in an effective and coherent manner to the increasing requirements for external assistance and, in this context, reaffirming the need for new and purposeful efforts at all levels to improve the provision, utilization, administration and co-ordination of development assistance,

*Aware* that a substantial part of world resources, material as well as human, continues to be diverted to armaments, with a detrimental effect on international security and on bilateral and multilateral co-operation, including the operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the contribution of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in promoting operational activities for development and takes note with interest of the report of the Director-General for the triennial policy review of operational activities for development;<sup>73</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the information provided by some of the organizations of the United Nations system in response to General Assembly resolution 40/211,<sup>74</sup> urges all organizations to respond, and expresses the hope that the quality of such information will be improved in the future;

3. *Expresses its deep concern* at the stagnation in recent years in real terms of overall contributions for operational activities for development, particularly the prognosis of a marginal annual rate of growth over the next few years;

<sup>73</sup> A/41/350-E/1986/108, annex.

<sup>74</sup> See A/41/374-E/1986/109 and Add.1 and 2 and E/1986/C.3 I.1.

<sup>72</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 9 (E/1986/29), annex I.*