

Substantial New Programme of Action in accordance with paragraphs 110 to 116 of the Programme should be completed by 1983;

7. *Requests* all donors and multilateral development, financial and technical assistance institutions to participate in those review meetings at an appropriately high level with a view to providing support for the implementation of the plans and programmes of the individual countries;

8. *Calls upon* donor countries and institutions urgently to improve further the quality and effectiveness of official development assistance in order to increase its responsiveness to the requirements of the least developed countries, as called for in paragraph 70 of the Substantial New Programme of Action;

9. *Urges* all donor countries and multilateral development and financial institutions to take immediate concrete measures and steps in accordance with the Substantial New Programme of Action to help the least developed countries to overcome the adverse effects of global recession;

10. *Also urges* all donor countries to make adequate special allocations to the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries of the United Nations Development Programme and to the United Nations Capital Development Fund or through other suitable channels for the least developed countries and, for that purpose, invites the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to continue his efforts to mobilize additional resources for the activities under his administration;

11. *Decides* that regular review and monitoring of the progress in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action at the national, regional and global levels should be undertaken, as envisaged in the Programme, to maintain the momentum of commitments made by the international community and to promote the implementation of the plans and programmes of the least developed countries with a view to achieving accelerated growth rates and structural transformation of their economies;

12. *Renews its invitation* to the governing bodies of appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take the necessary and appropriate measures for effective implementation and follow-up of the Substantial New Programme of Action within their respective spheres of competence and mandate;

13. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to continue supporting and making arrangements for the round-table meetings for the least developed countries, including the Round-Table Meeting for the Least Developed Countries in the Asia and Pacific Region, to be held from 9 to 18 May 1983 at the United Nations Office at Geneva;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to report to the Conference at its sixth session on the progress made in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action and on measures for ensuring its full and expeditious implementation;

15. *Requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to continue, in close collaboration with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the executive secretaries of the regional commissions and lead agencies for the aid consultative groups, to ensure at the Secretariat level the full mobilization and co-ordination of the United Nations system for the purpose of implementing and following up the Substantial New Programme of Action;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, in the light of the

outcome of the sixth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other developments, on the implementation of the present resolution.

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37/225. New international human order: moral aspects of development

The General Assembly,

Noting the proposal relating to the question of a new international human order: moral aspects of development,

Realizing the need for a further elaboration of the proposal,

1. *Decides* to transmit the draft resolution entitled "New international human order: moral aspects of development"¹⁸⁸ to the Economic and Social Council, with the request that it consider the matter at its second regular session of 1983, taking into account the deliberations of the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

2. *Requests* Governments to submit their comments on this question before 30 April 1983 to the Secretary-General, for transmission by him to the Economic and Social Council at that session;

3. *Decides* to take up this question at its thirty-eighth session on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

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37/226. Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

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 its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling further its resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 33/201 of 29 January 1979 and 35/81 of 5 December 1980 on a comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development and 36/199 of 17 December 1981 on operational activities for development,

Recalling also its resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system and 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 on new dimensions in technical co-operation,

Noting that co-ordination of national action with regard to operational activities by Governments makes it possible for concerted policies to be pursued in the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system,

Noting with deep concern the outcome of the 1982 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, held on 8 and 9 November 1982,¹⁸⁹

¹⁸⁸ A/C.2/37/L.40, as orally revised. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 71, document A/37/680/Add.12, para. 2.*

¹⁸⁹ See A/CONF.115/SR.1-3.

Having examined the annual report for 1982 of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on operational activities for development of the United Nations system,¹⁹⁰

Reiterating that a substantial part of world resources, material as well as human, continues to be diverted to armaments, with detrimental effect on international security and on efforts to achieve the new international economic order, including the operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and calling upon all Governments to take effective measures in the field of real disarmament that would increase the possibilities 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 annual report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation;¹⁹⁰

2. *Reaffirms* the important contribution that operational activities of the United Nations system make to the development of developing countries within the framework of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Expresses its deep concern* that overall voluntary contributions from Governments and other sources to the funds and programmes announced during the 1982 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities were highly unsatisfactory, falling short, in many cases, of targets that have been set by the relevant intergovernmental bodies, with serious consequences for the organizations concerned with respect to their capacity to maintain the level of their operational programmes in support of the growing needs of developing countries for multilateral concessional assistance through the United Nations system;

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, so as to enable the organizations of the system to maintain and, where possible, increase the level of their operational programmes and, in that context, strongly urges all countries, particularly developed countries, whose overall performance is not commensurate with their capacities, to increase rapidly and substantially their voluntary contributions for operational activities for development, taking into account the targets that have been set by relevant intergovernmental bodies;

5. *Decides* to conduct its regular review and appraisal of the mobilization of resources for operational activities in the light of each of the four objectives for the restructuring of operational activities contained in paragraph 28 of the annex to resolution 32/197, and requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to include the necessary information for this purpose in his annual reports, as well as information on the resource situation and prospects of the International Development Association, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Food Programme;

6. *Requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to examine, in the comprehensive policy review of operational activities to be submitted, together with his recommendations, to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, taking into account the relevant paragraphs of his report and all other pertinent considerations, the feasibility and usefulness of establishing targets for voluntary contributions, including annual growth rate targets, for those funds and programmes

for development activities covered by the United Nations pledging conferences where such targets do not exist, and the strengthening of the review and appraisal procedures, and to comment on the existing system of pledging conferences and make specific proposals aimed at establishing more effective procedures for the mobilization of resources;

7. *Invites* the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system dealing with the flows of concessional resources to developing countries to pay greater attention, in their reviews of these issues, to the funding needs of the United Nations funds and programmes;

8. *Urges* all Governments concerned to release as early as possible their third instalment of the sixth replenishment of the International Development Association, and to continue negotiations regarding the seventh replenishment of the Association with a view to ensuring an appropriately substantial increase in resources;

9. *Welcomes* the agreement on the establishment of the first replenishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development¹⁹¹ and urges all Governments concerned to deposit their instruments of contribution as early as possible and to release their contributions according to agreed schedules in order to enable the Fund to maintain its lending programme;

10. *Welcomes* the progress towards the attainment of the 1983-1984 target for voluntary contributions to the World Food Programme and urges Governments to make every effort to ensure the full attainment of the target;

11. *Welcomes* the recommendations made in section III of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation¹⁹⁰ designed to enhance the responsiveness of operational activities to the needs and requirements of developing countries in accordance with their objectives and priorities and their efforts to promote greater economic and technical co-operation among themselves, and requests the executive heads of the organizations concerned to take appropriate action in this regard in the programming and implementation of operational activities;

12. *Invites* all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities for development to adopt appropriate measures leading to a greater use of the capacities of developing countries in local or regional procurement of material and equipment, in training and in services, in facilitating the increased use of local contractors, and in the recruitment of training, technical and managerial personnel, bearing in mind decision 81/28 of 30 June 1981 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;¹⁹²

13. *Decides* that the guidelines on procurement to be issued pursuant to paragraph 7 of decision 81/28 and section II, paragraph 2, of decision 82/34 of 18 June 1982 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme¹⁹³ should, in due course, govern the procurement activities of organs and bodies under the authority of the General Assembly in their execution of projects financed by the Programme;

14. *Welcomes* decision 82/8 of 18 June 1982 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,¹⁹³ designed to promote government execution of projects assisted by the Programme, and the real savings that could result therefrom;

¹⁹¹ *Ibid.*, para. 27.

¹⁹² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11 (E/1981/61/Rev.1)*, annex I.

¹⁹³ *Ibid.*, 1982, *Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1)*, annex I.

¹⁹⁰ A/37/445 and Add.1, annex.

15. *Invites* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the President of the World Bank to examine the possibilities of further co-operation between the Programme and the World Bank regarding utilization of facilities available to the two organizations, and requests the Administrator to report thereon to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;

16. *Reaffirms* the exclusive responsibility of the Government of the recipient country regarding formulation of its national development plan or priorities and objectives, as set out in the consensus set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, and emphasizes that the integration of the operational activities of the United Nations system with national programmes would enhance the impact and relevance of these activities;

17. *Requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to include in his 1983 comprehensive policy review an examination of the extent and implications of the growing practice of contributions being provided to organizations with conditions attached to their use;

18. *Takes note* of the measures being pursued to reduce costs and to improve efficiency described in the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, and urges the Secretary-General and the executive heads of organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to seek to minimize administrative and other support costs without affecting the field programmes and the network of United Nations Development Programme offices in developing countries and bearing in mind the need to maintain an appropriate level of support functions, with a view to increasing the proportion of resources available to improve the programme delivery to developing countries;

19. *Requests* the organs and bodies of the United Nations system receiving resources of an extrabudgetary nature, such as support cost payments, to include information on these resources and their utilization in the reports to their governing bodies, and invites the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system receiving support cost payments from Governments and voluntary funds to examine information thereon;

20. *Requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to report on the implementation of paragraphs 18 and 19 of the present resolution and to include in his comprehensive policy overview a comparative analysis of the relationship between programme delivery and administrative costs pertaining to operational activities for development executed by organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system;

21. *Urges* all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, in the light of the recommendations contained in section III of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, to take the necessary steps to ensure the harmonization of administrative, financial, personnel, planning and procurement procedures, and requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to report, in its annual overview report of 1984, on specific action taken;

22. *Reiterates* the importance of co-ordination of multilateral development assistance at the field level and requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to pay particular attention, in the comprehensive policy review of operational activities of 1983, to the need for improved coherence of action and effective integration at the country level in accordance with section V of the annex to resolution 32/197 and paragraph 11 of resolution 35/81, including a report on

measures taken to date in this regard, together with his recommendations thereon, with specific reference to the role of resident co-ordinators in the co-ordination of operational activities of the United Nations system;

23. *Invites* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1983 and to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the outcome of the review of the arrangements for the exercise of the functions of resident co-ordinator in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 34/213 of 19 December 1979, and also requests the Committee to develop, within a year, the register on development activities in conformity with Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/71 of 10 November 1982.

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37/227. Critical situation of the financial resources of the United Nations Development Programme

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 its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Stressing the urgent need to strengthen multilateral co-operation for development, particularly through a substantial increase in the flow of multilateral official development assistance,

Emphasizing the importance of multilateral technical co-operation in the process of economic and social development of developing countries and the urgent need to provide the necessary level of financial resources on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis to enable the United Nations Development Programme to continue its unique and important role in that process,

Reaffirming the validity of the consensus as set forth in the annex to its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme for the year 1982¹⁹⁴ and Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/53 of 29 July 1982 on the report of the Governing Council,

Having also considered the critical financial situation of the United Nations Development Programme in the light of the outcome of the 1982 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities¹⁸⁹ and its serious impact on the level of technical assistance to developing countries through the Programme,

Aware that, together with efforts to obtain additional voluntary contributions, steps are being taken to increase further the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the United Nations Development Programme,

Aware also that the Intersessional Committee of the Whole of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme has undertaken to study, *inter alia*, options and recommendations for strengthening the work of the Governing Council,

¹⁹⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1).