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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee

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1. At its 5th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1977, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, included in its agenda the item entitled

"Operational activities for development:

"(a) United Nations Development Programme;

"(b) United Nations Capital Development Fund;

"(c) Technical co-operation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General;

"(d) United Nations Volunteers programme;

"(e) United Nations Fund for Population Activities;

"(f) United Nations Children's Fund;

"(g) World Food Programme;

"(h) United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries;

"(i) Confirmation of the appointment of the Executive Director of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries."

and allocated subitems (a) to (h) to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 38th, 43rd to 48th, 51st to 55th and 58th meetings, between 7 November and 9 December. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/32/SR.38, 43-48, 51-55 and 58).

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

- (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council; 1/
- (b) Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries (A/32/236);
- (c) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions; 2/
- (d) Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund; 3/
- (e) Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund on preparations for the International Year of the Child (E/6010);
- (f) Letter dated 15 March from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt to the Secretary-General transmitting documents of the First Afro-Arab Summit Conference Meeting (A/32/61).

4. At the 38th meeting, on 7 November, introductory statements were made by the Administrator of UNDP, the Executive Director of UNICEF, the Under-Secretary-General and Commissioner for Technical Co-operation, the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the Executive Director of the World Food Programme, as well as by the Special Representative for the International Year of the Child.

5. The Committee considered six draft resolutions and one draft decision, as set forth in sections I to VII below.

#### I

6. At the 38th meeting, on 7 November, the representative of Jordan, on behalf of Austria, Canada, India, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, the Philippines, Tunisia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.17) entitled "International Year of the Child".

7. At the 48th meeting, on 16 November, the representative of Jordan, on behalf of the original sponsors and Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Colombia, Honduras, the

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/32/3), chap. VII, sect. B, and A/32/3/Add.1 (Part III).

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5940) and Supplement No. 3A (E/6013/Rev.1).

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 12 (E/6014).

Ivory Coast, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, Panama, Peru, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Cameroon, the United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen and Zaire, now joined by Bahrain, the Comoros, Ecuador, Egypt, Germany, Federal Republic of Ghana, Hungary, Lesotho and Uganda, introduced a revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.17/Rev.1), which incorporated the following changes:

(a) At the end of the fourth line of the first preambular paragraph, the following phrase was inserted: "resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,";

(b) In the second preambular paragraph, the words "which proclaimed" were revised to read "in which it proclaimed";

(c) In the second line of the fourth operative paragraph, the words "in a position to do so" were deleted.

At the same meeting, the sponsors accepted an amendment proposed by the representative of Yugoslavia whereby the words "in plenary" were inserted after the words "special debate" in the penultimate line of operative paragraph 9.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/32/L.17/Rev.1, as orally amended (see para. 34 below, draft resolution I).

9. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Denmark, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Jordan.

## II

10. At the 51st meeting, on 22 November, the representative of the United Republic of Cameroon, on behalf of Australia, Bangladesh, Burundi, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Iceland, Indonesia, the Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, the Netherlands, Norway, Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Swaziland, Sweden, Tunisia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Cameroon, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela, now joined by Belgium, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.55) entitled "United Nations Children's Fund".

11. Subsequently, Austria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Panama, Uganda, the Upper Volta and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

12. At the 53rd meeting, on 1 December, the representative of the United Republic of Cameroon, on behalf of the original sponsors and Guinea, Honduras and Mali, subsequently joined by the Syrian Arab Republic and Turkey introduced a revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.55/Rev.1) which incorporated the following revisions:

(a) In the last line of the fourth preambular paragraph, the word "any" was replaced by the word "a";

(b) In the last line of the fifth preambular paragraph, the word "both" was deleted and, at the end of the line, the words "and to economic growth" were also deleted;

(c) In the first line of the last preambular paragraph, the words "in a position to do so" were deleted.

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/32/L.55/Rev.1 (see para. 34 below, draft resolution II).

14. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the German Democratic Republic (on behalf also of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), India, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Argentina and Greece.

### III

15. At the 52nd meeting, on 30 November, the representative of Jordan, on behalf of India, Jordan, Kuwait and Mali, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.66) entitled "Health needs of Palestinian refugee children" and orally revised it by adding, at the end of operative paragraph 1, the following phrase: "in close collaboration with UNRWA and host Governments".

16. At the 55th meeting, on 7 December, the representative of Jordan, on behalf of the original sponsors, Bangladesh and the Syrian Arab Republic, now joined by Qatar, Senegal and Tunisia, introduced a revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.66/Rev.1) in which operative paragraph 1 was revised to read as follows:

"1. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with host Governments and with relevant United Nations bodies, to undertake a sample survey to ascertain the needs of Palestinian children in refugee camps, with a view to averting adverse effects on their health".

17. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/32/L.66/Rev.1 (see para. 34 below, draft resolution III).

18. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Israel and Jordan.

### IV

19. The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2128 (LXIII) of 31 October 1977, recommended to the General Assembly for adoption a draft resolution (A/32/3/Add.1 (Part III), p. 3, para. 3) entitled "Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1979-1980".

20. At its 54th meeting, on 5 December, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 34 below, draft resolution IV).

21. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

V

22. At the 55th meeting, on 7 December, the representative of Afghanistan, on behalf of Afghanistan, Bhutan, Nepal and Uganda, now joined by the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Lesotho, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.70/Rev.1) entitled "United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries" and orally revised it by adding the word "voluntary" after the word "generous" at the end of the first line of operative paragraph 1.

23. At the 58th meeting, on 9 December, the representative of Afghanistan, on behalf of the original sponsors, now joined by Burundi and Zambia and subsequently joined by Bolivia, the Central African Empire, Chad, Malawi and Rwanda, introduced a revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.70/Rev.2), which incorporated the following revisions:

(a) The deletion of the third preambular paragraph;

(b) The replacement of operative paragraph 1 by the following:

"1. Urges Member States and the entire international community to make generous voluntary contributions to the Fund in order to make it operational as soon as possible;"

24. At the same meeting, the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya made a statement before the vote.

25. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/32/L.70/Rev.2 by 96 votes to none, with 17 abstentions (see para. 34 below, draft resolution V).

26. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Belgium (on behalf of the members of the European Economic Community), Sweden, the United States of America, New Zealand, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Japan and Canada.

VI

27. At the 58th meeting, on 9 December, the representative of Jamaica, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.93) entitled "United Nations Development Programme".

28. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/32/L.93 (see para. 34 below, draft resolution VI).

29. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Netherlands, Canada, the United States of America, Sweden (on behalf also of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway), the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.

## VII

30. At the 58th meeting, on 9 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision proposed by the Chairman (A/C.2/32/L.92) entitled "United Nations Capital Development Fund".

31. Upon a proposal by the representative of the Upper Volta, the Chairman of the Committee orally revised the draft decision by deleting from the last two lines of the text the following words "and that the administrative expenses of the Fund be met from voluntary contributions made to the Fund".

32. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision proposed by the Chairman (A/C.2/32/L.92), as orally revised (see para. 35 below).

33. Following the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America, the Federal Republic of Germany, France and Japan.

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

34. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

### DRAFT RESOLUTION I

#### International Year of the Child

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 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, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 2105 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977,

Recalling its resolution 31/169 of 21 December 1976, in which it proclaimed the year 1979 International Year of the Child with the following general objectives:

(a) To provide a framework for advocacy on behalf of children and for enhancing the awareness of the special needs of children on the part of decision-makers and the public;

(b) To promote recognition of the fact that programmes for children should be an integral part of economic and social development plans with a view to achieving, in both the long term and the short term, sustained activities for the benefit of children at the national and international levels,

Believing that the concept of basic services for children is a vital component of social and economic development,

Recognizing the fundamental importance in all countries, developing and industrialized, of programmes benefiting children not only for their well-being, but also as part of broader efforts to accelerate the economic and social process,

Having considered the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund on the preparations for the International Year of the Child and the level of contributions to the financing of these activities, 4/

1. Commends the work of the Executive Director and staff of the United Nations Children's Fund for the preparatory work which has laid the foundation for a successful International Year of the Child and, in this regard, welcomes the appointment of the Special Representative for the Year;

2. Notes with satisfaction the co-ordination being achieved through the use of an ad hoc advisory group, composed of representatives of concerned organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations;

3. Reaffirms that the major focus of the International Year of the Child is at the national level, but that this should be supported by regional and international co-operation;

4. Expresses its gratitude to Governments that have contributed thus far to the administrative costs of the International Year of the Child and appeals to all Governments to contribute to its financing;

5. Requests all United Nations bodies concerned, including specialized agencies, to keep the United Nations Children's Fund informed of their respective programmes for the International Year of the Child and, in this regard, requests the Fund, as the lead agency, to prepare a report for the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the activities being undertaken in the United Nations system;

6. Stresses the importance of the active participation of non-governmental organizations and the public, at both the international and national levels, in support of the International Year of the Child;

7. Invites Governments to inform the United Nations Children's Fund on activities undertaken in their country to promote the objectives of the International Year of the Child;

8. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations Children's Fund, to publicize the International Year of the Child and its aims and objectives in both developing and developed countries;

9. Decides to consider further the preparations for the International Year of the Child at its thirty-third session and decides to observe it by holding a special debate in plenary on the situation of children in the world at its thirty-fourth session;

10. Expresses the hope that Governments, non-governmental organizations and the public will respond generously with contributions to attain the objectives of the International Year of the Child and, through the United Nations Children's Fund and other channels of external aid, to increase substantially the resources available for services benefiting children.

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION II

##### United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 2109 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held at Manila from 23 May to 3 June 1977, 5/

Deeply concerned about the magnitude of the unmet needs of children in developing countries and the effects that a failure to meet these needs could have on the long-term development process,

Believing therefore that meeting these needs should be taken fully into consideration in the drafting of a new international development strategy,

Believing moreover that the basic-services approach, 6/ as elaborated by the United Nations Children's Fund, deserves full support because it contributes to the meeting of essential human needs,

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5/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/6014).

6/ See *ibid.*, paras. 131-136.



Recognizing the need for all Governments, especially those that are not contributing to the United Nations Children's Fund in relation to their financial capacity, to increase their contributions as soon as possible,

1. Commends the United Nations Children's Fund for its initiative in regard to the elaboration and implementation of the basic-services approach for children as part of a comprehensive development strategy;

2. Urges developing countries that have not already done so to incorporate, as appropriate, this concept and approach in their national development plans and strategies;

3. Appeals, with a sense of urgency, to Governments to increase significantly their contributions, if possible on a multiyear basis, to the United Nations Children's Fund, so that an equitable sharing of voluntary contributions will be achieved and that the target of \$200 million in annual revenue from all sources will be attained as soon as possible, and not later than 1979, the International Year of the Child.

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION III

##### Health needs of Palestinian refugee children

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 212 (III) of 19 November 1948 on assistance to Palestine refugees,

Deeply concerned about the fact that almost half a million children in refugee camps are not receiving the basic nutritional requirements,

1. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with Governments of host countries and with relevant United Nations bodies, to undertake a sample survey to ascertain the needs of Palestinian children in refugee camps with a view to averting adverse effects on their health;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

##### Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1979-1980

The General Assembly,

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

Recalling also the provisions of paragraph 4 of its resolution 3407 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 whereby, subject to the above-mentioned review, the pledging

conference at which time Governments should be invited to pledge contributions for 1979 and 1980 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, should be convened, at the latest, early in 1978,

Noting that the review of the Programme was undertaken by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes at its third session and by the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 2128 (LXIII) of 31 October 1977 and the recommendations made by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes in its report, 7/

Recognizing the value of multilateral food aid as implemented 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 1979 and 1980 a target for voluntary contributions to the World Food Programme of \$950 million, of which not less than one third should be in cash and/or services in the aggregate, and expresses the hope that the resources so contributed 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 or members or associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations 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 1978;
4. Decides that, subject to the review of the World Food Programme provided for in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 2095 (XX), the pledging conference at which Governments should be invited to pledge contributions for 1981 and 1982, 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 1980.

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION V

##### United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/177 of 21 December 1976, by which it approved the statute of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries and requested the Secretary-General to convene a pledging conference on the Fund,

Expressing appreciation to the countries that contributed to the Fund at the pledging conference held on 2 November 1977,

Concerned at the fact that the Fund has not yet become operational as envisaged in General Assembly resolution 31/177,

1. Urges Member States and the entire international community to make generous voluntary contributions to the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries in order to make it operational as soon as possible;

2. Authorizes the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to propose, in close collaboration with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, interim arrangements to implement the aims and purposes laid down in the statute of the Fund until the Fund becomes operational, in the manner specified in General Assembly resolution 31/177, subject to approval of such arrangements by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme.

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

#### 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, as well as its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling also its resolution 31/171 of 21 December 1976,

Further recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2024 (LXI) of 4 August 1976,

Having examined the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-third 8/ and twenty-fourth sessions, 9/

Reiterating the need to reach the required level of contributions to the United Nations Development Programme in order to fulfil the aims and objectives established in the Second Programming Cycle and its concern about the lack of dynamic growth of resources for the Programme,

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8/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5940).

9/ Ibid., Supplement No. 3A (E/6013/Rev.1).

Noting that the results of the 1977 Pledging Conference on the United Nations Development Programme fell short of the agreed target of the over-all growth rate of 14 per cent for voluntary contributions,

Recognizing the need for the United Nations Development Programme to implement fully the new dimensions in technical co-operation, as set forth in General Assembly resolution 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975,

1. Reaffirms the validity of the consensus of 1970 as set forth in General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970;

2. Takes note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions;

3. Notes with approval the action initiated by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, as endorsed by Economic and Social Council resolution 2110 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977, to reinforce the effectiveness and impact of the Programme, and requests the Governing Council, in pursuance of its considerations on the role and activities of the Programme, to take fully into account the views expressed at the sixty-third session of the Economic and Social Council and at the thirty-second session of the General Assembly;

4. Urges the Governing Council and the Administrator to ensure that the role and activities of the United Nations Development Programme are in accordance with the development priorities and objectives of developing countries and in line with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, in particular those related to the establishment of the new international economic order;

5. Invites the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to continue his efforts, in association with the participating and executing agencies and co-operating organizations, to strengthen the financial position of the Programme and to improve its management;

6. Further invites the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to continue discussions with the executing agencies with a view to improving the substantive co-ordination of technical co-operation on the basis of the consensus of 1970;

7. Urges all States to take measures to provide the United Nations Development Programme with the necessary resources to fulfil the aims, objectives and programmes established in the Second Programming Cycle, 1977-1981, and especially to achieve and even exceed the over-all annual growth rate of 14 per cent for voluntary contributions, on which the indicative planning figures for the Cycle are based;

8. Invites the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to pursue actively his efforts, as requested by the Governing Council, to strengthen the financial basis of the Programme, taking into account the views expressed in the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, and to report on the progress achieved to the Governing Council at its twenty-fifth session;

9. Further invites the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the heads of executing agencies to increase substantially the number of experts from developing countries to be included in the lists of experts submitted to Governments for the execution of projects financed by the Programme, including nationals from their own countries, regional and subregional groupings, in accordance with relevant decisions of the Governing Council of the Programme.

35. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

United Nations Capital Development Fund

The General Assembly, recalling its resolutions 2186 (XXI) of 13 December 1966 and 3249 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974 and having considered the relevant part of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-fourth session 10/ and Economic and Social Council decision 259 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977, decides that the original function of the United Nations Capital Development Fund should be preserved until 31 December 1978, in accordance with the measures set forth in paragraph 1 of Assembly resolution 2321 (XXII) of 15 December 1967.

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10/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 3A (E/6013/Rev.1), chap. VIII.