

**QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AND RELATED FIELDS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AND ALL OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES RELATED TO THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM**

**1443 (XLVII). Target for pledges to the World Food Programme for the period 1971-1972**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the seventh annual report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme,<sup>45</sup>

*Noting* the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Committee concerning the target for voluntary contributions for the period 1971-1972.

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2462 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 on multilateral food aid, which recognized the special competence and experience of the World Food Programme in the field of multilateral food aid,

1. *Submits* for the consideration and approval of the General Assembly the draft resolution set forth below;

2. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to undertake the necessary preparation for the announcement of pledges at the Fourth Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Recalling* the provisions of its resolution 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965 on the continuation of the World Food Programme according to which the Programme is to be reviewed before each pledging conference,

*"Recalling* the provisions of operative paragraph 4 of its resolution 2290 (XXII) of 8 December 1967 on the review of the World Food Programme that, subject to the review mentioned above, the next pledging conference should be convened at the latest early in 1970, at which time Governments would be invited to pledge contributions for 1971 and 1972, with a view to reaching such a target as may be recommended by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

*"Noting* that the review of the Programme was undertaken by the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme at its fifteenth session and by the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session,

*"Having considered* Economic and Social Council resolution 1443 (XLVII) of 1 August 1969 on the target for pledges to the World Food Programme for the period 1971-1972, as well as the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committee,

*"Recognizing* the value of multilateral food aid as implemented by the World Food Programme since its inception and the necessity for continuing its action both as a form of capital investment and for meeting emergency food needs,

" 1. *Establishes* for the two years 1971 and 1972 a target for voluntary contributions of \$300 million, of which not less than one third should be in cash and services, and *expresses the hope* that such resources will be augmented by substantial additional contributions from other sources in recognition of the prospective volume of sound project requests and the capacity of the World Food Programme to operate at a higher level;

" 2. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to make every effort to ensure the full attainment of the target;

" 3. *Urges* Governments that have pledged contributions of commodities or services for the period 1969-1970 to make every possible effort to carry over and make available for the period 1971-1972 any portion of such pledges that may remain unused at the end of 1970, and to indicate their readiness to effect such a carry-over when announcing pledges at the Fourth Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme;

" 4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to convene a pledging conference for this purpose at United Nations Headquarters early in 1970;

" 5. *Decides* that the next following pledging conference, subject to the review provided for in General Assembly resolution 2095 (XX), should be convened at the latest early in 1972, at which time Governments should be invited to pledge contributions for 1973 and 1974 with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations."

*1626th plenary meeting,  
1 August 1969.*

**1450 (XLVII). Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the item of its agenda entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by

<sup>45</sup> Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, "Seventh annual report of the United Nations / FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme", transmitted to the Council under the symbol E/4696.

the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations”,

*Recalling* the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolutions 2311 (XXII) of 14 December 1967 and 2426 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly,

*Taking into account* the report<sup>46</sup> submitted by the President of the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with the decision taken by the Council at its resumed forty-fifth session<sup>47</sup> and paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 2426 (XXIII), on the consultations with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

*Taking into account also* the statements made to the Council by the representatives of the executive heads of a number of the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations,<sup>48</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the urgent need of the peoples of several colonial territories, particularly in Africa, for assistance from the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned, particularly in the fields of education and training, health and nutrition,

*Recognizing the need* for further measures to be taken for the co-ordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned in implementing the relevant General Assembly resolutions,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees and to those specialized agencies and international institutions that have co-operated with the United Nations in implementing the relevant General Assembly resolutions and, in so doing, have taken measures for the co-ordination of their policies and activities;

2. *Expresses its deep regret* that some of the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned, particularly the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund, have not extended their full co-operation to the United Nations in implementing the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

3. *Endorses* the report of the President of the Council and *recommends* to the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned that they give effect to the suggestions outlined therein;

4. *Recommends* to the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned that they establish relationship agreements and other special arrangements

<sup>46</sup> E/4712.

<sup>47</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Resumed Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 1A (E/4561/Add.1), "Other decisions"*, p.3.

<sup>48</sup> *Ibid.*, *Forty-seventh Session*, 1627th and 1635th meetings.

with the Organization of African Unity, as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has done, in order to give concrete assistance to the liberation movements with a view to bringing about a more full and speedy implementation of paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 2426 (XXIII);

5. *Recommends* the United Nations, in particular the Office of Technical Co-operation, the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned, including the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund, to take measures individually and in collaboration with one another to increase the scope of their assistance to refugees from the colonial territories, particularly in Africa, including assistance to the Governments concerned in the preparation and execution of projects beneficial to those refugees;

6. *Urges* the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned to introduce the greatest measure of flexibility into the procedures followed by them in the field of assistance to refugees from the colonial territories, particularly in Africa, and to strengthen the existing arrangements for interagency co-operation in order to facilitate the planning and implementation of joint or complementary programmes as well as a concerted approach to problems in that field;

7. *Recommends* the governing bodies or deliberative organs as appropriate of the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned, on the basis of reports to be submitted by their executive heads, to give consideration to the following:

(a) The history of the General Assembly's legislation on the question of granting independence to colonial countries and peoples since the adoption of its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960;

(b) The legislative programmes and procedures so far adopted by the specialized agencies or international institutions concerned to assist the General Assembly in fulfilling its mandate;

(c) The specific difficulties, if any, encountered by the executive heads in formulating and executing concrete programmes and suggestions for assisting in the realization of the mandates of the General Assembly;

(d) What programmes and procedures might still be formulated to make more effective existing programmes and procedures, as well as to establishing new concrete proposals for assisting the General Assembly;

(e) The establishment of machinery to supervise and review the implementation of the measures adopted with regard to the implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

(f) An annual progress report to the Economic and Social Council on the action taken;

8. *Decides* to maintain the item on the agenda of the Economic and Social Council and *requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to give separate and continuing consideration to this item;

9. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to maintain contact with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

*1635th plenary meeting,  
7 August 1969.*

**1453 (XLVII). Co-ordination at the country level: the role of the Resident Representatives of the United Nations Development Programme**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1090 B (XXXIX) of 31 July 1965, in particular its reaffirmation of "the necessity that the Resident Representatives should exercise more effectively their central role in achieving co-ordination at the field level of the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and other organizations in the United Nations system",

*Having considered* the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on co-ordination and co-operation at the country level,<sup>49</sup>

*Noting* the references made in the report of the United Nations Evaluation Mission to Iran to the relationships between the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme and the country representatives of the agencies concerned,<sup>50</sup>

*Convinced* that there is need for further clarification of the central role and responsibilities of the Resident Representative in co-ordinating the technical co-operation and pre-investment programmes of the United Nations system of participating organizations at the field level,

*Pending* the report on the Capacity Study of the United Nations Development Programme and other related reports,

*Being aware*, moreover, of the assistance that the Resident Representatives can give to the Governments of Member States in the co-ordination of the development activities of the United Nations system,

1. *Believes* that the co-ordinating role of the Resident Representatives of the United Nations Development Programme should be exercised in full recognition of the primary responsibility of Member States for the co-ordination of development programmes and projects in their countries;

2. *Emphasizes* the value to Governments of Member States of having central machinery for the planning and processing, in consultation with the Resident Representative, of requests to the member organizations of the United Nations system for development assistance;

3. *Re-emphasizes* the need to maintain the central role of the Resident Representative in achieving co-ordination at the field level of the technical co-operation and pre-investment programmes of the United Nations and its related organizations;

<sup>49</sup> E/4698, part II.

<sup>50</sup> See E/4626, chap. IV.

4. *Stresses* the importance of the Governments concerned giving their full support to the Resident Representative in the execution of his functions;

5. *Considers* that, in order to enable the Resident Representative to discharge those functions, he should be able to call upon the agencies' country representatives, where they exist, for assistance and advice;

6. *Invites* the organizations of the United Nations system to ensure that Resident Representatives are consulted on the planning and formulation of development projects for which those organizations are responsible, and that they are supplied with reports on the execution of those projects;

7. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to transmit this resolution to all country and regional Resident Representatives;

8. *Requests* the organizations concerned to take the necessary measures to ensure that this resolution is brought to the attention of all concerned within their organizations including their field representatives.

*1636th plenary meeting,  
8 August 1969.*

**1455 (XLVII). Computers**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* section II of its resolution 1368 (XLV) of 2 August 1968,

*Noting* the part of the thirty-fifth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination concerning the activities of its Computer Users' Committee,<sup>51</sup> and the comments thereon of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,<sup>52</sup>

*Recognizing* the need to ensure that the studies of possible computer applications that are undertaken in the United Nations system of organizations are properly co-ordinated,

*Considering* that only in this way can a concept be reached of the eventual possibilities of a common system of computer facilities for the United Nations system, in different types of applications, including the establishment of one or more central data banks, if and as required,

*Concerned* that, meanwhile, there should be the utmost harmonization in the planning and establishment of such computer facilities as are immediately necessary for individual member organizations,

*Recognizing* the interest in this field of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

1. *Reaffirms* paragraph 5 of its resolution 1368 (XLV), and in particular that member organizations' plans for computer facilities should be fully discussed in the Computer Users' Committee of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in the light of possible alternatives before being submitted to the governing bodies concerned;

<sup>51</sup> See E/4668, paras. 67-76.

<sup>52</sup> See E/4716, paras. 35-37.