

33/134 of 19 December 1978, endorsing the recommendations contained in the Plan of Action,

Having examined the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on its second session,²⁵

Noting decisions 81/31 and 81/32 of 26 June 1981 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme²⁶ concerning technical co-operation among developing countries,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on its second session;

2. *Commends* to the attention of the General Assembly the report of the High-level Committee and the decisions contained therein.²⁷

*39th plenary meeting
22 July 1981*

1981/59. Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 35/56 of 5 December 1980, containing the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and 35/81 of 5 December 1980, on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development,

Mindful of the continuing urgent problems of development faced by the peoples of developing countries, and reaffirming that the attainment of the individual and collective self-reliance of the developing countries would make an important contribution to the ultimate solution of those problems,

Bearing in mind the role of the United Nations Development Programme in multilateral technical co-operation for the economic and social development of developing countries, as defined by the General Assembly in its resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975,

Recalling its resolution 2024 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 on operational activities for development,

Recognizing that the United Nations Development Programme is making an important contribution to the accelerated development of developing countries,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-eighth session,²⁸

²⁵ TCDC/2/19.

²⁶ See E/1981/61, annex I; for the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11* (E/1981/61/Rev.1).

²⁷ TCDC/2/19, annex I.

²⁸ E/1981/61 and Add.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11* (E/1981/61/Rev.1).

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-eighth session and the decisions contained therein,²⁹

2. *Notes* in particular Governing Council decision 81/16 of 27 June 1981 on the preparation for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, by which decision 80/30 of 26 June 1980³⁰ was reaffirmed;

3. *Urges* all Governments to renew their efforts to provide the United Nations Development Programme with the resources necessary to establish the sound financial basis needed to implement the Programme's planned activities for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, which, for the purpose of forward planning, also assumes an overall average growth of resources of at least 14 per cent;

4. *Reaffirms* the central funding and co-ordinating role of the United Nations Development Programme in the field of technical co-operation within the United Nations system in conformity with the consensus of 1970³¹ and General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 33/202 of 29 January 1979 and 35/81 of 5 December 1980, and recommends to the intergovernmental bodies concerned that the need to preserve this role should be taken fully into account in the consideration of new funding arrangements for technical co-operation activities;

5. *Requests* all international organizations participating in the United Nations development system to strengthen their mutual co-ordination, both between headquarters and at the field level, with a view to improving the integration of technical assistance, in particular to enable the resident co-ordinators to act as the central co-ordinating authority on behalf of the United Nations development system at the field level;

6. *Commends* to the attention of the General Assembly the view that the United Nations Capital Development Fund should be authorized to meet the administrative and programme support costs pertaining to its activities from its own resources;

7. *Welcomes* Governing Council decisions 81/20 on the improvement of the methods and procedures for the recruitment of project professional staff and consultants; 81/21 on government execution and management, project design, monitoring and evaluation, and experts financed by the United Nations Development Programme; 81/30 on the establishment of a United Nations Development Programme study programme; and 81/37 on the streamlining and rationalization of the work of the Governing Council, all dated 27 June 1981;

8. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Governing Council, in its decision 81/37, decided that "New and specific ways and means of mobilizing increased resources on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis"

²⁹ See E/1981/61, annex I.

³⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12* (E/1980/42/Rev.1), chap. XI.

³¹ General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV), annex.

will be the subject of its agenda item on policy review for its twenty-ninth session;³²

9. *Endorses* Governing Council decision 81/34 of 27 June 1981, by which the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme was requested to continue to provide information on agency regular and extra-budgetary technical co-operation expenditures financed from sources other than the United Nations Development Programme, until alternative arrangements for the provision of such data have been made within the United Nations system.

*39th plenary meeting
22 July 1981*

1981/60. World Communications Year: development of communications infrastructures

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the fundamental importance of communications infrastructures in all countries as essential elements in their economic and social development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, which proposed the designation of one year during the Decade as World Communications Year,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 35/109 of 5 December 1980 on the World Communications Year, by which the Assembly endorsed the arrangements made by the Council concerning the Year,

Recalling further Council resolution 1980/69 of 23 July 1980, whereby the Council requested the Secretary-General to continue consultations with Governments and to submit revised proposals on programmes for the Year, and designated the International Telecommunication Union as the lead agency for the Year and requested it to submit a report on the state of preparations for the Year,

Convinced that a World Communications Year would provide the opportunity for all countries to undertake an in-depth review and analysis of their policies on communications development and to stimulate the accelerated development of communications infrastructures,

Having taken into account the guide-lines for future international years,³³

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General containing the proposed programme of activities,³⁴ the comments of the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunication Union thereon³⁵ and the report of the lead agency on the state of preparations for the Year and, in particular, on the financial resources that had already been pledged for the Year and pro-

grammes that might be of interest to developing countries,³⁶

Welcoming the progress made by the United Nations system and Governments in preparations for the Year,

1. *Proposes* that 1983 should be the World Communications Year;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its thirty-sixth session, should proclaim the year 1983 as "World Communications Year: development of communications infrastructures", provided that all preliminary arrangements for its financing from voluntary contributions have been finalized before the adoption of the final decision;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union to continue preparations and the mobilization of resources for the Year;

4. *Invites further* the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union, in preparing for the World Communications Year, to co-operate closely with the competent organizations and agencies in the United Nations system, especially the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Universal Postal Union, taking full account of their respective terms of reference, in order to avoid overlapping and duplication;

5. *Invites also* Governments to continue to participate actively in and to contribute to the programme of activities for the Year.

*40th plenary meeting
23 July 1981*

1981/61. Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/58 of 29 November 1979 entitled "Health as an integral part of development",

Having considered the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000 and the progress report thereon submitted by the Director-General of the World Health Organization,³⁷

1. *Commends* to the attention of the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session the full text of the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000;³⁸

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 34/58 of 29 November 1979 concerning health as an integral part of development,

"Noting with approval resolution WHA34.36, by which the Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly unanimously adopted on 22 May 1981 the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000,

³² For the provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session, see Governing Council decision 81/45 of 1 July 1981.

³³ See General Assembly decision 35/424.

³⁴ E/1981/70.

³⁵ E/1981/70/Add.1.

³⁶ E/1981/70/Add.2.

³⁷ E/1981/88.

³⁸ Issued by the World Health Organization under the symbol A34/5.