

9. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session, on progress in preparing for the International Year of the Child, including its financing and the level of contributions pledged.

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31/170. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2211 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 in response to which a trust fund, subsequently named the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, was established in 1967 by the Secretary-General,

Recalling further its resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 in which it, *inter alia*, decided to place the United Nations Fund for Population Activities under the authority of the General Assembly and established the respective roles relating to the Fund of the Economic and Social Council and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,

Noting with satisfaction that the United Nations Fund for Population Activities has become a most effective and viable entity in the United Nations system in the population field, owing in particular to its increased resources and its assistance to the developing countries,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities entitled "Priorities in the future allocation of the resources of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities";⁸⁶

2. *Takes note* of the views expressed on this matter at the twenty-second session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme⁸⁷ and at the sixty-first session of the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Endorses* the following general principles to be applied in making future allocations of resources:

(a) To promote population activities proposed in international strategies, particularly the World Population Plan of Action;⁸⁸

(b) To meet the needs of developing countries which have the most urgent need for assistance in the area of population activities in view of their population problems;

(c) To respect the sovereign right of each nation to formulate, promote and implement its own population policies;

(d) To promote the self-reliance of recipient countries;

⁸⁶ DP/186 and Corr.1.

⁸⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5846/Rev.1)*, chap. XVI.

⁸⁸ *Report of the World Population Conference, 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

(e) To give special attention to meeting the needs of disadvantaged population groups;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to apply the criteria for establishing priorities and the other recommendations set forth in his report, taking into account the decisions made by the Governing Council in this regard, in close co-operation with the specialized agencies and the regional commissions concerned, as appropriate;

5. *Invites* Governments to continue and to increase their contributions to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities in view of the rapidly increasing needs of developing countries for population assistance;

6. *Recommends* that the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, for purposes of continuity of the programme, should normally be appointed for a four-year term;

7. *Urges* continuing full collaboration and co-operation on operational matters between the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as between the Executive Director and the executive heads of other organs within the United Nations system in the field of population.

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31/171. Operational activities for development

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-first⁸⁹ and twenty-second⁹⁰ sessions, as well as the statement of the Administrator of the Programme⁹¹ and the views expressed during the debate on operational activities at the thirty-first session of the General Assembly,

Reiterating the principle reflected in the consensus on the functions and operations of the United Nations development system as embodied in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

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

Stressing the continued need for a co-ordinated and integrated approach to technical co-operation activities carried out by the United Nations system according to the priorities of the recipient Governments, as well as General Assembly resolution 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 on new dimensions in technical co-operation,

Stressing further that the implementation of multi-lateral technical co-operation is a common endeavour of the organizations and programmes of the United Nations system,

1. *Notes with appreciation* that, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2024 (LXI), the

⁸⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5779)*.

⁹⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2A (E/5846/Rev.1).

⁹¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Second Committee, 30th meeting, paras. 2-13.*