

of agricultural research and to take appropriate measures to promote the transfer of technology in regard to the improvement of farming methods, including support to activities in these areas relating to technical co-operation among developing countries;

21. *Calls upon* the international community to provide continuing and increasing support towards improving global food security and towards the elimination of hunger and malnutrition;

22. *Recognizes* that the expansion of exports, particularly from developing countries, is an important element of food security, and calls for additional measures by developed countries to liberalize agricultural trade;

23. *Calls for* improved international co-operation on the part of countries exporting and importing cereals, in respect of their food trade, production and stocking policies, in order, *inter alia*, to avoid instability in the international cereals market adversely affecting developing countries;

24. *Urges* all Governments concerned to consider, within the International Wheat Council at its next session, the early resumption of the United Nations Conference to Negotiate an International Arrangement to Replace the International Wheat Agreement, 1971, as extended, in order to conclude as soon as possible a new agreement that will contribute to the efficient operation of the international wheat market, taking into account the interests of developing countries;

25. *Calls upon* the international community to support, through the mobilization of financial and other resources, the efforts of developing countries to strengthen their stocking programmes in cases where those countries have expressed the need to build food reserves;

26. *Expresses the urgent need* to find multilateral solutions to the problems of trade, access, competition and supply relating to agricultural products, and calls upon the institutions concerned to find appropriate solutions, taking particularly into account the special needs and circumstances of developing countries;

27. *Endorses* the new target approved by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes for the biennium 1985-1986 of \$1.35 billion for the regular resources of the World Food Programme,<sup>72</sup> and calls upon traditionally and newly contributing countries to ensure its timely achievement;

28. *Supports* the appeal launched by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in favour of the African countries threatened by food shortages, and urges the international community to respond generously to that appeal, in particular by increasing on an emergency basis its assistance in food aid and agricultural inputs;

29. *Takes note* of the progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action as adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, and looks forward to the com-

prehensive review to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council in 1984 on progress in agrarian reform and rural development;

30. *Calls upon* the Governments concerned to implement agrarian reform and rural development within the framework of their national plans and objectives and in accordance with the recommendations, as adopted, of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development;

31. *Supports* the establishment of regional mechanisms to reduce food vulnerability, malnutrition and under-nutrition and, in this context, welcomes the recent establishment of the Action Committee for Regional Food Security;

32. *Stresses* the importance of fisheries development for the expansion of food supplies and nutritional improvements, and endorses the initiative by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to convene in 1984 a World Conference on Fisheries Management and Development;

33. *Emphasizes* the importance of stock breeding and fisheries development in the food strategies, plans and programmes of developing countries, and calls upon the international community to continue to provide competent international bodies with the necessary resources for the completion of studies in those areas, in order to increase their contribution to the development of the food and agriculture sector;

34. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the preparation by the World Food Council, for its tenth session in 1984, of a special assessment of progress made and the tasks ahead in meeting the objectives of the 1974 World Food Conference;<sup>73</sup>

35. *Urges* the World Food Council, within the context of its mandate, to mobilize and sustain greater efforts in the struggle to overcome hunger, to continue to review and report on major problems and policy issues, and to continue to serve as a co-ordinating mechanism in the field of food and other related policy matters within the United Nations system.

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29 July 1983*

## **1983/72. Twentieth anniversary of the World Food Programme**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 1714 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and 3404 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 and resolutions 1/61 of 24 November 1961, 4/65 of 6 December 1965 and 22/75 of 26 November 1975 of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, setting up the World Food Programme as a programme jointly undertaken by the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and establishing, for the purposes of

<sup>72</sup> See WFP/CFA:15/19, para. 42.

<sup>73</sup> See WFC/1983/19, part two, paras. 77-83.

providing guidance on policy, administration and operations, the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes,

*Taking note* of the eighth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes,<sup>74</sup>

*Noting* that the World Food Programme is celebrating its twentieth anniversary in 1983,

*Noting also* the activities of the Programme during the past twenty years in the use of food aid to promote development and to relieve distress, especially in emergencies,

*Conscious* that the Programme, originally established on an experimental basis, is now an important element in the development activities of the United Nations system,

*Noting* the versatility of food aid as an instrument for promoting general economic and social development, including rural development,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the World Food Programme on its twentieth anniversary and for the initiatives of the Programme to provide added impetus as it enters the third decade of its existence;

2. *Also expresses its appreciation* to Governments and to organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system for their support of the Programme;

3. *Calls upon* Governments to intensify their efforts to enable the Programme to fulfil its assigned role in accordance with its mandate even more effectively and for this purpose to channel, to the maximum extent possible and feasible, their food aid through the Programme;

4. *Encourages* the Programme to continue to explore opportunities to improve the constructive use of food aid in support of the economic and social development of the developing countries.

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#### **1983/73. Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1985-1986**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the eighth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes,<sup>74</sup>

*Noting* the comments of the Committee concerning the minimum target for voluntary contributions to the World Food Programme for the period 1985-1986,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 2462 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 and 2682 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, in which the Assembly recognized the experience gained by the World Food Programme in the field of multilateral food aid,

1. *Submits* to the General Assembly for consideration and adoption the draft resolution annexed hereto;

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 preparations for the announcement of pledges at the Eleventh Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

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#### **ANNEX**

##### **Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1985-1986**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the provision in paragraph 1 of its resolution 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965 to the effect that the World Food Programme is to be reviewed before each pledging conference,

*Recalling also* the provisions of paragraph 4 of its resolution 36/202 of 17 December 1981, specifying that, subject to the review of the Programme provided for in resolution 2095 (XX), the next pledging conference should be convened at the latest early in 1984, at which time Governments and appropriate donor organizations should be invited to pledge contributions for 1985 and 1986, with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the General Assembly and by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

*Noting* that the review of the Programme was undertaken by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes at its fifteenth session and by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1983,

*Having considered* Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/73 of 29 July 1983, and the recommendations of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes,

*Recognizing* the value of multilateral food aid as furnished 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 1985 and 1986 a target for voluntary contributions to the World Food Programme of \$1.35 billion, of which not less than one third should be in cash and/or services in the aggregate, and expresses the hope that these 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 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 and appropriate donor organizations to make every effort to ensure the full attainment of the target;

3. *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 1984;

4. *Decides* that, subject to the review provided for in its resolution 2095 (XX), the subsequent pledging conference, at which Governments and appropriate donor organizations should be invited to pledge contributions for 1987 and 1988, with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the Assembly and by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, should be convened at the latest early in 1986.

#### **1983/74. Activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia and collaboration of such corporations with the racist minority régime in South Africa**

*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

<sup>74</sup> WFP/CFA: 15/19; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/1983/92.