

take the necessary preparations for the announcement of pledges at the Ninth Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

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ANNEX

The General Assembly,

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

Recalling also the provision in paragraph 4 of its resolution 32/112 of 15 December 1977 specifying that, subject to the review of the Programme provided for in resolution 2095 (XX), the next pledging conference should be convened at the latest early in 1980, at which time 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 General Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

Noting that the review of the Programme was undertaken by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes at its seventh session and by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1979,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/55 and the recommendations of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes contained in its fourth annual report,

Recognizing the value of multilateral food aid as furnished by the World Food Programme since its inception and the necessity for its action being continued, both as a form of capital investment and as a means of meeting emergency food needs,

1. *Establishes* for the two years 1981 and 1982 a minimum target for voluntary contributions of \$1,000 million, of which not less than one third should be in cash and/or services in aggregate, and expresses the hope that the resources will be augmented by substantial additional contributions from other sources, in recognition of the prospective volume of sound project requests and the capacity of the Programme to operate at a higher level;

2. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to make every effort to ensure the full attainment of the target and to surpass it appropriately in the event of major increases in costs of commodities and transportation, or in food aid requirements, occurring before or during the biennium 1981-1982;

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 1980;

4. *Decides* that, subject to the review provided for in its resolution 2095 (XX), the subsequent pledging conference, at which Governments should be invited to pledge contributions for 1983 and 1984, with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the General Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, should be convened at the latest early in 1982.

1979/56. International co-operation on the environment

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its seventh session,²¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on

²¹ UNEP/GC.7/19; reproduced in *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/34/25)*.

its seventh session and transmits it to the General Assembly for consideration;

2. *Welcomes* the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme, and in particular those relating to its contribution to the new international development strategy, the development of a system-wide, medium-term environment programme, environmental assessment, the studies and efforts aimed at the actual integration of environmental factors in the development process, and the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;²²

3. *Welcomes* the important role played by the United Nations Environment Programme in regard to research on the interrelation of population, resources, environment and development, and invites the views of the Governing Council of the Programme on action taken pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3345 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974;

4. *Welcomes* decision 7/1 of the Governing Council, in section II of which it draws the attention of the regional commissions to the advantage of setting up, if they have not done so already, intergovernmental regional environmental committees of the regional commissions,²³ and in this context welcomes also the contribution of the Programme to and its active participation in the high-level meeting on the protection of the environment, to be held within the framework of the Economic Commission for Europe in 1979;²⁴

5. *Reiterates* its appeal to all Governments to contribute urgently and generously to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme, bearing in mind decision 7/14 of the Governing Council,²⁵ so as to meet the approved target.

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1979/57. International Year of the Child

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 33/83 of 15 December 1978, by which it decided to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session an item entitled "International Year of the Child: plans and action to improve the situation of children in the world, particularly in the developing countries", and *inter alia* requested the United Nations Children's Fund to submit a comprehensive, action-oriented report on the project and programmes initiated by Governments and specialized agencies in connexion with the Year,

Recalling also Council resolution 1978/40 of 1 August 1978 on the International Year of the Child,

Having considered the progress report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund on the International Year of the Child, 1979²⁶ and having heard the report of the Special Representative for the International Year of the Child²⁷ on the progress achieved at the national and international levels in the implementation of the objectives of General Assembly resolution 31/169 of 21 December 1976, proclaiming 1979 the International Year of the Child,

Noting with satisfaction that the Year has already generated widespread interest in all countries in the

²² A/CONF.74/36, chap. I.

²³ See UNEP/GC.7/19, annex I.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, para. 52.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, annex I.

²⁶ E/ICEF/L.1384; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note by the Secretariat (E/1979/88).

²⁷ See E/1979/C.3/SR.3.

objectives of the Year and concern for the problems facing children everywhere, particularly those in developing countries, and that this is leading to meaningful programmes of action at the national level to meet the needs of children,

Mindful of the fact that 1979 is also the twentieth anniversary of the adoption by the United Nations of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child,²⁸

Mindful also of General Assembly resolution 33/166 of 20 December 1978 entitled "Question of a convention on the rights of the child",

Recognizing the vital link between over-all economic and social development and programmes benefiting children,

Realizing the fundamental importance in all countries, both developing and developed, of programmes benefiting children, not only for promoting their well-being and dignity but also as part of broader efforts to accelerate the economic and social development of developing countries and the establishment of the new international economic order,

Aware that the improvement of the situation of children in the developing countries will depend on the general economic and social development of those countries and urging in that connexion that due account be taken of children's needs in the formulation of the new international development strategy,

Convinced that the momentum of activities generated by the Year should be maintained and that the new perspectives it has created should be followed by appropriate action in the years to come,

1. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the United Nations Children's Fund for the way in which it is discharging its responsibilities as the lead agency and commends the efforts of participating specialized agencies, as well as the contributions made by non-governmental organizations, in particular the membership of the Committee of Non-Governmental Organizations for the International Year of the Child;

2. *Invites* all Governments to participate in the General Assembly debate on the International Year of the Child, bearing in mind its importance and with a view to co-operating in efforts to improve the situation of children, especially in developing countries;

3. *Urges* Governments to include in their national plans and programmes, where appropriate, measures aimed at the improvement of the situation of children;

4. *Requests* that international organizations, in particular those within the United Nations system, continue to co-operate with the United Nations Children's Fund as the lead agency in developing a co-ordinated and interdisciplinary approach to questions concerning the welfare of children;

5. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, in the course of its deliberations, should consider specific ways to ensure adequate follow-up to the International Year of the Child.

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1979/58. Measures to be undertaken in connexion with the earthquake in Montenegro, Yugoslavia

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the tragic consequences of the severe earth-

quake which recently struck the Montenegrin sea coast of Yugoslavia,

1. *Expresses its deep concern and sympathy* to the people of Yugoslavia, and to the people of Montenegro in particular, in this great tragedy, which has caused the loss of many human lives and enormous material destruction that left more than 100,000 of the inhabitants homeless;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the measures already taken by the peoples and Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to provide immediate relief and to improve living conditions for the victims of the disaster;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the assistance rendered to the people of the stricken area by many nations, the United Nations system of organizations and various non-governmental organizations;

4. *Notes also with appreciation* the role played by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in particular in informing the world community about the extent of the damage caused by the earthquake in Montenegro;

5. *Invites* all States to consider whatever further assistance they may be in a position to offer for the reconstruction and development of the stricken area of Montenegro;

6. *Invites also* the governing bodies of the specialized agencies, organs and organizations of the United Nations system to bear in mind the long-term needs for the reconstruction of the stricken area of Montenegro when deciding on the assistance and services to be extended to Member States.

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1979/59. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974, 3440 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, 31/173 of 21 December 1976, 32/56 of 8 December 1977 and 33/22 of 29 November 1978, and Council resolution 1978/41 of 1 August 1978,

Reaffirming the co-ordinating role of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator as the focal point in the United Nations system for disaster relief matters, in accordance with the mandate established by the General Assembly in its resolution 2816 (XXVI);

Mindful of the need to ensure a sound and enduring financial basis for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, in order to facilitate the activities of the core programme and the recruitment and retention of qualified staff,

Recognizing the detrimental effects of natural disasters on the development efforts of the disaster-prone developing countries, particularly the least developed among them, and mindful of the need to take disaster matters into consideration in the preparatory process for the new international development strategy,

Emphasizing once more the need for all involved in relief operations to implement measures to expedite international relief assistance and to remove any obstacles to its delivery,

Noting with satisfaction the annual report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United

²⁸ General Assembly resolution 1386 (XIV) of 20 November 1959.