

**2037 (LXI). Report of the World Food Council
on its second session**

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition and related resolutions of the World Food Conference,¹¹³ General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, Assembly resolutions 3601 (S-VI) and 3602 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and the decisions taken by the Assembly at its seventh special session,

Having considered the report of the World Food Council on its second session,¹¹⁴ including, as requested by the World Food Council,¹¹⁵ the draft resolutions submitted by the Group of 77 and reproduced in annex II to that report,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the World Food Council on its second session;
2. *Decides* to transmit the report of the World Food Council on its second session to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-first session;
3. *Requests* all Governments and the appropriate bodies and agencies of the United Nations, in conformity with the results of the consideration of the report by the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, to take into account and to implement to the maximum extent possible the agreed recommendations adopted by the World Food Council at its second session;
4. *Invites* the Secretary-General and the President of the World Food Council to report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session on the progress achieved in dealing with food problems.

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2038 (LXI). Co-operation between the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food and relevant United Nations organizations and specialized agencies

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution XXII of the World Food Conference¹¹⁶ concerning the creation of the World Food Council and its relations with regional bodies,

Recalling further paragraph 4 (f) of resolution XXII of the World Food Conference, stating that full co-operation should exist between the World Food Council

¹¹³ E/CONF.65/20 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), chaps. I and II.

¹¹⁴ WFC/29; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5841). For the final text of the report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/31/19).

¹¹⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 29.

¹¹⁶ See E/CONF.65/20 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), p. 18.

and regional bodies in formulating and following up policies approved by the Council and that these bodies should be serviced by existing United Nations bodies or bodies of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in the region concerned,

Noting with satisfaction that the Organization of African Unity has established the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food, whose functions and mandate in the African region are in line with the objectives of the World Food Council and that the Committee co-operates with the World Food Council,

1. *Takes note* of the draft resolution submitted to the World Food Council at its second session on the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food;¹¹⁷

2. *Requests* all appropriate organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations working in the field of agriculture, food and nutrition, particularly the Economic Commission for Africa, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the World Meteorological Organization, to intensify their co-operation with the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food;

3. *Requests* all relevant organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations working in Africa to service, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity and the Economic Commission for Africa, the meetings of the African Inter-Ministerial Committee for Food and its three expert committees, namely the Food Security and Programme Committee, the Economic Committee and the Finance Committee, and to take all necessary action to assist them in the performance of their tasks;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution and to draw the attention of the World Food Council at its third session to this matter.

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2039 (LXI). Review of the machinery of the United Nations and of its system for administrative and budgetary control, investigation and co-ordination

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that, under General Assembly resolution 2924 B (XXVII) of 24 November 1972, the terms of reference of the Joint Inspection Unit are to be reviewed by the General Assembly at its thirty-first session,

¹¹⁷ See annex III to the report of the World Food Council on its second session (WFC/29), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5841). For the final text of the report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/31/19).

Bearing in mind the relevant comments of the Secretary-General¹¹⁸ and of the Joint Inspection Unit,¹¹⁹

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3199 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973 and 3392 (XXX) of 20 November 1975 on the review of the intergovernmental and expert machinery dealing with the formulation, review and approval of programmes and budgets,

Bearing in mind the part of the report of the Working Group on United Nations Programme and Budget Machinery dealing with problems of evaluation¹²⁰ and the relevant comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹²¹

Recalling the conclusion of the Group of Experts on the Structure of the United Nations System that an essential element of programme budgeting is effective monitoring of programme implementation and appraisal of programme accomplishments,¹²²

Taking into account other activities of intergovernmental bodies which have recently dealt with questions of administrative and budgetary control, investigation and co-ordination,¹²³

Taking fully into account the terms of reference of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, as recast in Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976, which require the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to consider and develop evaluation procedures and their use in the improvement of programme design,

Bearing in mind the relevant discussion in the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its sixteenth session,¹²⁴

Expressing the hope that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, with additional assistance from the Joint Inspection Unit, can adequately perform the needed task of external evaluation,

I

CONTINUATION AND MANDATE OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

1. *Recommends* the General Assembly:

(a) To maintain in operation the Joint Inspection Unit, which has played a useful role from its inception;

(b) To establish the mandate of the Joint Inspection Unit, stressing the independence of the Unit and the fact that it is instituted essentially to assist intergovern-

mental bodies in assessing the execution of programmes and in defining such reforms as they consider necessary;

(c) To consider adopting the proposals on its mandate made by the Joint Inspection Unit in sections A to F of the annex to its report,¹²⁵ which relate, *inter alia*, to:

(i) The direct responsibility of the Joint Inspection Unit to the General Assembly and the legislative bodies of the other participating organizations;

(ii) Confirmation of the appointment of Inspectors by the General Assembly;

(iii) The Inspectors' powers to investigate and make recommendations;

(iv) The Inspectors' independence;

(v) The conditions for the preparation of the Unit's work programme;

(vi) The individual and collective responsibilities of the Inspectors;

(vii) The types of reports prepared by the Unit and the conditions for the application of approved recommendations;

II

EVALUATION

2. *Takes note* of various studies and exercises in evaluation made within the Secretariat;¹²⁶

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop experimental modifications in the existing procedures and techniques of the Secretariat, with a view to achieving effective internal evaluation, and to submit them, together with experimental programme evaluation reports, to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its seventeenth session, the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session and the General Assembly at its thirty-second session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session a report, together with comments thereon by the Joint Inspection Unit, describing possible changes in the terms of reference of the Joint Inspection Unit which would enable it to assist the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and other appropriate intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations in carrying out their responsibilities for external evaluation;

5. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its thirty-first session, taking into account the report of the Secretary-General requested in paragraph 4 above, the relevant discussion in the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its sixteenth session and the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System, consider developing appropriate methods of external evaluation;

¹¹⁸ A/31/75/Add.1 and Corr.1.

¹¹⁹ See A/31/89, chap. I.

¹²⁰ A/10117, paras. 66-74.

¹²¹ A/10499, para. 2.

¹²² *A new United Nations Structure for Global Economic Co-operation* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.7), para. 131.

¹²³ See A/31/75/Add.2.

¹²⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 38* (A/31/38), chap. VI.

¹²⁵ A/31/89.

¹²⁶ A/10035/Add.1 and *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 6A* (A/31/6/Add.1).

6. *Further recommends* the General Assembly to consider at its thirty-first session the improvement of the qualitative internal evaluation of the performance of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency as executing agencies and the performance of the United Nations Development Programme in administering operational activities of organizations of the United Nations system, taking into

consideration the recommendations which may be made by the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System, in order to enable the Assembly to assess the efficiency of the system.

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DECISIONS

164 (LXI). Borrowing authority of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

At its 2031st meeting, on 4 August 1976, the Council decided to recommend to the General Assembly, as a contingency measure, the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-second session on the granting of short-term borrowing authority to the United Nations Development Programme,

Recognizing the urgent need for the Programme to replenish its Operational Reserve on a funded basis, fully mobilizable at sight or on short notice, to a level sufficient to ensure the financial integrity of the Programme,

Recognizing the urgent need for participating Governments to pay promptly outstanding pledges and obligations to the Programme and to co-operate fully in measures undertaken by the Administrator of the Programme in conjunction with the executing agencies to use accumulated currencies,

Recognizing that, in the meantime, it may prove necessary to assist the United Nations Development Programme to meet short-term cash requirements arising exclusively out of unavoidable fluctuations between the payment of announced voluntary contributions and the immediate cash requirements of the Programme in any one year which might jeopardize its approved programme,

1. *Authorizes* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to grant to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme until the end of 1977, and on a case-by-case basis, authority to borrow monies for the purposes stated above and subject to the conditions and specifications stated below:

(a) In order to borrow, the Administrator shall in each case seek the Governing Council's prior approval at a regular or at a special session;

(b) The sources from which such funds can be borrowed are limited to voluntary-funded trust funds or organizations within the United Nations system, provided that the borrowing of such monies shall in no way adversely affect the operations of the trust funds to which they have been contributed or the speedy implementation of the programmes concerned, and with the agreement, where appropriate, of the executive directors of the voluntary funds, it being understood that borrowings shall, in the first instance, be made from trust funds under the aegis of the Governing Council;

(c) The Governing Council shall only grant a borrowing authority to the Administrator as an exceptional measure after a thorough examination of the financial situation of the Programme on the basis of comprehensive information provided by

the Administrator, after it is satisfied of the need to borrow, and is satisfied also regarding the repayment schedules of the anticipated borrowings; such comprehensive information shall include particulars of the status of assessed programme costs, voluntary contributions, including the status of accumulated currencies and shared programme costs, accounts payable, cash requirements for completing first cycle and initiating second cycle programmes, including allocations to programme and administrative support costs and agency overheads;

(d) Such borrowings shall not be used as a means to raise additional funds for the Programme over and above the pledged voluntary contributions and other approved income for any one year;

(e) Repayments shall be made only from the funds voluntarily contributed to the Programme and shall be effected within 60 days of the borrowing;

(f) If possible, borrowings should be free of interest; if there is a need to pay interest, the rate paid should be the lowest possible rate but in no case higher than that paid by the World Bank for its short-term borrowing, and to the extent possible the interest will be paid from earned interest;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to lend monies to the United Nations Development Programme from appropriate voluntary trust funds in his custody for the purpose and under the conditions specified in paragraph 1 above; however, in all such cases a consensus decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme is required.

165 (LXI). United Nations Volunteers

At its 2031st meeting, on 4 August 1976, the Council decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1966 (LIX) of 30 July 1975,

Noting the expanding role of the United Nations Volunteers in the field of domestic development resulting from the decision taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1974 to set up a unit within the United Nations Volunteers to deal with the activities in question,

Aware that the International Secretariat for Volunteer Service is in the process of being liquidated under the direction of an interim board appointed by the Council of the International Secretariat; and that it has terminated its activities in the field of international volunteer work and domestic development services,

Noting that a number of the activities of the International Secretariat have already been taken over, at the request of the interim board, by the United Nations Volunteers,