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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Tunisia*: draft resolution

Operational activities for development

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 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system,

Recalling further its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, and the relevant provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council,

Recalling also its resolutions 41/171 of 5 December 1986 and 42/196 of 11 December 1987 on operational activities for development,

Reaffirming that the operational activities for development of the United Nations system are carried out for the benefit of all developing countries, at their request and in accordance with their own policies and priorities for development,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

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Recalling the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development, 1986-1990, 1/

Mindful of the special needs of the least developed countries,

Aware of the acute problems of island and land-locked developing countries and their particular needs for development to overcome their economic difficulties,

1. Takes note of the report of the Economic and Social Council; 2/
2. Takes notes also of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the operational activities for development of the United Nations system; 3/

Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities
for development of the United Nations system

3. Requests the Director-General to prepare the reports for the triennial policy review in a comprehensive and integrated manner that would identify interrelationships between the various problems and factors, and make concrete proposals, including scenarios and strategies for action, with short, medium and long-term perspectives;

4. Requests further the Director-General in preparing such a review to take fully into consideration the following:

(a) The primary objective of the operational activities of the United Nations system is to promote the self-reliance of developing countries through multilateral co-operation and, in this context, the need to maintain its multilateral character;

(b) The exclusive responsibility of the Government of a recipient country in formulating its national development plan, priorities and objectives and, in this regard, national programmes should be the basis for harmonizing the programming framework and process of operational activities of the United Nations system, in order to enhance the impact and relevance of those activities;

(c) The primary responsibility of developing countries to co-ordinate development co-operation through, inter alia, the determination of local co-ordination arrangement;

1/ General Assembly resolution S-13/2, annex, of 1 June 1986.

2/ A/43/3.

3/ A/43/ .

(d) The need for a significant, continuous, predictable, assured, and real increase in resources for operational activities for development to meet the growing requirements for the developing countries, in particular the least developed countries;

(e) The central role of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council as forums for overall policy guidance and co-ordination of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(f) The need to ensure further flexibility, simplification and harmonization of procedures for programme and project formulation, approval, implementation, monitoring and evaluation so as to adapt them to the need and priorities of developing countries;

(g) The decentralization of operational activities at the field level that should foster appropriate flexibility and responsiveness to the need of developing countries;

(h) The need for innovative, practical and effective measures to increase substantially the procurement from developing countries in the operational activities of the United Nations system, taking into account the need for the full implementation of the preferential arrangements for these countries and making use of national institutions and firms;

(i) Economic and technical co-operation among developing countries should be a significant dimension of all operational activities for development as a key element in the strategy of collective self-reliance and an essential instrument to promote changes contributing to a balanced and equitable process of global economic development;

(j) The central funding role of the United Nations Development Programme in technical co-operation within the United Nations system;

5. Urges the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations development system in the field of operational activities in co-operation with the Economic Commission for Africa, the Organization of African Unity and the existing subregional economic groupings, as appropriate, to provide increased support, as a matter of priority, to African countries in the implementation, follow-up and monitoring of the priority themes of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development, 1986-1990; 1/

6. Urges the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the various organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to assist the least developed countries in the preparation for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, September 1990, and to ensure that preparatory intergovernmental or expert meetings are guided by the priorities determined by the least developed countries themselves;

7. Requests the United Nations Development Programme and other funding organizations of the United Nations system to ensure that in proposing to recipient

Governments, executing agencies of projects under regional and interregional programmes to give priority to the services of the competent United Nations programmes and bodies, in accordance with existing rules and regulations;

Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

8. Decides that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme be renamed as follows: "Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund";

9. Decides also that in future the sessions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and its subsidiary bodies shall be held at United Nations Headquarters;

10. Calls on the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to terminate henceforth the Working Group of its Committee of the Whole.
