

of children, as an integral part of the development process set forth in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,¹⁵⁵

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to all Governments that are contributing to the United Nations Children's Fund and appeals, with a sense of urgency, to all Governments, especially those that are not contributing at a level commensurate with their capacity, to increase their contributions, if possible on a multiyear basis, so that the Fund may reach its income target of \$350 million for 1982, as presented in the medium-term work plan approved by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund at its session held from 19 to 30 May 1980.¹⁵⁶

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35/80. Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries

The General Assembly,

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

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

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, as well as its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Referring to the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,¹⁵⁷

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

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries;¹⁵⁸

2. *Commends* to the attention of the developing countries the above-mentioned report and the recommendations contained in chapters IV and V thereof;

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

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

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

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

(b) Eliminating illiteracy;

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

(d) Instituting compulsory education for all children of school age;

(e) Achieving the planned development of national educational and training systems;

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

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

¹⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 42.

¹⁵⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 11 (E/1980/41), paras. 75-77.*

¹⁵⁷ See resolution 35/56 above, annex.

¹⁵⁸ DP/443.

8. *Further requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to prepare, in consultation with the United Nations Development Programme and the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, as well as with the Governments concerned, a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982.

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35/81. Comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973,

Recalling further its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, in particular section V of the annex thereto,

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

Recalling its resolutions 33/201 of 29 January 1979 and 34/213 of 19 December 1979,

Reaffirming the validity of the consensus of 1970, as set forth in the annex to its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, and of the guidelines on new dimensions in technical co-operation, as set forth in the annex to its resolution 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975,

Reaffirming also the importance of the full and speedy implementation of its resolution 3405 (XXX),

Considering that the operational activities of the United Nations system can contribute significantly to the accelerated development of the developing countries and to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade¹⁵⁹ and thus to the establishment of the new international economic order,

Having examined the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation¹⁶⁰ and noting with interest paragraph 8 thereof, relating to the categorization of operational activities for development,

Concerned by the fact that a significant part of the resources for the technical co-operation activities of the United Nations system is absorbed in administrative and other support costs of the funding and executing agencies,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/66 of 25 July 1980 on operational activities for development,

Considering that operational activities for development encompass, *inter alia*, those activities of a development co-operation character that seek to mobilize or increase the potential and capacities of countries to promote economic and social development and welfare, including the transfer of resources to developing countries or regions in a tangible or intangible form,

Considering also that a substantial part of world resources, material as well as human, continues to be diverted to armaments with a detrimental effect on international security and on efforts to achieve the new international economic order, including operational activities of the United Nations system for development, and calling upon Governments to take effective measures in the field of real disarmament that would increase the possibility of allocation of resources now being used for military purposes to economic and social development, especially the development of developing countries,

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

2. *Affirms* that the operational activities for development of the United Nations system should make an effective contribution to the accelerated development of developing countries and to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and thereby to the establishment of the new international economic order;

3. *Expresses its grave concern* that financial contributions to the system's operational activities for development have not increased substantially and have generally fallen short of targets which have been set by the relevant intergovernmental bodies;

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

5. *Strongly urges* all donor countries, particularly those developed countries whose over-all performance is not commensurate with their capacity, to increase rapidly and substantially their contributions to the system's operational activities for development on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis;

6. *Urges* all countries that are able to do so to indicate, while making their pledges, their probable contributions to the system's operational activities for development for a multiyear period, taking into account the need to ensure increased resources in real terms on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis;

7. *Invites* the governing bodies of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as appropriate, to consider new and specific ways and means of mobilizing increased resources for operational activities for development on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis;

8. *Invites* the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to develop, in the light of section V of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, specific recommendations on measures to reduce administrative and other support costs, to achieve maximum uniformity and harmonization of administrative, financial, budgetary, personnel and planning procedures and to improve the project procedures in the execution of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

¹⁵⁹ See resolution 35/56 above, annex.

¹⁶⁰ A/35/224 and Corr.1, annex.