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### OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

#### Report of the Second Committee

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1988, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled:

"Operational activities for development:

"(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system;

"(b) United Nations Development Programme;

"(c) United Nations Population Fund;

"(d) United Nations Children's Fund;

"(e) World Food Programme".

At the same meeting, the Assembly decided to allocate the item to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 31st to 36th, 42nd, 44th and 47th and 48th meetings, on 3, 4, 7, 8, 15 and 23 November and 6 and 9 December. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/42/SR.31-36, 42, 44, 47 and 48). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 10th meetings on 5 to 7, 10 and 11 October (A/C.2/43/SR.3-10).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

- A/43/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council for 1988 1/
- A/43/273-  
S/19720 Letter dated 30 March 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the final communiqué of the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, "Session on Islamic Solidarity with the Uprising of the Palestinian People", held at Amman from 3 to 7 Sha'ban A.H. 1408 (21-25 March 1988)
- A/43/393-  
S/19930 Letter dated 6 June 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the final communiqué, reports and resolutions adopted by the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, "Session on Islamic Solidarity with the Uprising of the Palestinian People", held at Amman from 3 to 7 Sha'ban A.H. 1408 (21-25 March 1988)
- A/43/457-  
E/1988/102 Letter dated 11 July 1988 from the head of the delegation of the German Democratic Republic to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1988 addressed to the Secretary-General
- A/43/463-  
E/1988/106 Letter dated 14 July 1988 from the representatives of Australia, Canada, the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General
- A/43/587 Letter dated 2 September 1988 from the Permanent Representative of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General
- A/43/671 Letter dated 30 September 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration of the twelfth annual meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, held at New York from 28 to 30 September 1988
- A/43/891 Letter dated 25 November 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the decisions

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1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/43/3/Rev.1).

of the Third Extraordinary Session of the Council of the Regional Organisation for the Protection of the Marine Environment, held at Kuwait on 31 October and 1 November 1988

A/C.2/43/10 Note by the Secretary-General on action taken by the United Nations Development Programme on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV), 2621 (XXV) and 3118 (XXVIII) concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system

A/43/426-  
E/1988/74  
and Add.1,  
Add.1/Corr.1  
and Add.2  
and 3 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on operational activities for development

A/C.2/43/L.8 Note by the Secretary-General on operational activities for development

E/1988/76 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system

(b) United Nations Development Programme

E/1988/19 Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1988, its special session and thirty-fifth session 2/

(c) United Nations Population Fund

E/1988/19 Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1988 its special session and thirty-fifth session 3/

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2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1988, Supplement No. 19 (E/1988/19).

3/ Ibid., chap. V.

(d) United Nations Children's Fund

E/1988/18 Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund 4/

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.43

4. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Zaire, on behalf of the African States, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/43/L.43) entitled "Third replenishment of the resources of the International Fund for Agricultural Development", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition, adopted by the World Food Conference, 5/ and the action programme adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, 6/

"Underlining the key role of agriculture, and within agriculture of the traditional sector of small-scale exploitation, in economic recovery and in reviving the development process; underlining also the importance of a sure and growing supply of agricultural inputs and of the development of human resources in enabling low-income countries, particularly the least developed countries, to increase their domestic food production,

"Recognizing the important contribution which the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) has made in mobilizing substantial extra resources and in working out innovative and effective strategies supporting the efforts of small farmers and other poor rural people to free themselves from hunger, poverty and malnutrition,

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4/ Ibid., Supplement No. 18 (E/1988/18).

5/ Report of the World Food Conference, Rome, 5-16 November 1974 (United Nations publication, Sales No. F.75/II.A.3), chap. I.

6/ Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, Rome, 12-20 July 1979 (WCARRD/REP), part one.

"Noting that the consultation on the third replenishment of the resources of IFAD is currently under way and reiterating the appeal launched by the international community in the Final Act adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) at its seventh session, inviting all countries to raise the replenishment of the resources of the Fund to the highest possible level while preserving its original structure,

"Reiterating further the appeal launched by the international community in the communiqué issued in September 1988 by the Joint Development Committee of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank for all member countries of IFAD rapidly to bring to a successful conclusion the negotiations on the third replenishment,

"Expressing its gratitude to the many beneficiary developing countries which are members of category III of IFAD - more than 60 of them - which have already announced significant increases in their contributions under the third replenishment of the Fund's resources, of which the total sum exceeds two thirds of the target of \$US 75 million they set themselves, to the industrialized countries which are members of category I of the Fund, which declared that it was prepared to consider making up the balance of the voluntary contributions of category III in addition to its normal share of contributions to the third replenishment of the Fund's resources, and to the developing countries which are members of category II of the Fund which had confirmed that they would be making the same contribution that they made under the second replenishment,

"1. Urges all States members of the International Fund for Agricultural Development to take decisive action for the timely conclusion of negotiations on the third replenishment of the Fund's resources, so that the Governing Council may adopt it in January 1989, and the Fund may thus be able to continue, pursuant to its mandate, to assist developing countries to increase their food production and combat rural poverty;

"2. Appeals to the industrialized countries who are members of category I of the Fund to display the flexibility necessary to carry the replenishment to the highest possible level;

"3. Urges the traditional contributor developing countries to continue to show their solidarity with the millions of hungry and poverty-stricken people of the developing countries and to maintain their contribution to the third replenishment at the same level as their contributions to the second replenishment;

"4. Urges the beneficiary developing countries of category III of the Fund who have not yet done so to make a special effort during the negotiations on the third replenishment to rapidly reach their set target of \$US 75 million in convertible currencies."

5. At the 44th meeting, on 23 November, the representative of Zaire made a statement on behalf of the African States, in which he withdrew draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.43.

B. Draft proposals A/C.2/43/L.8, L.42, L.44, L.78 and L.80

6. By its decision 1988/165 of 27 July 1988, the Economic and Social Council recommended that the General Assembly at its forty-third session consider and take appropriate action on the draft decision entitled "Operational activities for development" (see A/C.2/43/L.8), which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council:

"(a) Takes note of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on operational activities for development; 7/

"(b) Takes note also of the extract from the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, 8/ the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund 9/ and the thirteenth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes; 10/

"(c) Takes note further of the statements of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation and of the representatives of the organizations of the United Nations system made before the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee of the Council;

"(d) Stresses the importance of the views expressed by Governments on those statements and on the report of the Director-General;

"(e) Notes the measures taken by the Director-General to implement General Assembly resolution 42/196 of 11 December 1987 and also notes the additional measures proposed, bearing in mind that priority should be given to the completion of the tasks specifically mentioned in that resolution and that the reports requested should be submitted in time to facilitate their proper consideration by the Economic and Social Council during the triennial review of operational activities for development in 1989;

"(f) Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its thirty-sixth session, when reviewing the functioning of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole of the Governing Council, to take

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7/ See A/43/426-E/1988/74 and Add.1.

8/ E/1988/L.31, containing the decisions adopted by the Governing Council during 1988. For the final text, see Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1988, Supplement No. 9 (E/1988/19).

9/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1988, Supplement No. 8 (E/1988/18).

10/ WFP/CFA: 25/16; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council as document E/1988/77.

duly into account the comments made by Governments, as reflected in the report of the Governing Council to the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields." 11/

7. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Canada introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/43/L.42) entitled "Operational activities for development", on behalf of Canada, Denmark, Italy Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 41/171 of 5 December 1986 and 42/196 of 11 December 1987,

"1. Notes with satisfaction the high level of resources pledged by donor countries at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and stresses the continuing need for intensified efforts in that respect;

"2. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to report fully, in the framework of the 1989 triennial comprehensive policy review, on the implementation of resolutions 41/171 and 42/196, including the delineation of options available to the policy-making intergovernmental bodies and their implications and his own recommendations on all issues on which reports had been requested;

"3. Stresses the importance attached to the formulation of specific proposals within the triennial review for the advancement of technical co-operation among developing countries as a modality for development co-operation within the United Nations system and for enhancing procurement from developing countries, in accordance with resolutions 41/171 and 42/196;

"4. Affirms the importance it attaches to the improved functioning of the resident co-ordinator system as set out in resolutions 32/197, 41/171 and 42/196, and requests the Director-General to make specific proposals in that respect, including information on the respective roles of the resident co-ordinator and the United Nations Development Programme resident representative;

"5. Welcomes the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, in response to paragraph 34 of resolution 42/196, to initiate consideration of the successor arrangements for agency support costs from the standpoint of the best ways of meeting the requirements of developing countries, through the designation of a group of experts to assess and report on all related issues;

"6. Recognizes the value attached to the Committee of the Whole of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and its working group as a vehicle for less formal discussions which enhance awareness of the practices and programmes of the United Nations Development Programme and foster greater confidence in the United Nations Development Programme on the part of Member States, which is particularly valuable in voluntarily funded programmes;

"7. Welcomes the establishment by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme of a Management Development Programme as an instrument for focused support of national efforts to improve public administration in developing countries;

"8. Welcomes also the conducting by the United Nations Population Fund of a review and assessment of its experience in the field of population and requests that an appropriate summary of the main findings, conclusions and recommendations be made available to the General Assembly."

8. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/43/L.44) entitled "Operational activities for development", which read as follows:

"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,



"Recalling the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development, 1986-1990, 12/

"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; 13/

"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; 14/

"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;

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

13/ A/43/3.

14/ 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; 12/

"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."

9. At the 47th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ejeviome Eloho Otobo (Nigeria), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/43/L.78) entitled "Operational activities for development", submitted as a result of informal consultations held on draft resolutions A/C.2/43/L.42 and L.44.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.78 without a vote (see para. 21, draft resolution).

11. In view of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.78, the Committee agreed that no action be taken on the draft decision contained in document A/C.2/43/L.8.

12. At the 49th meeting, on 14 December, the representative of Tunisia made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 (see A/C.2/43/SR.49).

13. At the 47th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ejeviome Eloho Otobo (Nigeria), introduced a draft decision (A/C.2/43/L.80) entitled "Operational activities for development", submitted as a result of informal consultations held on draft resolutions A/C.2/43/L.42 and L.44. During his introduction he also orally revised the draft decision by inserting "further" before "consideration" in the body of the decision, and by placing square brackets around paragraphs 1 to 3 of the annex.

14. Following statements by the representative of Tunisia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Otobo, and the representatives of the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

Hungary, Canada and Iraq, as well as by the Secretary of the Committee, the Chairman decided to suspend consideration of the draft decision to a later meeting (see A/C.2/43/SR.47).

15. At its 48th meeting, on 9 December, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/43/L.80; the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Otobo, made a statement in which he informed the Committee that it had now been agreed that paragraphs 2 and 3 become one paragraph, that "or" be inserted between them and that brackets be placed around paragraphs 1 and 2.

16. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/43/L.80, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 22, draft decision I).

17. Statements after the adoption of the draft decision were made by the representatives of Finland and Tunisia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77) (see A/C.2/43/SR.48).

18. In view of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.78 and draft decision A/C.2/43/L.80, draft resolutions A/C.2/43/L.42 and L.44 were withdrawn by their sponsors.

#### C. Document A/C.2/43/10

19. On 7 November 1988, a note by the Secretary-General entitled "Action taken by the United Nations Development Programme on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), 2621 (XXV) and 3118 (XXVIII) concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples" was submitted to the Second Committee (A/C.2/43/10).

20. At its 48th meeting, on 9 December, upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, as requested in paragraph 6 of the annex to that document, to take note of decision 88/47 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to close the Trust Fund for Assistance to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to transfer the remaining balance of \$US 900 to the general resources of UNDP (see para. 22, draft decision II).

### III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

21. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION

#### Operational activities for development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 41/171 of 5 December 1986 and 42/196 of 11 December 1987,

Stressing that 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, emphasizing the need to maintain its multilateral character,

Reaffirming the exclusive responsibility of the Government of the recipient country for formulating national development plans, priorities and objectives, as set out in the consensus contained in the annex to Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV), and emphasizing that the integration of the operational activities of the United Nations system with national programmes would enhance the impact and relevance of those activities,

Emphasizing 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,

Reaffirming the central funding and co-ordinating role of the United Nations Development Programme in technical co-operation within the United Nations system, in conformity with the consensus of 1970 and General Assembly resolution 32/197,

Reaffirming further 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,

Bearing in mind the urgent and specific 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,

Recalling the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, 15/

Recalling also its resolution 42/231 of 12 May 1988 on the special plan of economic co-operation for Central America,

Reiterating the importance attached to the integration of women in United Nations development programmes, both as agents and as beneficiaries of development, calling on the funding and executing agencies to intensify efforts to increase the participation of women, especially those from

developing countries, and reiterating its request to the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, taking into account the requirements of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/86 of 8 July 1987 in this regard, to report on such efforts and on the establishment of mechanisms for generating baseline information and measuring results,

1. Takes note of the report of the Economic and Social Council; 16/

2. Takes note 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; 17/

3. Notes the encouraging result of the 1988 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and stresses the continuing need for a real and significant increase in resources for operational activities for development on a continuous, predictable and assured basis;

4. Urges all countries to increase their voluntary contributions for operational activities for development, in particular those countries whose overall performance is not commensurate with their capacity;

5. Requests the Director-General, in the triennial policy review of operational activities for development, to report fully on the implementation thus far of Assembly resolutions 41/171 and 42/196, and to prepare his reports in a comprehensive manner, setting out the interrelationship among problems and factors where appropriate, identifying options available and putting forward his specific recommendations, including possible scenarios for their implementation;

6. Reaffirms the primary responsibility of recipient Governments for co-ordinating development assistance at the country level, stresses the need for improved functioning of co-ordination of the United Nations system at the country level, and requests the Director-General:

(a) To report on the action taken by governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system in response to paragraph 24 of Assembly resolution 42/196 to review and rationalize their field office structures, to enhance co-operation, coherence and efficiency, and to make comments on possible improvements in the field structure from those standpoints;

(b) In this context, to make specific proposals for enhancing the functioning of the resident co-ordinator system, including proposals on the

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17/ A/43/426-E/1988/74 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2 and 3.

inter-agency arrangements concerned, within the framework of the role of the resident co-ordinators described in Assembly resolutions 32/197, 41/171 and 42/196;

(c) In the context of paragraphs (a) and (b) above, to make specific proposals on ways and means of achieving the objective of the provision to recipient Governments by the United Nations system at the field level of technical advice in a multisectoral and integrated manner, including the deployment of substantive and technical competence, as envisaged in Assembly resolution 32/197 and stressed in paragraph 24 of Assembly resolution 42/196;

(d) To provide information on the roles of the United Nations Development Programme resident representative and the United Nations resident co-ordinator with respect to the field representation of the organizations of the United Nations system;

7. Emphasizes the importance of flexibility, simplification and harmonization of procedures for operational activities of the United Nations system, so as to increase the responsiveness of those operational activities to the needs and priorities of recipient countries, to reduce the administrative burden on those countries and to allow them to better manage and co-ordinate external assistance, requests the Director-General to make specific proposals on those subjects in his report, as requested by the Assembly in resolution 42/196, and reiterates the view that decentralization of the operational activities of the United Nations system to the field level should, within established principles of accountability, foster appropriate flexibility and responsiveness to the needs of developing countries, and reiterates its request for information on measures taken by organizations of the system in this regard;

8. Requests the Director-General to submit his recommendations on innovative, practical and effective measures to increase substantially procurement from developing countries for consideration during the triennial policy review to be undertaken in 1989, taking into account the need for the full implementation of the preferential arrangements for developing countries and making maximum use of national institutions and firms of those countries, as well as giving due regard to regional comparative advantage consistent with the principle of international competitive bidding and bearing in mind the need to take concrete measures to achieve equitable geographical distribution of procurement through the increased utilization of supply sources from developing and underutilized donor countries;

9. Stresses that technical co-operation among developing countries should become a widely used modality for development co-operation within the United Nations development system and in this connection draws the Director-General's attention to the need for formulating specific proposals for consideration during the triennial review;

10. Urges all relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Director-General in the implementation of

Assembly resolutions 41/171 and 42/196 and to provide all the information requested in those resolutions;

11. Urges the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations 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; 15/

12. Emphasizes the crucial importance of adequate preparations for the second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, taking into account the priorities put forward by those countries themselves, and notes with appreciation decision 88/30 of 1 July 1988 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, in which the Administrator of the Programme was requested, in close consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to enable the least developed countries to participate fully in the preparations, including preparatory meetings, for the Conference and in the Conference itself;

13. Welcomes decision 88/50 of 1 July 1988 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, adopted in response to paragraph 34 of Assembly resolution 42/196, to initiate consideration by a group of experts of the successor arrangements for support costs from the standpoint of the best ways of meeting the requirements of developing countries;

14. Invites the Governing Council, when considering the successor arrangements for support costs to take into consideration the possibilities of the new arrangements promoting coherence, efficiency and effectiveness of action by the relevant organizations of the United Nations system;

15. Also invites the Governing Council to examine the current practices in the designation of executing agencies for projects under regional, interregional and global programmes, taking into account the desirability of utilizing the services of relevant and competent United Nations organs and programmes;

16. Further invites the Governing Council to consider at its thirty-sixth session, in 1989, the following and to report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council:

(a) The question of holding its future sessions and the future sessions of its subsidiary bodies at United Nations Headquarters;

(b) The possibility of changing its name to "Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund";

17. Welcomes the conducting by the United Nations Population Fund of a review and assessment of its experience in the field of population and



requests that an appropriate summary of the main findings, conclusions and recommendations be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session;

18. Invites States members of the relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations system to address the issue of operational activities for development in the governing bodies of those organs and organizations, with a view to arriving at a co-ordinated and system-wide approach to this issue.

22. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

#### DRAFT DECISION I

##### Operational activities for development

The General Assembly decides to refer the paragraphs annexed hereto to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1989 for further consideration and appropriate action.

#### ANNEX

##### Operational activities for development

[1. Welcomes the establishment by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme of a management development programme as an instrument for focused support of national efforts to improve public administration in developing countries;

2. Recognizes the value attached to the Committee of the Whole of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and its Working Group as a vehicle for less formal discussions that enhance awareness of the practices and programmes of the United Nations Development Programme and foster greater confidence in the Programme on the part of Member States, which is particularly valuable in voluntarily funded programmes or calls on the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to terminate henceforth the Working Group of its Committee of the Whole.]

#### DRAFT DECISION II

##### Closure of the Trust Fund for Assistance to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The General Assembly decides to take note of decision 88/47 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to close the Trust Fund for Assistance to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to transfer the remaining balance of \$US 900 to the general resources of the United Nations Development Programme.