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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 21 September 1984, 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: report of the Secretary-General;

"(b) United Nations Development Programme: report of the Secretary-General;

"(c) United Nations Capital Development Fund;

"(d) United Nations Fund for Population Activities;

"(e) United Nations Volunteers programme;

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

"(g) United Nations Children's Fund;

"(h) World Food Programme;

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

"(j) Liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and allocation of the remaining balance: report of the Secretary-General."

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

2. The Committee considered this item at its 48th to 53rd, 55th, 56th, 58th and 60th meetings, on 21, 26 to 28 and 30 November and 6, 10 and 14 December 1984. An account of the Committee's discussions on the item is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/39/SR.48-53, 55, 56, 58 and 60). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 15th meetings, on 5, 8-12, 15 and 16 October 1984 (A/C.2/39/SR.3-15).

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

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| A/39/3 (Part II) | Report of the Economic and Social Council, <u>1/</u> |
| A/39/118-E/1984/45 | Letter dated 9 February 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Quito Declaration and Plan of Action agreed to at the Latin American Economic Conference, held at Quito on 12 and 13 January 1984 |
| A/39/131-S/16414 and Corr.1 | Letter dated 13 March 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the texts of the Final Communiqué and of the resolutions adopted at the Fourth Islamic Summit Conference, held at Casablanca, Morocco, from 16 to 19 January 1984 |
| A/39/133-S/16417 | Letter dated 15 March 1984 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the texts of the final declaration and of resolutions adopted at the Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Dhaka from 6 to 10 December 1983 |
| A/39/236-S/16535 | Letter dated 2 May 1984 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Niger to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the communiqué issued at the end of the co-ordination meeting of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, held in New York on 10 October 1983 |

A/39/590 and Corr.1

Letter dated 16 October 1984 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the resolutions adopted by the 72nd Inter-Parliamentary Conference, held at Geneva on 29 September 1984

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system

A/39/417

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation

(b) United Nations Development Programme

A/39/80

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Office for Projects Execution of the United Nations Development Programme"

A/39/80/Add.1

Comments of the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit

A/39/308-E/1984/118

Note by the Secretary-General on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries

E/1984/20

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1984 and its thirty-first session

(c) United Nations Capital Development Fund

E/1984/20

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1984 and its thirty-first session

(d) United Nations Fund for Population Activities

A/39/537

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund

E/1984/20

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1984 and its thirty-first session

(e) United Nations Volunteers programme

E/1984/20

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1984 and its thirty-first session

(g) United Nations Children's Fund

A/39/292

Letter dated 1 June 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of an appeal of the UNICEF National Committees of the socialist countries

E/1984/19

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund 2/

(i) Technical co-operation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General

DP/1984/42 and Add.1-3

Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities

E/1984/20

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1984 and its thirty-first session

(j) Liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and allocation of the remaining balance

A/39/284 and Add.1

Report of the Secretary-General on the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and allocation of the remaining balance

4. At the 48th meeting, on 21 November, introductory statements were made by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, the President of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Administrator of UNDP, the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the Secretariat.

5. At the 49th meeting, on 21 November, introductory statements were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) and the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

6. At the 53rd meeting, on 28 November, the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) made a statement.

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/39/L.85 and Rev.1 and A/C.2/39/L.124

7. At the 53rd meeting, on 28 November, the representative of Mongolia introduced, on behalf of Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mongolia, Nicaragua, the Syrian Arab Republic and Viet Nam, a draft resolution (A/C.2/39/L.85) entitled "Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Referring to its resolutions 33/135 of 19 December 1978, 35/80 of 5 December 1980 and 37/228 of 20 December 1982 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

"Referring also to 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, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

"Desiring to promote full implementation of the provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade concerning the important role of qualified national personnel in the achievement of the development goals of the developing countries, 3/

"Noting with regret that the report on the implementation of resolution 37/228, including possible elements of general guidelines on principles, objectives and structures of education and training of personnel of the developing countries, has not yet been prepared,

"1. Requests the Secretary-General to take necessary steps with a view to implementing the provisions of resolution 37/228;

"2. Also requests the Secretary-General to consult as soon as possible with Member States and relevant organizations of the United Nations system on possible elements of general guidelines on principles, objectives and structures of education and training of personnel of the developing countries;

"3. Renews its appeal to the Governments of the Member States to make available to the Secretary-General information on and experience in establishing and developing their national systems of training qualified national personnel with a view to facilitating the implementation by the Secretary-General of paragraph 3 of resolution 37/228;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fortieth session a report, to be prepared in accordance with the resolution 37/228, and to keep the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly informed of the implementation of the present resolution."

8. Subsequently, a revised draft resolution was circulated in document A/C.2/39/L.85/Rev.1, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Referring to its resolutions 33/135 of 19 December 1978, 35/80 of 5 December 1980 and 37/228 of 20 December 1982 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

"Referring also to 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, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

"Desiring to promote full implementation of the provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade concerning the important role of qualified national personnel in the achievement of the development goals of the developing countries, 4/

"Noting with regret that the report on the implementation of resolution 37/228, including possible elements of general guidelines on principles, objectives and structures of education and training of personnel of the developing countries, has not yet been prepared,

"1. Reaffirms the importance of implementing the provisions of resolution 37/228;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to consult as soon as possible with the Governments of Member States on their experience in establishing and developing their national systems of training qualified national personnel as an initial step towards the eventual elaboration of general guidelines on principles, objectives and structures of education and training of qualified national personnel of developing countries;

"3. Also requests the Secretary-General to compile and summarize the information provided by the Governments and to submit it to the General Assembly at its fortieth session."

9. At the 58th meeting, on 10 December, Mr. Habib M. Kaabachi, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/39/L.124), submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.85/Rev.1.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.124 (see para. 29, draft resolution I).

11. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.124, draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.85/Rev.1 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

B. Operational activities of the United Nations system (sub-item (a))

Draft resolutions A/C.2/39/L.96 and A/C.2/39/L.138/Rev.1

12. At the 55th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of Egypt introduced, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, a draft resolution (A/C.2/39/L.96), entitled "Financing of 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 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, in particular through a significant increase in official development assistance flows,

"Having considered the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on operational activities for development of the United Nations system, 5/

"1. Reaffirming its resolutions 38/171 and 38/172 of 19 December 1983;

"2. Stresses the importance of operational activities, including technical co-operation, for the economic and social development process of the developing countries, and emphasizes that the dereriorating economic situation of the developing countries and the critical economic situation in Africa

require an urgent increase in financial resources devoted to strengthening multilateral co-operation;

"3. Expresses deep concern at the decrease in resources for operational activities for development in 1983 compared to 1982, especially in the light of the fact that the Assembly had considered the year 1982 as a crisis year in that regard;

"4. Also expresses deep concern that, despite some positive signs at the United Nations 1984 Pledging Conference for Development Activities, the overall level of resources remains far below the requirements;

"5. 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 increase the level of their operational programmes and, in that context, calls upon Member States, 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 so as to attain and, where possible, surpass planned funding levels of the United Nations Development Programme and its administered funds;

"6. Urges the developed countries to reach an early agreement on supplementary funding of the International Development Association of not less than \$3 billion;

"7. Urges all developed countries to fulfil their pledges under the first replenishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development and to announce the level of their contributions for the second replenishment on a priority basis, to enable the Fund to continue its effective contribution at an adequate level;

"8. Reaffirms the 14 per cent annual rate of growth for resources of the United Nations Development Programme, and calls upon the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, while considering the level of resources of the fourth programming cycle, to take fully into account the increased needs of the developing countries in the area of technical co-operation and the international targets warranting a steady increase of official development assistance over the present decade;

"9. Reaffirms also the central responsibility of Governments of developing countries in the process of co-ordination of external assistance, including the determination of local co-ordination arrangements;

"10. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations is responsive to assisting developing countries, at their request, in strengthening their capabilities in exercising co-ordination and requests the

Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to include in his annual report for 1985 on operational activities for development of the United Nations system information on specific action taken to that end;

"11. Also requests the Director-General to include in his annual report for 1985 specific information on the steps being considered to improve the process and effectiveness of round tables sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme;

"12. Further requests the Director-General to include in his annual report for 1985 specific information on the prevailing situation in various agencies and programmes of the United Nations system with regard to tied contributions, and on the outcome of discussions on this issue by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

"13. Calls upon the relevant financial and funding institutions of the United Nations system to make full use of the experience and operational capabilities available within the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development;

"14. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, in his annual report for 1985, to continue to provide data on the various issues identified in Assembly resolution 38/171, particularly in its paragraphs 15 and 24, and to report to the Assembly, at its fortieth session, on the progress achieved with regard to paragraphs 23 and 27 of that resolution."

13. At the 61st meeting, on 14 December, Mr. Habib M. Kaabachi, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/39/L.138/Rev.1) submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.96.

14. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.138/Rev.1 (see para. 29, draft resolution II).

15. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic (also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Sweden.

16. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.138/Rev.1, draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.96 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

C. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries (sub-item (f))

Draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.97

17. At the 55th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of Egypt introduced, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, a draft resolution (A/C.2/39/L.97), entitled "United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries".

18. At the 58th meeting, on 10 December, Mr. Habib M. Kaabachi, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, made a statement.

19. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.97 by a recorded vote of 101 to none, with 22 abstentions (see para. 29, draft resolution III). The voting was as follows: 6/

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Against: \ None.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

6/ The representative of the United Arab Emirates stated that, had his delegation been present at the time of the vote, he would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

20. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Ireland (on behalf of States members of the European Economic Community) and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

D. United Nations Children's Fund (sub-item (g))

Draft resolutions A/C.2/39/L.95* and A/C.2/39/L.111

21. At the 55th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of Australia introduced, on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Cuba, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Lebanon, Lesotho, Mexico, Nepal, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Poland, Samoa, the Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Yugoslavia, a draft resolution (A/C.2/39/L.95*) entitled "United Nations Children's Fund. Subsequently Colombia, the Congo, the Ivory Coast, Liberia and Mali joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 38/175 of 19 December 1983,

"Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1984/171 of 25 July 1984,

"Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held in Rome from 24 April to 4 May 1984, 7/ and having noted in particular in this context the Board's discussions on the child survival and child development revolution and the present emergency situation in Africa, 8/

"Reaffirming the principles and guidelines for programme activities established by the Executive Board in its efforts to reach the most disadvantaged in order to bring about a major improvement in child survival and child development, taking special advantage of developments in primary health care techniques and communications,

7/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 9 (E/1984/19-E/ICEF/1984/12).

8/ Ibid., chap. II.

"Noting the recommendations of the International Conference on Population, 1984 and the Declaration on Population and Development, 9/ which stated, inter alia, that those developments have the potential to achieve a virtual revolution in child survival, 10/

"Acutely aware that the present global situation adversely affects vulnerable groups, such as children, and therefore makes the need for those efforts all the more critical,

"1. Commends the policies and activities of the United Nations Children's Fund;

"2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the 1984 session of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund; 11/

"3. Urges the Executive Director, within the context of the basic services approach for children in the delivery of programmes, to continue and intensify his efforts on the basis of recent developments in the social and biological sciences that present a new opportunity to bring about a revolution in child survival and child development, at a low cost and in a relatively short time, in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Executive Board of the Fund and in co-operation with other relevant bodies and organizations, in particular the World Health Organization;

"4. Notes with satisfaction the important efforts made by the Executive Director of the Fund to respond to the present critical emergency situation of children and mothers in Africa and urges him to continue his efforts in this respect, as well as to continue to implement child survival and child development activities generally in Africa in accordance with the decisions of the Executive Board of the Fund;

"5. Reaffirms the goals of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade with reference to children, in particular the goals of ensuring children's immunization against major diseases by 1990 and of reducing the infant mortality rate to less than 50 per 1,000 live births in all countries by the year 2000, 12/ and notes the crucial role of the child survival and child development revolution in meeting those goals;

9/ See Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8), chap. I.

10/ Ibid., para. 22, recommendation 19.

11/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 9 (E/1984/19-E/ICEF/1984/12).

12/ Resolution 35/56, annex, para. 48.

"6. Reaffirms the role of the United Nations Children's Fund as the lead agency in the United Nations system responsible for co-ordinating the follow-up activities of the International Year of the Child related to the goals and objectives concerning children set forth in the International Development Strategy; 13/

"7. Commends the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund for his continuing efforts to enlarge the resources of the Fund so that the Fund can respond effectively to the needs of the developing countries, in continued pursuance of its mandate;

"8. Expresses its appreciation to Governments that have responded to the needs of the Fund and expresses the hope that more States will come forward with positive responses;

"9. Appeals to all Governments to increase their contributions so that, in the light of the current economic situation, the Fund may be able to strengthen its co-operation with developing countries and respond to the urgent needs of children in those countries."

22. At its 56th meeting, on 6 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/39/L.111), submitted by Mr. Habib M. Kaabachi, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.95*.

23. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.111 (see para. 29, draft resolution IV).

24. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.111, draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.95* was withdrawn by its sponsors.

E. United Nations Development Programme (sub-item (b))

25. At the 61st meeting, on 14 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take note of the following:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Office for Projects Execution of the United Nations Development Programme" and the comments of the Secretary-General thereto (A/39/80 and Add.1);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries (A/39/308);

(c) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1984 and its thirty-first session (E/1984/20) (see para. 29, draft decision I).

F. United Nations Fund for Population Activities (sub-item (d))

26. At the 61st meeting, on 14 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (A/39/537) (see para. 29, draft decision II).

G. Technical co-operation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General (sub-item (i))

27. At the 61st meeting, on 14 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take note of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities (DP/1984/42 and Add.1-3) (see para. 29, draft decision III).

H. Liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and allocation of the remaining balance (sub-item (j))

28. At the 61st meeting, on 14 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and allocation of the remaining balance (A/39/284 and Add.1) (see para. 29, draft decision IV).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries

The General Assembly,

Referring to its resolutions 33/135 of 19 December 1978, 35/80 of 5 December 1980 and 37/228 of 20 December 1982 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

Referring also to 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, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Desiring to promote full implementation of the provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade 14/ concerning the important role of qualified national personnel in the achievement of the development goals of the developing countries,

Noting with regret that the report on the implementation of resolution 37/228, including possible elements of general guidelines on principles, objectives and structures of education and training of personnel of the developing countries, has not yet been prepared,

1. Reaffirms the importance of implementing the provisions of resolution 37/228 of 20 December 1982;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in the implementation of that resolution, to consult as soon as possible with the Governments of Member States on their experience in establishing and developing their systems of training qualified national personnel, particularly on the principles, objectives and structures of those systems;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to compile and summarize the information provided by the Governments and to submit it to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Financial 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 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 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,

14/ Resolution 35/56, annex, para. 47.

Reiterating 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, 36/199 of 17 December 1981 and 37/226 of 20 December 1982 on operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Reaffirming the exclusive responsibility of the Government of the recipient country in formulating its national development plan, priorities and objectives, as set out in the consensus contained in the annex to General 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,

Stressing the urgent need to strengthen multilateral co-operation for development, including increased voluntary contributions to operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Having considered the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on operational activities for development of the United Nations system, 15/

1. Reaffirms its resolutions 38/171 and 38/172 of 19 December 1983;
2. Notes the positive signs at the 1984 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, which nevertheless follow a stagnation in resources for operational activities for development in 1983 compared to 1982, bearing in mind that the continuing needs of developing countries require greater efforts to strengthen that positive trend to lead to a process of growth in resources by increasing significantly the level of contributions on a more equitable basis;
3. Stresses the need for the successful completion of the first replenishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and urges all countries concerned, bearing in mind the particular contribution of the developed countries, to reach agreement on a priority basis for the second replenishment, in order to enable the Fund to continue its effective contribution at an adequate level;
4. Urges developed countries to provide supplementary financing for the seventh replenishment of the International Development Association in order to cover the shortfall and enable the Association to increase its assistance to developing countries, particularly in the development of food and agriculture;
5. Reaffirms the unique and central role of the United Nations Development Programme in the field of technical co-operation for development;

15/ A/39/417, annex.

6. Recognizes the contribution of Governments to the United Nations Development Programme, particularly those which have increased their contributions by 14 per cent, bearing in mind decision 80/30 of 26 June 1980 of the Governing Council of the Programme, 16/ reaffirms the imperativeness of providing the Programme with adequate resources, and calls upon the Governing Council, while considering the level of resources of the fourth programming cycle, to take fully into account, in accordance with the principles of the consensus of 1970, the increased needs of the developing countries in the area of technical co-operation and the need for achieving real growth in resources;

7. Reaffirms also the central responsibility of Governments of developing countries in the process of co-ordination of external assistance, including the determination of local co-ordination arrangements;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations system is responsive to assisting developing countries, at their request, in strengthening their capabilities in exercising co-ordination;

9. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, in his annual report for 1985, to continue to provide data on the various issues identified in General Assembly resolution 38/171, particularly in its paragraphs 15 and 24, and to report to the Assembly, at its fortieth session, on the progress achieved with regard to paragraphs 19, 23 and 27 of that resolution, and also requests the Director-General to include in his report information on the following:

(a) Steps being considered to improve the process and effectiveness of round-table meetings in the light of the experience gained in the mid-term global review of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, 17/ in close collaboration with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;

(b) The prevailing situation in various agencies and programmes of the United Nations system with regard to tied contributions in the light of paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 38/171 and the outcome of discussions on this issue by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

(c) Data on procurement undertaken by organizations of the system engaged in operational activities;

16/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1), chap. XI.

17/ Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect A.

(d) Further data on and analysis of the relationship between programme delivery and administrative and support costs of those organizations;

(e) Information on specific action taken in response to paragraph 8 of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

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 its subsequent resolutions on the Fund, including resolution 38/174 of 19 December 1983,

Taking note of resolution 137 (VI) of 2 July 1983 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development 18/ and decision 83/28 of 24 June 1983 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, 19/

Recalling the relevant provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 20/ contained in the annex to its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Also recalling the relevant paragraphs of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, 21/

Convinced that access to world markets at the least possible cost is an integral part of the meaningful economic development of land-locked developing countries,

Expressing deep concern at the very low level of contributions that have been consistently pledged to the Fund since its establishment,

18/ See Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Sixth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.II.D.6), part one, sect. A.

19/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20), annex I.

20/ Resolution 35/56, annex, paras. 152-155.

21/ See Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

Noting that the demands for assistance from the Fund are additional to, and generally different from, the types of activities financed from other sources in the United Nations system,

1. Expresses concern at the lack of implementation of its resolutions on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries;
2. Renews its appeal for adequate resources to be provided to the Fund;
3. Urges the international community to give full consideration to the special constraints facing the land-locked developing countries in their economic and social development;
4. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the executive heads of the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to continue to pursue action in favour of the land-locked developing countries within the framework of the interim arrangements, bearing in mind that each country concerned should receive appropriate technical and financial assistance.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 38/175 of 19 December 1983,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1984/171 of 25 July 1984,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held at Rome from 24 April to 4 May 1984, 22/ and having noted in particular in this context the Board's discussions on achieving the child survival and child development revolution and on the present emergency situation in Africa, 23/

Reaffirming the principles and guidelines for programme activities established by the Executive Board in its efforts to reach the most disadvantaged in order to bring about a major improvement in child survival and child development, taking special advantage of developments in primary health care techniques and communications,

22/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 9 (E/1984/19).

23/ Ibid., chap. II.

Noting the recommendations of the International Conference on Population, 1984 and the Declaration on Population and Development, 24/ which stated, inter alia, that those developments have the potential to achieve a virtual revolution in child survival, 25/

Acutely aware that the present global situation adversely affects vulnerable groups, such as children, and therefore makes the need for those efforts all the more critical,

1. Commends the policies and activities of the United Nations Children's Fund;
2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its 1984 session; 22/
3. Urges the Executive Director, within the context of the basic services and primary health care approach for children in the delivery of programmes, to continue and intensify his efforts on the basis of recent developments in the social and biological sciences that present a new opportunity to bring about a virtual revolution in child survival and child development, at a low cost and in a relatively short time, in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Executive Board of the Fund and in co-operation with other relevant bodies and organizations, in particular the World Health Organization;
4. Notes with satisfaction the important efforts made by the Executive Director of the Fund to respond to the present critical emergency situation of children and mothers in Africa and urges him to continue his efforts in this respect, as well as to continue to implement child survival and child development activities generally in Africa in accordance with the decisions of the Executive Board of the Fund;
5. Reaffirms the goals of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade with reference to children, in particular the goals of ensuring children's immunization against major diseases by 1990 and of reducing the infant mortality rate to less than 50 per 1,000 live births in all countries by the year 2000, 26/ and notes the crucial role of the child survival and child development revolution in meeting those goals;

24/ See Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8), chap. I.

25/ Ibid., para. 22, recommendation 19.

26/ Resolution 35/56, annex, para. 48.

6. Reaffirms the role of the United Nations Children's Fund as the lead agency in the United Nations system responsible for co-ordinating the follow-up activities of the International Year of the Child related to the goals and objectives concerning children set forth in the International Development Strategy; 27/

7. Commends the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund for his continuing efforts to enlarge the resources of the Fund so that it can respond effectively to the needs of the developing countries, in continued pursuance of its mandate;

8. Expresses its appreciation to Governments that have responded to the needs of the Fund and expresses the hope that more States will come forward with positive responses;

9. Appeals to all Governments to increase their contributions so that, in the light of the current economic situation, the Fund may be able to strengthen its co-operation with developing countries and respond to the urgent needs of children in those countries.

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

DRAFT DECISION I

Reports of the Secretary-General

The General Assembly takes note of:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Office for Projects Execution of the United Nations Development Programme" and the comments of the Secretary-General thereto; 28/

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries; 29/

27/ Ibid., para. 50.

28/ A/39/80 and Add.1.

29/ A/39/308.

(c) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1984 and its thirty-first session. 30/

DRAFT DECISION II

Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund

The General Assembly takes note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund. 31/

DRAFT DECISION III

Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities. 32/

DRAFT DECISION IV

Liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and allocation of the remaining balance. 33/

30/ E/1984/20.

31/ A/39/537.

32/ DP/1984/42 and Add.1-3.

33/ A/39/284 and Add.1.