

policies concerning food production, nutrition, food security, food trade and food aid, as well as other related matters, by all organizations of the United Nations system,

Further recalling its resolution 31/121 of 16 December 1976, in which it requested the World Food Council, at its third session, to take immediate and concrete steps to promote the early implementation of the resolutions adopted by the World Food Conference, including the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition,⁸ and its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Having considered the report of the World Food Council on the work of its third session, held at Manila from 20 to 24 June 1977,⁹

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 2114 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the World Food Council on the work of its third session and expresses its appreciation to the Government and people of the Philippines for acting as host to the session and ensuring its outstanding success;

2. *Highly commends* the World Food Council for the important initiatives it has taken, as embodied in the Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition contained in the Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council,¹⁰ *inter alia*, to increase food production in the developing countries, improve and ensure world food security, expand and improve food aid programmes, improve human nutrition and liberalize and improve food trade;

3. *Adopts* the Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition contained in the Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council;

4. *Commends* those Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other bodies that have already taken steps or are taking steps to implement the programme of Action;

5. *Calls upon* all Governments, specialized agencies, organs and other bodies within and outside the United Nations system dealing with food, agriculture and human nutrition to implement the Programme of Action fully and as a matter of urgency;

6. *Requests* the President of the World Food Council to work with the Governments and organizations referred to in paragraph 5 above to promote full implementation of the Programme of Action and, to this end, requests the Secretary-General to give the necessary assistance to the World Food Council;

7. *Further calls upon* all potential donors to announce before the end of 1977 their contributions to the international emergency reserve of cereals;

8. *Urges* all Governments and United Nations organizations and bodies—particularly the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as well as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the Consultative Group on Food Production and Investment in Developing Countries, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the

World Health Organization, the World Bank, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade—to give full support and encouragement to the World Food Council in discharging the important responsibilities assigned to it by the World Food Conference and the General Assembly;

9. *Decides* to review at its thirty-third session the implementation of the Programme of Action.

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32/53. International Fund for Agricultural Development¹¹

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution XIII of 16 November 1974 of the World Food Conference,¹² General Assembly resolutions 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, 3503 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 and 31/122 of 16 December 1976 relating to the establishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development,

Concerned by the serious constraints facing the food and agriculture sector in the developing countries and especially the deteriorating situation of the least developed and most seriously affected developing countries in the field of agricultural development and nutrition,

Bearing in mind the objectives of the Fund as expressed in the Agreement establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development¹³ and emphasizing that the Executive Board of the Fund should take into consideration the advice and recommendations relevant to these objectives formulated by the World Food Council at its various sessions,

1. *Welcomes* the progress made so far towards enabling the International Fund for Agricultural Development to become operational and expresses its appreciation to the Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for the Fund for his efforts in this respect;

2. *Calls upon* all States eligible for original membership of the Fund that have not yet taken action to become parties to the Agreement establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development to sign it and to deposit an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession as a matter of urgency, so as to enable the Fund to become fully operational before the end of 1977, with the full resources pledged to it;

3. *Invites* all other States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency to take action to become members of the Fund.

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32/54. United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2951 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972, 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973,

⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. I.

⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/32/19).*

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, part one, para. 1.

¹¹ See also resolution 32/107 in the present section.

¹² See *Report of the World Food Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), chap. II.

¹³ See IFAD/1.

3313 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974, 3439 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, and 31/117 and 31/118 of 16 December 1976,

Recalling also 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,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University¹⁴ and the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁵

Noting decision 5.2.2 of 29 September 1977 adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one-hundred-and-third session, in which the Board, *inter alia*, recognized that the United Nations University required and deserved a far more significant measure of financial support and renewed its appeal to member States to contribute generously to the Endowment Fund of the United Nations University and/or to provide for specific project support,

1. *Welcomes* the fact that the programme activities of the United Nations University are now under way in all the three priority programme areas—world hunger, human and social development, and use and management of natural resources—and expresses the hope that the University will continue its efforts to produce tangible results as early as possible and thus respond to the expectations of Member States;

2. *Invites* the United Nations University to make renewed efforts to reflect in the formulation of its programmes the urgent concerns of Member States and to follow closely the important activities and conferences of relevant agencies and bodies of the United Nations system in order to develop co-operative and co-ordinated relationships with them;

3. *Urges* the United Nations University to continue to intensify its efforts to obtain financial support from all possible sources;

4. *Appeals* to all Member States to make substantial contributions to the Endowment Fund of the United Nations University and/or to give financial and other support to specific programmes of the University;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Rector of the United Nations University, the Council of the University and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to explore more effective means of raising funds and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the progress achieved in this regard.

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32/55. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia,¹⁶

prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 31/172 of 21 December 1976 on the progress made in the implementation of all relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council,

Having heard the statement of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator¹⁷ outlining substantial grain-import requirements for the year 1977 as well as the urgent need for transport vehicles and associated equipment for the distribution of relief grain,

Noting the statement of the Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa of the United Nations Development Programme¹⁸ on assistance being provided by the Programme to the Government of Ethiopia in relation to its relief and rehabilitation programmes in the drought-stricken areas of the country,

Noting also the statement of the Commissioner for Relief and Rehabilitation of Ethiopia¹⁹ outlining the measures taken by the Government of Ethiopia to deal with emergency relief and rehabilitation in the drought-stricken areas of the country,

Noting with deep concern that a major crop failure as well as a critical shortage of transport vehicles have caused a serious crisis of food shortages in the drought-prone areas,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1833 (LVI) of 8 May 1974, 1876 (LVII) of 16 July 1974, 1971 (LIX) of 30 July 1975 and 1986 (LX) of 6 May 1976, in which the Council, *inter alia*, called upon the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to respond to the requests of the Government of Ethiopia with regard to the immediate, medium-term and long-term needs of the drought-stricken areas, and appealed to the Governments of all Member States, international organizations and voluntary agencies to continue giving their fullest support and assistance in the Government's effort towards rehabilitation and recovery,

Further noting that, despite the generous assistance offered to the Government of Ethiopia by the Governments of Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and voluntary agencies, enormous difficulties of rehabilitation and recovery still persist,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and other United Nations organizations and specialized agencies to continue and intensify their assistance to Ethiopia in its relief and rehabilitation efforts in their respective areas of competence and to implement promptly the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, 3441 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and 31/172 of 21 December 1976 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1833 (LVI), 1876 (LVII), 1971 (LIX) and 1986 (LX);

3. *Appeals* to Governments of Member States and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and all voluntary agencies to continue and in-

¹⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Second Committee*, 42nd meeting, paras. 10-16.

¹⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Plenary Meetings*, 2054th meeting, paras. 8-12.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, paras. 13-18.

¹⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/32/31 and Corr.1).*

¹⁵ A/32/271.

¹⁶ A/32/198.