

4. *Requests* the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to undertake the necessary consultations with the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system concerned, in order to ensure fully the effectiveness of the contributions of the United Nations system to the implementation of the recovery, rehabilitation and development programmes in the Sahel and to increase the capacity of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to respond adequately to further requests formulated by the member States of the Permanent Inter-State Committee.

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1979/52. Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Referring to General Assembly resolution 33/135 of 19 December 1978 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries and to decision 79/13 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the implementation of that resolution,⁹

Taking note of the progress report prepared by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,¹⁰

Taking into account the suggestions made by the Administrator in his progress report,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to proceed with the further implementation of General Assembly resolution 33/135, taking into account the comments and suggestions made by delegations during the Council's second regular session of 1979;

2. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned to contribute, on the basis of their experience, to the realization of the objectives set forth by the Assembly in resolution 33/135;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, while preparing the study requested by the Assembly in resolution 33/135, to take account of the national experience acquired in all countries in the training of qualified national personnel;

4. *Recommends* that Member States take into account the urgent need for qualified national personnel in implementing or participating in the activities aimed at the expansion of technical co-operation among developing countries;

5. *Invites* Governments of developing countries, as appropriate, to establish national systems of training qualified national personnel;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to submit the full report requested in General Assembly resolution 33/135 to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-

⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40)*, chap. XXI.

¹⁰ DP/409; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note by the Secretary-General (E/1979/80).

seventh session and the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1980.

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1979/53. United Nations Children's Fund

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held at Mexico City from 21 May to 1 June 1979,¹¹

Noting with satisfaction that many developing countries participating in the International Year of the Child are preparing to meet more fully the needs of their children, in certain instances planning country coverage in essential basic services, with an emphasis on primary health care, a clean water supply and primary education,

Bearing in mind that to reach the goals that developing countries are setting for themselves in order to improve the situation of their children a significant increase in external assistance will be required in the years following the International Year of the Child, in pursuit of one of the objectives of the new international economic order,

Aware that the new and enlarged programmes of developing countries benefiting their children offer greater opportunity for effective co-operation with the Fund, provided that the level of its revenue rises,

Noting with approval the activities of the Fund as reflected in the report of the Executive Board, especially the programmes assisted, the adoption of a medium-term work plan and efforts to improve co-ordination and strengthen collaboration with organizations of the United Nations system and other sources of aid,

Noting also with approval the conclusion reached by the Executive Board that the Fund should continue as the lead agency for children within the United Nations system,¹²

1. *Endorses* the conclusions contained in the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund;

2. *Endorses in particular* the joint efforts of the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization in co-operating with the developing countries to integrate primary health-care policies, in harmony with the Fund's approach to basic services for children, in national strategies, plans of action and programmes;

3. *Appeals* to all Governments to increase their contributions to the Fund in relation to their capacity, so that it may reach the revenue target of \$290 million for 1981, as projected at the session of the Executive Board,¹³ and meet the rapidly increasing needs of children in developing countries, particularly in view of the expected magnitude of the tasks that will follow the International Year of the Child.

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1979/54. Industrial development co-operation

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI)

¹¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 11 (E/1979/41)*.

¹² *Ibid.*, para. 74.

¹³ *Ibid.*, para. 183.