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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 1939th plenary meeting, on 25 September 1971, allocated to the Second Committee sub-items (a), (b), (c) and (d) of agenda item 44 as follows:

Operational activities for development: reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

- (a) United Nations Development Programme;
- (b) United Nations Capital Development Fund;
- (c) Technical co-operation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General;
- (d) United Nations Volunteers programme.

2. The Committee considered the item at its 1385th to 1393rd meetings, on 14, 15, 18, 19 and 20 October, at its 1395th, 1397th to 1399th meetings, on 21 and 22 October and 8 November, at its 1404th to 1408th meetings, on 11, 12 and 15 November, and at its 1425th meeting, on 1 December. An account of the discussions of the Committee on this item is contained in the relevant summary records.^{1/}

3. At its 1385th meeting, on 14 October, the Committee heard a statement by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the text of which, at the request of the Committee, was circulated in document A/C.2/L.1149. At the same meeting, it also heard a statement by the Commissioner for Technical Co-operation, as well as by the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme.

^{1/} See A/C.2/SR.1385-1393, 1395, 1397-1399, 1404-1408, 1425.

4. At the 1390th meeting, on 18 October, the Committee decided, by acclamation, to include the following paragraph, proposed by the representative of India at the 1386th meeting on 14 October, for inclusion in its report:

"On the eve of his retirement as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Committee expressed its deep appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Paul Hoffman for his untiring dedication to the cause of economic and social development throughout the world".

5. When considering the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

A/8399 : Note by the Secretary-General

E/4954 and Corr.1
and E/5043

: Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its eleventh and twelfth sessions 2/

A/8403 : Report of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly (chap. VIII, sections A, B, C and D). 3/

6. The Committee also considered seven draft resolutions, as set forth in sections I to VII below.

I

7. At the 1390th meeting, on 18 October, the Committee adopted, without objection, on the proposal of the Chairman, a draft resolution in which it took note of the reports of the Governing Council on its eleventh and twelfth sessions (see paragraph 80, draft resolution I).

II

8. At the 1386th meeting, on 14 October, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the delegations of Denmark, Greece, Iran, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, the Philippines, Togo, Turkey and Yemen, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1145) entitled "United Nations Volunteers programme" which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 establishing the United Nations Volunteers programme within the existing framework of the United Nations system,

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4954 and Corr.1); and Supplement No. 6A (E/5043/Rev.1).

-3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8403).

"Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1618 (LI) of 30 July 1971 and also the report of the Governing Council on its twelfth session,

"Noting with appreciation the statement of the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme,

"Reaffirming its conviction that the active participation of the younger generation in all aspects of social and economic life constitutes an important additional source of trained manpower in the over-all development efforts, thus ensuring the increased effectiveness of collective efforts necessary for a better society,

"1. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to continue to give every assistance in the promotion of the United Nations Volunteers programme, in particular to overcoming the question of financial difficulties which tend to inhibit the growth of the programme;

"2. Requests all the specialized agencies and organizations in the United Nations system to channel to the maximum extent possible requests for volunteers in development projects executed by them through the United Nations Volunteers programme and to co-ordinate all volunteer activities within United Nations assisted projects with the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme;

"3. Urges Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies, international organizations, voluntary agencies and individuals, to contribute in every way possible to the Special Voluntary Fund for the support of the activities of United Nations Volunteers;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report through the Governing Council and the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session on the progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2659 (XXV)."

9. In introducing the draft resolution, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the sponsors, revised paragraph 2 by substituting the words "to the maximum extent possible" by the word "all".

10. Lesotho, Uruguay and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

11. At the 1388th meeting, on 15 October, the representative of the Sudan orally proposed to modify paragraph 1 of the draft resolution by inserting the words "and the Governing Council" after the words "Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme".

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12. At the 1391st meeting, on 19 October, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced and further orally revised the draft resolution as contained in document A/C.2/L.1145/Rev.1 by converting the last paragraph of the preamble into paragraph 1, while adding the words "which was requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 2659 (XXV)" and renumbering subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

13. At the same meeting, the following oral amendments were proposed:

(a) The representative of the Upper Volta proposed the deletion of the word "every" before the word "assistance" from new paragraph 2;

(b) The representative of Mauritania proposed the insertion of the words "as far as possible" after the word "continue" in new paragraph 2;

(c) The representative of Italy proposed the replacement of the word "Urges" at the beginning of new paragraph 4 by the word "Invites".

14. At the same meeting, the representative of Iran, on behalf of the co-sponsors, further revised the draft resolution by accepting an oral proposal by the representative of the Sudan to replace the words "to give every assistance" by the words "to assist" in new paragraph 2, as well as by accepting the amendment proposed by the representative of Italy.

15. At the same meeting, the representative of Egypt, supported by the representative of the Sudan, orally proposed the inclusion of a new paragraph of the preamble reading as follows:

"Recalling the provisions of subparagraph (c) of the fourth paragraph of the preamble of General Assembly resolution 2659 (XXV)".

16. At the same meeting, following various suggestions put forward by the representatives of Mauritania, Nigeria, the Sudan and the Upper Volta calling for the inclusion of the relevant provisions of resolution 2659 (XXV) to be inserted in the operative part of the draft resolution, the representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the sponsors, proposed the insertion of the following text to appear as new paragraph 3 of the draft resolution:

"Reaffirms its conviction that United Nations Volunteers should not be sent to countries without the explicit request and approval of the recipient Governments concerned".

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17. At the 1391st meeting, on 19 October, the Committee voted as follows on the 15-Power draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1145/Rev.1), as orally revised:

(a) In a separate vote requested by the representative of the Netherlands, it adopted new paragraph 4 by 82 votes to none, with 26 abstentions;

(b) It adopted, by 93 votes to none, with 18 abstentions, the revised draft resolution as a whole (see paragraph 80, draft resolution II).

III

18. At the 1389th meeting, on 18 October, the representative of Brazil, on behalf of the delegations of Brazil, Chile, India, Pakistan, Tunisia and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1150) entitled "Financial contributions to the United Nations Development Programme".

19. Madagascar joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

20. At the 1392nd meeting, on 19 October, in a recorded vote requested by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Committee adopted by 81 votes to 5, with 25 abstentions, the draft resolution as a whole (see paragraph 80, draft resolution III). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Barbados, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Dahomey, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Australia, Canada, Japan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Khmer Republic, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

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21. At the 1389th meeting, on 18 October, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the delegations of Brazil, Chile, Egypt, India, Jamaica, Pakistan, Tunisia, Upper Volta and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1151) entitled "United Nations Capital Development Fund".
22. Ceylon joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.
23. At the 1392nd meeting, on 19 October, the representative of Zambia, following a number of suggestions made during the course of the discussion of paragraphs 2 and 5 of the draft resolution by the representatives of Chile, India, the Netherlands, the Philippines and the Sudan, proposed to amend paragraph 5 by replacing the words "so as to make the Fund operational and effective" by the words "so as to make the Fund fully operational and more effective". This amendment was accepted by the sponsors.
24. At the same meeting the Committee voted on the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1151), as orally revised, as follows:

(a) In a separate vote requested by the representative of the Netherlands, and following a request made by the representative of New Zealand for a recorded vote, the Committee adopted paragraph 5 of the draft resolution by 74 votes to 9, with 22 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Barbados, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Dahomey, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Japan, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Austria, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Khmer Republic, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

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(b) In a recorded vote requested by the representative of New Zealand, the Committee adopted the draft resolution as a whole by 75 votes to 7, with 24 abstentions (see paragraph 80, draft resolution IV). The voting was as follows:

- In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Barbados, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Dahomey, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.
- Against: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Japan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.
- Abstaining: Austria, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Khmer Republic, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

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25. At the 1385th meeting, on 14 October, the representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the delegations of Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ghana, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, People's Republic of the Congo, Peru, the Philippines, the Sudan, Swaziland, Thailand, and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1146) entitled "Increased participation of Member States in the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme particularly on its twelfth session,

"Bearing in mind its resolution 2626 (XXV) on the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

"Realizing the important role that the United Nations Development Programme has to play in the achievement of the goals, objectives and policy measures of the International Development Strategy,

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"Recalling its resolution 2688 (XXV) on the capacity of the United Nations development system,

"Recalling further its resolution 2029 (XX) consolidating the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance to become the United Nations Development Programme, particularly the annex thereto concerning the composition of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme which was to consist of 37 members,

"Convinced that a strengthened and expanded United Nations Development Programme and the prospect of its handling by 1975 resources double that of present resources necessitate the increased participation of Member States in the work of the Governing Council,

"Convinced further that a larger membership of the Governing Council would make it more representative of both developed and developing countries,

"Aware that since the United Nations Development Programme was established in 1965, a number of new Member countries have been admitted into the United Nations,

"1. Decides to enlarge the membership of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to 48 members to be elected from among States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, subject to the following conditions:

"(a) Twenty-eight seats shall be filled by developing countries allocated as follows: 11 seats for African countries, 9 seats for Asian countries and Yugoslavia, and 8 seats for Latin American countries;

"(b) Twenty seats shall be filled by economically more advanced countries allocated as follows: 16 seats for Western European and other countries, and 4 seats for Eastern European countries;

"(c) Elections to these 48 seats shall be for a term of three years and retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

"2. Requests the Economic and Social Council to elect at the organizational meetings of its fifty-second session the additional 11 members of the Governing Council."

26. Zaire joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

27. At the 1388th meeting, on 15 October, the representative of Gabon orally proposed an amendment to paragraph 1, subparagraph (a) of the draft resolution providing for the allocation of 12 seats to African countries instead of 11, and 7 seats to Latin American countries instead of 8.

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28. At the 1395th meeting, on 21 October, the representative of the United Kingdom introduced an amendment (A/C.2/L.1153) calling for the substitution of the sixth, seventh and eighth paragraphs of the preamble and paragraphs 1 and 2 of the draft resolution by the following text:

"Aware that since the United Nations Development Programme was established in 1965, a number of new Member countries have been admitted into the United Nations,

"Considering that the strengthening and expansion of the United Nations Development Programme, and the possibility of its handling by 1975 resources double that of present resources, has raised the question of increased participation by Member States in the work of the Governing Council,

"Taking into account the view of some Member States of the United Nations that a larger membership of the Governing Council would make it more representative of both developed and developing countries,

"1. Transmits to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of the preamble and the proposal in operative paragraph 1 contained in document A/C.2/L.1146;

"2. Invites the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider in the light both of these considerations and of the special need in the context of the expanded and strengthened nature of the United Nations Development Programme to ensure the continued efficient and speedy conduct of its business, the value and feasibility of this proposal, together with any other proposals which may be made relating to the future organization of the work of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;

"3. Invites the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to report its consideration of these matters to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-third session."

29. At the 1397th meeting, on 22 October, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of Afghanistan, Ghana, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, People's Republic of the Congo, the Philippines, the Sudan, Swaziland, Thailand, Yugoslavia and Zaire, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1146/Rev.1) modifying paragraphs 1 and 2 to read as follows:

"1. Decides to enlarge the membership of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to 51 members to be elected from among States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, subject to the following conditions:

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"(a) Thirty seats shall be filled by developing countries allocated as follows: 12 seats for African countries, 10 seats for Asian countries and Yugoslavia, and 8 seats for Latin American countries;

"(b) Twenty-one seats shall be filled by economically more advanced countries allocated as follows: 17 seats for Western European and other countries, and 4 seats for Eastern European countries;

"(c) Elections to these 51 seats shall be for a term of three years and retiring members shall be eligible for re-election;

"2. Requests the Economic and Social Council to elect at the organizational meetings of its fifty-second session the additional 14 members of the Governing Council."

30. At the same meeting, the representative of Barbados introduced and orally revised amendments (A/C.2/L.1160) to the revised draft resolution calling for:

(a) Insertion of the following as new eighth and ninth paragraphs of the preamble:

"Convinced also of the need for linguistic and cultural balance in the membership of the Governing Council,

"Mindful of demographic and other differences between countries falling within a single region";

(b) Insertion of the following as new condition (c) of paragraph 1:

"The composition of seats in each group should at all times give due expression to adequate subregional representation, particularly having regard to linguistic, cultural, and demographic differences existing within each group in those instances where these concepts are meaningful and operational".

31. Lebanon joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

32. At the 1398th meeting, on 22 October, the representative of the Sudan, on behalf of the delegations of Afghanistan, Ghana, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, the People's Republic of the Congo, the Philippines, the Sudan, Swaziland, Thailand, Tunisia, Yemen and Zaire, introduced a further revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1146/Rev.2) having reworded paragraphs 1 and 2 as follows:

"1. Decides to enlarge the membership of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to 48 members to be elected from among States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, subject to the following conditions:

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"(a) Twenty-seven seats shall be filled by developing countries allocated as follows: 11 seats for African countries, 9 seats for Asian countries and Yugoslavia, and 7 seats for Latin American countries;

"(b) Twenty-one seats shall be filled by economically more advanced countries allocated as follows: 17 seats for Western European and other countries and 4 seats for Eastern European countries;

"(c) The composition of seats in each group should at all times give due expression to adequate subregional representation;

"(d) Elections to these 48 seats shall be for a term of three years and retiring members shall be eligible for re-election;

"2. Requests the Economic and Social Council to elect at the organizational meetings of its fifty-second session the additional 11 members of the Governing Council."

33. At the 1404th meeting, on 11 November, the representative of Barbados withdrew his amendments (A/C.2/L.1160).

34. Yugoslavia joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1146/Rev.2).

35. At the same meeting, the representative of Argentina, also on behalf of the delegations of Bolivia, Colombia, Jamaica, Peru and Venezuela, introduced amendments (A/C.2/L.1177) calling for the replacement of paragraph 1 and 1 (a) of the draft resolution by the following text:

"1. Decides to enlarge the membership of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to 51 members, who shall be elected from among States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, subject to the following conditions:

"(a) Thirty seats shall be filled by developing countries allocated as follows: 12 seats for African countries, 10 seats for Asian countries and Yugoslavia, and 8 seats for Latin American countries."

36. At the same meeting, the representative of Czechoslovakia, on behalf of Algeria, Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Hungary, Mongolia, the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, later joined by Romania, introduced and orally revised amendments (A/C.2/L.1178) to paragraph 1 of the draft resolution by replacing the text, after

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the words "States Members" by the following words: "participating in the United Nations Development Programme, which should be opened to all countries, subject to the following conditions".

37. At the same meeting, the representative of Canada introduced an amendment (A/C.2/L.1179) which called for the addition of the following text as paragraph 3 of the revised draft resolution:

"3. Invites the Governing Council, in light of its increased membership and the expanded and strengthened nature of the United Nations Development Programme, to consider establishing mechanisms within the Governing Council to ensure the continued efficiency and speedy conduct of its business."

38. At the 1406th meeting, on 12 November, the representative of Canada orally revised his amendment to read as follows:

"3. Invites the Governing Council, in light of its increased membership and the expanded and strengthened nature of the United Nations Development Programme, to consider establishing mechanisms within the Governing Council to enhance the efficiency and to ensure the speedy conduct of its business."

39. At the same meeting, following a point raised by the representative of the Philippines, the Chairman, on the advice of the Legal Counsel, ruled that the proposal submitted by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (A/C.2/L.1153) was not to be considered as an amendment to the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1146/Rev.2), but as an independent proposal. Under rule 132 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland requested priority for his proposal submitted by his delegation. The proposal was opposed by the representative of the Philippines. The motion for priority was rejected by the Committee by 62 votes to 23, with 27 abstentions.

40. The Committee then proceeded to vote on the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1146/Rev.2) and the amendments thereto, as follows:

(a) In a roll-call vote requested by the representative of Czechoslovakia it rejected, by 53 votes to 30, with 29 abstentions, the 13-Power amendment (A/C.2/L.1178). The voting was as follows:

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In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, Ghana, Guinea, Hungary, India, Iraq, Khmer Republic, Libyan Arab Republic, Mali, Mongolia, People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Poland, Romania, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Iceland, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zaire, Zambia.

Abstaining: Burma, Burundi, Cameroon, Cyprus, Ecuador, El Salvador, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Mauritania, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Swaziland, Tunisia, Uganda, Upper Volta.

(b) It rejected, by 58 votes to 23, with 24 abstentions, the six-Power amendment (A/C.2/L.1177);

(c) In a roll-call vote requested by the representative of the Upper Volta it rejected by 50 votes to 25, with 37 abstentions, the amendment submitted by Canada (A/C.2/L.1179) as orally revised. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Khmer Republic, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Republic, Mali, Mongolia, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Poland, Romania, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

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Abstaining: Argentina, Austria, Barbados, Burma, Burundi, Cameroon, Chile, Congo, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Indonesia, Israel, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Uganda, Uruguay.

(d) In a separate vote requested by the representative of Cuba, it adopted by 70 votes to 30, with 7 abstentions, the first four lines of paragraph 1 of the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1146/Rev.2);

(e) In a separate vote requested by the representative of the Netherlands, it adopted by 72 votes to 30, with 5 abstentions, subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 1 of the revised draft resolution;

(f) In a separate vote requested by the representative of India, it adopted by 81 votes to 16, with 10 abstentions, subparagraph (c) of paragraph 1 of the revised draft resolution;

(g) In a separate vote requested by the representative of India, it adopted by 73 votes to 13, with 21 abstentions, subparagraph (d) of paragraph 1 of the revised draft resolution;

(h) It adopted paragraph 1, as a whole, by 73 votes to 30, with 4 abstentions;

(i) In a roll-call vote requested by the representative of Ghana, it adopted by 74 votes to 7, with 29 abstentions, the revised draft resolution as a whole (see paragraph 80, draft resolution V). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Burma, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo, Cuba, Denmark, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Khmer Republic, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Philippines, Portugal, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Argentina, Canada, Malta, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States of America.

Abstaining: Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Israel, Jamaica, Mexico, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Poland,

Romania, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela.

41. At the 1393rd meeting, on 20 October, the representative of Brazil, on behalf of Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Uruguay, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1154) entitled "Capacity of the United Nations development system" which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Considering the need for the United Nations Development Programme to keep abreast with the increasing requirements of the developing countries in the context of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

"Mindful of the fact that the challenges of development require the continuous adaptation, improvement and updating of the United Nations system for development assistance,

"Expressing satisfaction with the steps taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme during its eleventh and twelfth sessions to implement the reforms incorporated in General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV), of 11 December 1970, on the capacity of the United Nations development system,

"Aware of the significance and impact that subregional, regional and interregional projects can have on the harmonious and accelerated development of developing regions and countries, particularly of the least developed among them,

"Cognizant of the fact that global projects have a special significance in terms of transfer as well as creation of technology in conditions especially adapted to the specific needs and requirements of the developing countries,

"Bearing in mind the need to maximize the capacity of the United Nations development system through the most efficient and rational utilization of all its components,

"Conscious of the fact that industrial development constitutes an essential feature of development policies and planning at every stage of development,

"1. Commends the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme for the guidance given to the Administrator in adapting the machinery of the Programme to the new demands made upon the United Nations Development Programme, as reflected in the decision of the Governing Council adopted at its 262nd meeting on the organization, methods and general procedures of the United Nations Development Programme;

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"2. Stresses the importance it attaches to the regional bureaux of the United Nations Development Programme and to their operative capacity through direct access to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme as essential elements for the fulfilment of the objectives of the Programme;

"3. Calls upon the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider, at the earliest opportunity, ways and means to improve procedures for the definition and implementation of interregional, regional and subregional projects, in such a manner as to make them fully compatible with, and in fact complementary to, the country programmes of the same region or area;

"4. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to study the possible ways of promoting, without prejudice to the resources already allocated for individual country programmes, a greater number of global projects in the context of the implementation of the objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade in the field of science and technology, with emphasis not only on agricultural development, but also on industrial development;

"5. Further stresses that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme should prepare the Omnibus Statute of the Programme in such a way that it incorporates any new procedures that might be agreed upon at the thirteenth and fourteenth sessions of the Governing Council and, at the same time, keeps the flexibility necessary for the future adaptation of the United Nations Development Programme to changing situations;

"6. Reiterates its confidence in the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme as the main policy-formulating body of the Programme, under the guidance of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, from which the Administrator should receive the necessary directives for the general planning of the activities of the Programme;

"7. Stresses, on the other hand, that the scope of the activities of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board (IACB) must correspond to its functions of interagency co-ordination at the Secretariat level and should be defined with the objective of maximizing the utilization of resources available for development assistance and of ensuring the most efficient implementation of policies and decisions agreed upon at intergovernmental levels as regards the United Nations Development Programme's projects and procedures;

"8. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1617 (LI) of 27 July 1971 on projects in the field of industrial development;

"9. Expresses the hope that increased contributions to the United Nations Development Programme will make it possible to enlarge substantially the resources available for all country programmes, taking especially into account the interests and needs of the least developed among the developing countries."

42. At the same meeting, the representative of Kuwait, on behalf of the delegations of Cuba, Kenya, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Republic and Venezuela, introduced amendments (A/C.2/L.1155) to the draft resolution calling for:

(a) The insertion of the following text as a new fourth paragraph of the preamble:

"Bearing in mind that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, in the decision taken at its 262nd meeting, has agreed that additional regional bureaux may be established when appropriate in order to meet the needs of the various geographical areas";

(b) The insertion of the following text as a new seventh paragraph of the preamble:

"Recalling the decisions taken by the Governing Council at its eleventh and twelfth sessions on the criteria to be followed in calculating indicative planning figures as reflected in paragraph 71 (h) of the report on its eleventh session (E/4954) and paragraph 84 of the report on its twelfth session (E/5043/Rev.1),";

(c) The insertion of the word "also" after the words "bearing in mind" in the sixth paragraph of the preamble.

43. At the same meeting, the sponsors of the draft resolution accepted the 5-Power amendments (A/C.2/L.1155) and Cuba, Kenya, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Republic, Peru and Venezuela joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

44. At the same meeting, the following amendments were proposed:

(a) By the representative of Trinidad and Tobago (A/C.2/L.1159):

(i) The replacement of the word "that" in the first line of the fourth paragraph of the preamble by the word "of" and the deletion of the words "can have" in the second line;

- (ii) The replacement of the existing paragraph 3 by the following:

"Stresses the importance of the allocation of United Nations Development Programme resources for subregional, regional and interregional projects in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) and in particular the provisions contained in paragraphs 21, 22 and 23 of the annex to resolution 2688 (XXV)";

- (iii) The insertion of the words "and for subregional, regional and interregional projects" between the words "individual country programmes" and "a greater number of global projects" in the third line of paragraph 4:

- (b) By the representative of the Philippines:

- (i) The insertion of the words "matter or" after the word "new" in paragraph 5;

- (ii) The addition of a new paragraph 5 reading as follows:

"Further requests the Governing Council to study the possibility of establishing more equitable regional indicative planning figures taking into account the needs and degree of development of the various geographical areas";

- (c) By the representative of Mauritania (A/C.2/L.1157):

- (i) The replacement of the words "an essential feature" by the words "one of the essential features" in the seventh paragraph of the preamble;
- (ii) The replacement of the words "agricultural development" by the words "the development of agricultural and pastoral activities" in paragraph 4;

- (d) By the representative of Ecuador:

- (i) The insertion of the word "artisanal" after the word "agricultural" in the tenth paragraph of the preamble and in paragraph 4.

- (e) By the representative of Madagascar:

- (i) The insertion of the words "the exemption of countries receiving United Nations Development Programme assistance from counterpart payments for local costs" after the words "Calls upon the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider, at the earliest opportunity" in paragraph 3.

(f) By the representative of the Sudan:

(i) The rewording of the last part of paragraph 4 reading as follows: "with emphasis on agricultural development and related matters,"

(ii) The deletion of paragraph 6.

45. The representative of India orally proposed a subamendment to the amendment submitted by the Philippines (see paragraph 44 (b)(ii) above) calling for the deletion of the words "taking into account the needs and degree of development of the various geographical areas".

46. At the same meeting, the sponsors accepted the amendments submitted by Mauritania (A/C.2/L.1157) and Ecuador (see paragraph 44 (d) above).

47. The draft resolution in its revised form (A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.1) was considered by the Committee at its 1397th meeting on 22 October and called for:

(a) The insertion of a new fifth paragraph of the preamble reading as follows:

"Bearing in mind that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, in the decision taken at its 262nd meeting, has agreed that additional regional bureaux may be established when appropriate in order to meet the needs of the various geographical areas";

(b) The insertion of a new eighth paragraph of the preamble reading as follows:

"Recalling the decisions taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its eleventh and twelfth sessions on the criteria to be followed in calculating the indicative planning figures as reflected in paragraph 71 (h) of the report on its eleventh session (E/4954) and paragraph 84 of the report on its twelfth session (E/5043/Rev.1)";

(c) The insertion of two new paragraphs at the end of the preamble reading as follows:

"Conscious also of the importance of agricultural, pastoral and artisanal development as a first step in the direction of a fully integrated and independent economy,

"Aware of the urgent necessity to improve the absorptive capacity of the least developed among the developing countries through appropriate financial and technical assistance";

(d) The rewording of paragraph 3 reading as follows:

"3. Calls upon the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider, at its fourteenth session, ways and means of improving the procedures for global, interregional, regional and subregional projects, in accordance with paragraphs 21, 22 and 23 of the annex to resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, in order to make them fully compatible with, and in fact complementary to, the country programmes of the region or area concerned";

(e) The rewording of paragraph 4 reading as follows:

"4. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to study the possible ways of promoting, within the present proportional allocation of resources and in accordance with paragraphs 25 and 26 of the annex to resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, a greater number of global projects in the context of the implementation of the objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade in the field of science and technology, with emphasis not only on agricultural, pastoral and artisanal development, but also on industrial development";

(f) The insertion of the word "matter" after the words "any new" in paragraph 5;

(g) The insertion of a new paragraph 6 reading as follows:

"6. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme: (a) to establish and implement special programmes in the field of the identification and full utilization of the natural resources of the least developed among the developing countries; and (b) to relieve the least developed among the developing countries from the payment of local costs as long as their special situation requires this".

48. At the same meeting, the Committee also had before it an amendment (A/C.2/L.1158) submitted by the Philippines which called for the insertion of a new paragraph 5 reading as follows:

"Requests further the Governing Council to study the possibility of establishing more equitable intercountry indicative planning figures for the various geographical areas."

49. At the 1397th meeting, on 22 October, the representative of Brazil, on behalf of Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guinea, Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Republic, Mauritania, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, introduced the revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.1) and further orally revised it by calling for:

(a) The replacement of the words "and in fact complementary to" by the words "while according priority to the interests of the least developed among the developing countries" in paragraph 3;

(b) The deletion of the words "not only" and the replacement of the words "but also" by the words "as well as" in paragraph 4;

(c) The replacement of the words "Reiterates its confidence in the" by the words "Reiterates the authority of the" and the word "should" by the word "would" in paragraph 7;

(d) The rewording of paragraph 8 to read as follows:

"8. Stresses, on the other hand, that the scope of the activities of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board (IACB) must correspond to its functions of interagency consultations and co-ordination at the Secretariat level and should be defined accordingly by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, at the earliest possible opportunity, in the light of paragraph 65 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970".

50. The modifications referred to in paragraph 49 were incorporated in the second revision (A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.2).

51. At the same meeting, the representative of the Philippines introduced a revised amendment (A/C.2/L.1158/Rev.1) to the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.2) providing for the insertion of a new paragraph 4 reading as follows:

"4. Reaffirms that the Governing Council, in the implementation of intercountry programming, should take into account the equitable distribution of resources among regions in accordance with paragraph 21 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV)."

52. At the same meeting, the representative of Trinidad and Tobago introduced and orally revised amendments (A/C.2/L.1159/Rev.1) to the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.2) by replacing the existing paragraph 3 by the following text:

"3. Stresses the importance of the allocation of the United Nations Development Programme resources for sub-regional, regional and inter-regional projects in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) and in particular the provisions contained in paragraphs 21, 22 and 23 of the annex to resolution 2688 (XXV)."

53. At the same meeting, the representative of Barbados introduced amendments (A/C.2/L.1161) to the draft resolution which called for:

(a) The replacement of the words "particularly of the very small developing countries and of the least developed countries and regions" by the words "particularly of the least developed among them" in the fourth paragraph of the preamble;

(b) The insertion of the words "while according priority to the interests of the least developed countries and of the very small developing countries" after the words "in such a manner as to make them fully compatible with, and in fact complementary to the country programmes of the same region or area" in paragraph 3.

54. At the 1398th meeting, on 22 October, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced amendments (A/C.2/L.1162) to the revised draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.1 calling for:

(a) The insertion of the words "within which the United Nations Development Programme is the major source of technical assistance funds" after the words "development system" in the second line of the seventh paragraph of the preamble;

(b) The deletion of the tenth paragraph of the preamble;

(c) The replacement of the existing paragraph 2 by the following:

"2. Stresses, with due regard to the need for effective central co-ordination, the importance it attaches to the regional bureau of the United Nations Development Programme and to their operative capacity through direct access to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme";

(d) The deletion of the words "with emphasis not only on agricultural, pastoral and artisanal development but also on industrial development" in paragraph 4;

(e) The deletion of the words "under the guidance of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council" in paragraph 7;

(f) The deletion of the word "all" in the second line of paragraph 10.

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55. At the same meeting, the sponsors accepted an amendment submitted by the representative of Norway (A/C.2/L.1163) to replace existing paragraph 8 of the revised draft resolution by the following text:

"Stresses, on the other hand, that the scope of the activities of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board (IACB) must correspond to its functions of interagency consultations and co-ordination at the secretariat level and should be defined accordingly by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, at the earliest possible opportunity, in the light of paragraph 65 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970."

56. At the same meeting, the representative of the Netherlands introduced the following amendments (A/C.2/L.1164) to the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.1) calling for:

(a) The insertion of the words "as well as to the co-ordinating role of the Administrator" after the words "Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme" in paragraph 2;

(b) The deletion of the words "a great number of" in paragraph 4;

(c) The deletion of paragraphs 5 and 7;

(d) The insertion of the words "consultation and" after the word "interagency" in paragraph 8; amendment (d) was accepted by the sponsors and incorporated in document A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.2.

57. At the same meeting, the representative of Barbados revised his delegation's second amendment to the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.2) by adding the words "having due regard to the significance of these projects for the very small developing countries and for the least developed among the developing countries" after the words "in order to make them fully compatible with the country programmes of the region or area concerned" in paragraph 3, and proposed the inclusion of two new paragraphs 11 and 12 reading as follows:

"11. Requests the Governing Council to study ways and means of making regional and sub-regional projects more effective and beneficial to small countries;

"12. Stresses that, in the context of this resolution, the concept 'very small developing countries' should not be interpreted as creating or suggesting a new category of privileged countries, but rather as pointing to an economic imperative."

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58. The revised amendments referred to in paragraph 57 above were circulated in document A/C.2/L.1161/Rev.1.

59. At the same meeting, the representative of Brazil, on behalf of the sponsors, submitted a second revision to the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.2) calling for:

(a) Insertion of a new tenth paragraph of the preamble reading as follows:

"Conscious also of the equally essential role of agricultural, pastoral, artisanal and mining development for a fully integrated and independent economy";

(b) Rewording of the last phrase in paragraph 4 to read as follows:

"... with emphasis on industrial development as well as on agricultural, pastoral, artisanal and mining development"

(c) Replacing the word "full" by the word "optimum" in paragraph 6.

(d) Rewording of paragraph 7 to read as follows:

"7. Reaffirms the authority of the Governing Council of the UNDP, under the guidance of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as the main policy-formulating body of the Programme from which the Administrator would receive the necessary directives for the general planning of the activities of the Programme."

60. The modifications referred to in paragraph 59 above were incorporated in document A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.3.

61. Afghanistan joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

62. At the same meeting, the representative of Pakistan orally proposed:

(a) Amending the text submitted by the representative of Trinidad and Tobago by adding the words "according equitable emphasis to the interests and priorities of all the countries of the region or area concerned" at the end of paragraph 3:

(b) Adding the words "in the field of science and technology" after the words "global projects" in paragraph 4:

(c) Replacing the words "with emphasis" by the words "taking into account the recommendations of Economic and Social Council resolution 1615 (LI)" in paragraph 4:

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(d) Deleting the word "main" before the words "policy-formulating body" in paragraph 7;

(e) Amending the proposal submitted by the representative of the United Kingdom (see paragraph 54 (e) above) to read: "under the general guidance of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly" in paragraph 7.

63. At the same meeting, the representative of Egypt orally proposed to replace paragraphs 1 and 7 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.3 by the following new paragraph 1 (A/C.2/L.1167);

"1. Reaffirms the authority of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, under the guidance of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as the main policy-formulating body of the Programme. And commends it for the guidance given to the Administrator in adapting the machinery of the Programme to the new demands made upon the United Nations Development Programme, as reflected in the decision of the Governing Council adopted at its 262nd meeting on the organization, methods and general procedures of the United Nations Development Programme;"

as well as to delete the word "and" in the second line of paragraph 4.

64. At the 104th meeting, on 11 November, the representative of Brazil, on behalf of Afghanistan, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guinea, Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Republic, Mauritania, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, introduced and further orally revised the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.4), calling for:

(a) The insertion of a new twelfth paragraph of the preamble reading as follows:

"Aware of the urgent necessity to improve the absorptive capacity of the least developed among the developing countries through appropriate financial and technical assistance";

(b) The replacement of paragraphs 1 and 7 by the following new paragraph 1:

"1. Reaffirms the authority of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, under the guidance of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as the main policy-formulating body of the Programme from which the Administrator would receive the necessary directives for the general planning of the activities of the Programme; and commends the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme for the guidance given to the Administrator in adapting the machinery of the Programme to the new demands made upon the United Nations Development Programme, as reflected in the decision of the Governing Council adopted at its 262nd meeting on the organization, methods and general procedures of the United Nations Development Programme";

(c) The rewording of paragraph 3 to read as follows:

"3. Calls upon the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider, within the framework of the comprehensive review to be undertaken, at its fourteenth session, ways and means of improving the procedures for global, interregional, regional and subregional projects, in accordance with paragraphs 21, 22 and 23 of the annex to resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, in order to make them fully compatible with the country programmes of the region or area concerned while according equitable emphasis to the interests and priorities of all developing countries in particular the least developed among them, members of the regional economic commissions and of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut".

(d) The deletion of the words "Governing Council" from the first line and the replacing of the word "relieve" by the word "exempt" in the fourth line in paragraph 6.

(e) The deletion of the words "on the other hand" from the first line in paragraph 7.

65. At the same meeting, the amendments submitted by the representative of Trinidad and Tobago (A/C.2/L.1159/Rev.1), Egypt (A/C.2/L.1167), those orally proposed by the representative of Pakistan, by the representative of the Philippines (A/C.2/L.1158/Rev.1), as well as those submitted by the representative of Barbados (A/C.2/L.1161/Rev.1) were withdrawn.

66. At the 1407th meeting, on 15 November 1971, the representative of the United Kingdom introduced and orally revised his amendments to the revised draft resolution. In their revised form (A/C.2/L.1162/Rev.1) they called for:

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(a) The insertion of the words "within which the United Nations Development Programme is the major source of technical assistance funds" after the words "development system" in the second line of the seventh paragraph of the preamble;

(b) The replacing of the ninth and tenth paragraphs of the preamble to read as follows:

"Stressing the importance it attaches to the developing countries themselves determining the priorities they attach to each sector of their economies in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 22 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV)";

(c) The deletion of the words "with emphasis on industrial development as well as on agriculture, pastoral, artisanal and mining development" in paragraph 4;

(d) The deletion of paragraph 6;

(e) The deletion of the word "all" in the second line of paragraph 10;

(f) The replacing of the word "programme" by the words "country programming" in paragraph 10.

67. The modifications proposed by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, referred to in paragraph 66 (a) to (e) refer to the revised draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.3, and amendment (f) refers to paragraph 9 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.4.

68. At the same meeting, the representative of the Netherlands revised his amendments (A/C.2/L.1164/Rev.1) providing for:

(a) The insertion of the words "as well as to the co-ordinating role of the Administrator" after the words "Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme" in paragraph 2 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.3;

(b) The deletion of paragraph 5.

69. At the same meeting, the representative of the Netherlands withdrew his second amendment.

70. At the same meeting, the representative of Nepal orally proposed the insertion of the word "tourism" after the word "artisanal" in the tenth paragraph of the preamble and in paragraph 4 of the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.4).

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71. The representative of Egypt orally proposed an amendment to add a new paragraph 2 reading as follows:

"Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to study, within the framework of the review of criteria for indicative planning figures at its fourteenth session, ways and means of eliminating inequities, due to historical circumstances, including those suffered by countries whose indicative planning figures are already committed to on-going projects as a result of their special circumstances."

72. At the same meeting, the representative of Brazil, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.4 by:

(a) Including the word "tourism" in the tenth paragraph of the preamble and in paragraph 4, as proposed by the representative of Nepal;

(b) Including a new paragraph 2, as proposed by the representative of Egypt (see paragraph 71 above);

(c) Including the text of the second amendment by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(d) Rewording the tenth paragraph of the preamble and paragraph 4 by inserting the words "as well as natural resources development in general" after the words "mining development".

73. The modifications referred to in paragraph 72 above were incorporated in document A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.5.

74. Burundi, Egypt, Mali, the United Republic of Tanzania and Upper Volta joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

75. At the 1408th meeting, the Committee proceeded to vote on the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.5) and the remaining amendments thereto as follows:

(a) It rejected, by 49 votes to 29, with 20 abstentions, the first amendment submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (A/C.2/L.1162/Rev.1) (see paragraph 67 (a) above);

(b) It rejected, by 56 votes to 23, with 19 abstentions, the second amendment submitted by the United Kingdom to replace the ninth and tenth paragraphs of the preamble;

(c) It rejected, by 58 votes to 22, with 15 abstentions, the third amendment submitted by the United Kingdom to delete the words "with emphasis on industrial development as well as on agriculture, pastoral, artisanal and mining development" in paragraph 5;

(d) It rejected, by 67 votes to 14, with 18 abstentions, the fourth amendment submitted by the United Kingdom to delete paragraph 7;

(e) It rejected, by 49 votes to 16, with 29 abstentions, the fifth amendment submitted by the United Kingdom to replace the words "the Programme" in the second line of paragraph 10 by the words "country programmes";

(f) It rejected, by 40 votes to 20, with 36 abstentions, the first amendment submitted by the Netherlands (A/C.2/L.1164/Rev.1) to insert the words "as well as the co-ordinating role of the Administrator" after the words "Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme" in paragraph 3;

(g) In a roll-call vote requested by the representative of the United States of America, the Committee adopted, by 72 votes to 9, with 20 abstentions, paragraph 7 of the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1154/Rev.5). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Khmer Republic, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zambia

Against: Australia, Austria, Burma, Canada, France, Greece, New Zealand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

(h) It adopted the revised draft resolution as a whole by 88 votes to 2, with 10 abstentions (see paragraph 80, draft resolution VI).

VII

76. At the 1425th meeting, on 1 December, the representative of the Netherlands on behalf of Denmark, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, the Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Sweden and Thailand, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1187/Rev.2) entitled "The United Nations Fund for Population Activities" which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1084 (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965 on the work programmes and priorities in the population fields,

"Recalling further its resolution 2211 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, in response to which a trust fund, subsequently named the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, was established in 1967 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations,

"Bearing in mind the International Development Strategy with particular reference to demographic objectives and policy measures in paragraphs 13 and 65 of the Strategy,

"Recognizing the responsibility of the Population Commission to assist the Economic and Social Council in accordance with its terms of reference as defined in Economic and Social Council resolution 150 (VII),

"Noting that the Secretary-General has requested the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to administer the Fund and that an Executive Director for the Fund has been appointed,

"Further noting with satisfaction the progress made to date by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to which, so far, 32 countries have contributed,

"Aware that the United Nations Fund for Population Activities has now become a viable entity in the United Nations system,

"Convinced that the United Nations Fund for Population Activities should play a leading role in the United Nations system in promoting population programmes consistent with the decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council geared towards coping effectively with the problem of fast population growth and its consequent drain on the economic resources of many developing countries, as well as the problem of under-population, which could, among other things, hamper rapid economic development,

"Recognizing the need for the executing agencies of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to implement with dispatch, in close co-operation with the Fund, population programmes requested by developing countries if such programmes are to have the desired impact,

"Expressing its appreciation of the efforts of the Secretary-General which have resulted in the unprecedented growth and expansion of the Fund and of the support extended by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme,

"1. Invites Governments which are in a position to do so and whose policies would allow it to make voluntary contributions to the Fund;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, to take the necessary steps in order to achieve the desired improvements in the administrative machinery of the Fund aimed at the efficient and expeditious delivery of population programmes, including measures aimed at quickening the pace of recruitment of the required experts and personnel necessary to cope with the increasing volume of requests;

"3. Further requests the Secretary-General to inform the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-second session and the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session on the steps he has taken in the implementation of the present resolution and of recommendations he may wish to make in this regard."

77. At the same meeting, the representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of the sponsors, further orally revised the draft resolution by:

(a) Deleting the words "geared towards coping effectively with the problem of fast population growth and its consequent drain on the economic resources of many developing countries, as well as the problem of under-population, which could, among other things, hamper rapid economic development" in the eighth paragraph of the preamble, as orally proposed by the representative of Ghana;

(b) Substituting the word "fifty-second" by the word "fifty-third" in paragraph 3, as orally proposed by the representative of Upper Volta;

(c) Adding the words "as well as to consider the training of experts and personnel in the developing countries" at the end of paragraph 2, on the basis of the oral amendment proposed by Kuwait.

78. At the same meeting, the representative of Ethiopia proposed the addition of the words "on the problem of fast population growth as well as on the problem of under-population, which could among other things, hamper rapid economic development," at the end of the eighth paragraph of the preamble as further orally revised by the sponsors.

79. The Committee then voted on the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1187/Rev.2) and the amendment thereto as follows:

(a) It adopted the oral amendment proposed by the representative of Ethiopia to the eighth paragraph of the preamble by 40 votes to one, with 32 abstentions;

(b) In a separate vote requested by the representative of Spain, it adopted the eighth paragraph of the preamble, as amended, by 48 votes to none, with 30 abstentions;

(c) It adopted the revised draft resolution, as a whole, as amended, by 59 votes to none, with 17 abstentions (see paragraph 80, draft resolution VII).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

The General Assembly,

Takes note with appreciation of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its eleventh and twelfth sessions.^{4/}

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

United Nations Volunteers programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 establishing the United Nations Volunteers programme within the existing framework of the United Nations system,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1618 (LI) of 30 July 1971 and also the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twelfth session,^{5/}

Noting with appreciation the statement of the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme,

Reaffirming its conviction that the active participation of the younger generation in all aspects of social and economic life constitutes an important additional source of trained manpower in the over-all development efforts, thus ensuring the increased effectiveness of collective efforts necessary for a better society,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Volunteers programme,^{6/} which was requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 2659 (XXV);

^{4/} Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4954 and Corr.1) and Supplement No. 6A (E/5043).

^{5/} Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 6A (E/5043/Rev.1).

^{6/} E/5028.

2. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as the Governing Council, to continue to assist in the promotion of the United Nations Volunteers programme, particularly in overcoming the question of financial difficulties which tend to inhibit the growth of the programme;

3. Reaffirms its conviction that United Nations Volunteers should not be sent to countries without the explicit request and approval of the recipient Governments concerned;

4. Requests all the specialized agencies and organizations in the United Nations system to channel all requests for volunteers in development projects executed by them through the United Nations Volunteers programme and to co-ordinate all volunteer activities within the United Nations assisted projects with the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme;

5. Invites Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies, international organizations, voluntary agencies and individuals, to contribute in every way possible to the Special Voluntary Fund for the support of the activities of United Nations Volunteers;

6. Requests the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report through the Governing Council and the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session on the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2659 (XXV).

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Financial contributions to the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Considering the need for a fundamental and speedy strengthening of operational activities for development of the United Nations system in such a manner as to enable the United Nations Development Programme to carry by 1976 a total programme of at least \$1,000 million,

Considering further the need for a substantial increase in the financial resources of the United Nations Development Programme so as to enable it to utilize as fully as possible its improved capacity,

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Bearing in mind that planning estimates and procedures of the United Nations Development Programme will take into account inter alia the rate of growth of delivery capacity already existing in the system in terms of field programmes,

Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1615 (LI) of 26 July 1971.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

United Nations Capital Development Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2186 (XXI) of 13 December 1966, 2321 (XXII) of 15 December 1967 and 2525 (XXIV) of 5 December 1969,

Recalling further its resolution 2690 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 in which it decided inter alia to continue the provisional arrangements for the operation of the United Nations Capital Development Fund and requested the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider, taking into account the observations made by Member States, all possibilities for reaching the objectives of the Fund,

Stressing the urgent need to make the United Nations Capital Development Fund fully operational as soon as possible, in the framework of the expanded United Nations activities in the field of development assistance,

Mindful of the fact that the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade calls for the opening up of new avenues for international co-operation for development,

Regretting that it was not possible for the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its eleventh and twelfth sessions to achieve positive results on the subject,

1. Reaffirms its resolution 2690 (XXV) and urges Member States to continue to search for practical means of implementation of the objectives of the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

2. Expresses the hope that the report to be presented by the Administrator to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its thirteenth session will make possible, on the basis of suggestions received from Member States, the beginning of the effective operation of the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

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3. Decides to preserve the original functions of the United Nations Capital Development Fund until 31 December 1972, in accordance with the measures set forth in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 2321 (XXII);

4. Requests the Secretary-General to invite Member States to contribute separately, at the same pledging conference, to the United Nations Development Programme and to the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

5. Appeals to Member States, and in particular to developed countries, to provide substantial contributions to the United Nations Capital Development Fund so as to make the Fund fully operational and more effective.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Increased participation of Member States in the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, in particular on its twelfth session,^{7/}

Bearing in mind its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 on the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Realizing the important role that the United Nations Development Programme has to play in the achievement of the goals, objectives and policy measures of the International Development Strategy,

Recalling its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system,

Recalling further its resolution 2029 (XX) of 22 November 1965 consolidating the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in the United Nations Development Programme, particularly the annex thereto concerning the composition of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, which was to consist of 37 members,

Convinced that a strengthened and expanded United Nations Development Programme and the prospect of its handling, by 1975, resources double that of present resources necessitate the increased participation of Member States in the work of the Governing Council,

^{7/} Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 6A (E/5043/Rev.1).

Convinced further that a larger membership of the Governing Council would make the Council more representative of both developed and developing countries,

Aware that since the United Nations Development Programme was established in 1965 a number of new member countries have been admitted to the United Nations,

1. Decides to enlarge the membership of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to 48 members to be elected from among States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Twenty-seven seats shall be filled by developing countries, allocated as follows: 11 seats for African countries, 9 seats for Asian countries and Yugoslavia, and 7 seats for Latin American countries;

(b) Twenty-one seats shall be filled by economically more advanced countries, allocated as follows: 17 seats for Western European and other countries, and 4 seats for Eastern European countries;

(c) The composition of seats in each group should at all times give due expression to adequate subregional representation;

(d) Elections to these 48 seats shall be for a term of three years and retiring members shall be eligible for re-election;

2. Requests the Economic and Social Council to elect, at the organizational meetings of its fifty-second session, the additional 11 members of the Governing Council.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Capacity of the United Nations development system

The General Assembly,

Considering the need for the United Nations Development Programme to keep abreast of the increasing requirements of the developing countries in the context of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, contained in General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970,

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Mindful of the fact that the challenges of development require the continuous adaptation, improvement and updating of the United Nations system for development assistance,

Expressing its satisfaction with the steps taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme during its eleventh and twelfth sessions^{8/} to implement the reforms incorporated in General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system,

Aware of the significance and impact of subregional, regional and interregional projects on the harmonious and accelerated development of developing regions and countries, in particular the least developed among them,

Bearing in mind that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, in the decision taken at its 262nd meeting, has agreed that additional regional bureaux may be established when appropriate in order to meet the needs of the various geographical areas,

Cognizant of the fact that global projects have a special significance in terms of transfer as well as creation of technology in conditions especially adapted to the specific needs and requirements of the developing countries,

Bearing in mind also the need to maximize the capacity of the United Nations development system through the most efficient and rational utilization of all its components,

Recalling the decisions taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its eleventh and twelfth sessions on the criteria to be followed in calculating indicative planning figures as reflected in paragraph 71 (h) of the report on its eleventh session and paragraph 84 of the report on its twelfth session,

Conscious of the fact that industrial development constitutes one of the essential features of development policies and planning at every stage of development,

^{8/} See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4954 and Corr.1); and Supplement No. 6A (E/5043/Rev.1).

Conscious also of the equally essential role of agricultural, pastoral, artisanal, tourism and mining development as well as natural resources development in general, for a fully integrated and independent economy,

Stressing the importance it attaches to the developing countries themselves determining the priorities they attach to each sector of their economies, in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 22 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV),

Aware of the urgent necessity to improve the absorptive capacity of the least developed among the developing countries through appropriate financial and technical assistance,

1. Reaffirms the authority of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, under the guidance of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as the main policy-formulating body of the Programme from which the Administrator would receive the necessary directives for the general planning of the activities of the Programme; and commends the Governing Council for the guidance given to the Administrator in adapting the machinery of the Programme to the new demands made upon it, as reflected in the decision of the Governing Council adopted at its 262nd meeting on the organization, methods and general procedures of the Programme;

2. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to study, within the framework of the review of criteria for the indicative planning figures at its fourteenth session, ways and means of eliminating inequities due to historical circumstances, including those suffered by countries whose indicative planning figures are already committed to on-going projects as a result of their special circumstances;

3. Stresses the importance it attaches to the regional bureaux of the United Nations Development Programme and to their operative capacity through direct access to the Administrator of the Programme as essential elements for the fulfilment of the objectives of the Programme;

4. Calls upon the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider, within the framework of the comprehensive review to be undertaken at its fourteenth session, ways and means of improving the procedures for global, interregional, regional and subregional projects, in accordance with paragraphs 21, 22, and 23 of the annex to resolution 2688 (XXV), in order to make them fully compatible with the country programmes of the region or area

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concerned while according equitable emphasis to the interests and priorities of all developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, members of the regional economic commissions and of the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut,

5. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to study the possible ways of promoting, within the present proportional allocation of resources, in accordance with paragraphs 25 and 26 of the annex to resolution 2688 (XXV), a greater number of global projects in the context of the implementation of the objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade in the field of science and technology, with emphasis on industrial development as well as on agricultural, pastoral, artisanal, tourism and mining development, as well as natural resources development in general;

6. Further stresses that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme should prepare the omnibus statute of the Programme in such a way that it incorporates any new matter or procedures that might be agreed upon at the thirteenth and fourteenth sessions of the Governing Council and, at the same time, keeps the flexibility necessary for the future adaptation of the Programme to changing situations;

7. Requests the United Nations Development Programme:

(a) To establish and implement, in collaboration with the Committee on Natural Resources, special programmes in the field of the identification and optimum utilization of the natural resources of the least developed among the developing countries;

(b) To exempt the least developed among the developing countries from the payment of local costs as long as required by their special situation;

8. Stresses, on the other hand, that the scope of the activities of the Inter-Agency Consultative Board must correspond to its functions of interagency consultations and co-ordination at the Secretariat level and should be defined accordingly by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at the earliest possible opportunity, in the light of paragraph 65 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV);

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9. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1617 (LI) of 27 July 1971 on projects in the field of industrial development;

10. Expresses the hope that increased contributions to the United Nations Development Programme will make it possible to enlarge substantially the resources available for the Programme, taking especially into account the interests and needs of the least developed among the developing countries.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

The United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1084 (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965 on the work programmes and priorities in the population fields,

Recalling further its resolution 2211 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, in response to which a trust fund, subsequently named the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, was established in 1967 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade contained in General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, with particular reference to the demographic objectives and policy measures set forth in paragraphs 13 and 65 of the Strategy,

Recognizing the responsibility of the Population Commission to assist the Economic and Social Council in accordance with its terms of reference, as defined in Economic and Social Council resolution 150 (VII) of 10 August 1948,

Noting that the Secretary-General has requested the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to administer the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and that an Executive Director for the Fund has been appointed,

Further noting with satisfaction the progress made to date by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to which, so far, 32 countries have contributed,

Aware that the United Nations Fund for Population Activities has now become a viable entity in the United Nations system,

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Convinced that the United Nations Fund for Population Activities should play a leading role in the United Nations system in promoting population programmes consistent with the decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, on the problem of fast population growth, as well as on the problem of under-population, which could, among other things, hamper rapid economic development,

Recognizing the need for the executing agencies of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to implement with dispatch, in close co-operation with the Fund, population programmes requested by developing countries in order that such programmes may have the desired impact,

Expressing its appreciation of the efforts of the Secretary-General, which have resulted in the unprecedented growth and expansion of the Fund, and of the support extended by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme,

1. Invites Governments which are in a position to do so and whose policies would allow it to make voluntary contributions to the Fund;
2. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, to take the necessary steps to achieve the desired improvements in the administrative machinery of the Fund aimed at the efficient and expeditious delivery of population programmes, including measures to quicken the pace of recruiting the experts and personnel required to cope with the increasing volume of requests, as well as to consider the training of experts and personnel in the developing countries;
3. Further requests the Secretary-General to inform the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-second session and the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session of the steps he has taken in the implementation of the present resolution and of any recommendations he may wish to make in this regard.
