

Calculating Indicative Planning Figures and the amendments thereto,²⁷

Noting also the discussions in the Governing Council during its fourteenth session on the review of criteria to be followed in calculating indicative planning figures,

Recognizing the difficulty of devising a new general scheme designed to secure equity in the allocation of United Nations Development Programme resources to all recipient countries, as a result of which there is need for further study of the matter,

Convinced that it is imperative to devise a most fair and equitable new general scheme, envisaged to have a reasonable degree of stability and a long-term applicability, considering particularly the anticipated increase in United Nations Development Programme resources, and that would be without prejudice to the relevant special measures in favour of the least developed countries contained in the various resolutions and decisions of organizations in the United Nations system,

Noting further the general view expressed by the Governing Council at its fourteenth session that during the first development cycle, that is, 1972-1976, there will be no decrease in the level of the indicative planning figures of recipient countries as presently allocated,²⁸

1. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to undertake a special technical study and review in depth of the criteria for calculating indicative planning figures, taking into account the relevant decisions and resolutions of the Governing Council of the Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, the report of the Governing Council on its fourteenth session concerning the review of those criteria, and the views expressed on this matter at the twenty-seventh session of the Assembly;

2. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to submit his study, as envisaged in paragraph 1 above, to the Governing Council at its sixteenth session for detailed consideration with a view to finalizing the new criteria for calculating indicative planning figures at the seventeenth session of the Council.

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2973 (XXVII). Financial resources of the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

Reiterating that, unless the resources available for programme purposes are substantially enlarged and doubled by 1975, it will not be possible to ensure the most effective operation of the country programming system, nor to utilize fully the programme delivery capacity of the system,

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1615 (LI) of 26 July 1971, requested the Governing Council of the United Nations Development

Programme to review its planning estimates in order to attain the goal of doubling the resources of the Programme by 1975 and urged Governments to increase their contributions to the Programme for this purpose,

Invites Governments, in particular those donor Governments whose contributions have lagged behind in recent years, to increase their contributions to the United Nations Development Programme by at least 15 per cent annually in order to promote the objective of doubling the total resources available to the Programme by 1975.

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2974 (XXVII). Co-operation among developing countries in the United Nations technical co-operation programmes and increased efficiency of the capacity of the United Nations development system

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the dynamic nature of the development process in the developing countries,

Conscious of the need to ensure maximum consistency and coherence in the activities of the United Nations Development Programme,

Noting the measures adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to implement the consensus²⁹ which resulted from the study of the capacity of the United Nations development system and the provisions of which also appear in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

Prompted by the desire to strengthen those efforts by an in-depth study of the different options facing the international community in the field of development assistance and to evaluate them with a view to selecting those which will ensure the maximum effectiveness of the activities of the United Nations Development Programme in pursuit of its objectives,

Concerned about the need to implement its resolution 2811 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 on financial contributions to the United Nations Development Programme, as well as the need for further resources in order to increase the likelihood that the Programme's assistance to developing countries, especially to the relatively less developed among them, will be successful,

Concerned also at the impact of the growing administrative costs of the United Nations Development Programme on existing resources, and the adverse effect of this on the net amounts channelled into assistance,

Reaffirming that the effectiveness of the development process of developing countries depends primarily on the developing countries themselves and that the contribution of the international community to this development is essential,

Convinced of the need to make the fullest use of the capacity and experience of all Member States, independent of their degree of development, in united action designed to accelerate the development of the

²⁷ *Ibid.*, paras. 96 and 97.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. II, sect. D.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6A (E/4884/Rev.1), para. 94.

developing countries, and especially the relatively less developed among them,

Convinced also of the importance of ensuring the optimum impact of the multiplier effect of assistance provided to the developing countries, and in particular the assistance provided by the United Nations Development Programme,

Recalling paragraph 4 of its resolution 2814 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 on the capacity of the United Nations development system,

1. *Invites* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to convene, through the Administrator of the Programme and in consultation with the interested Member States, a working group in order to:

(a) Examine and make recommendations on the best way for developing countries to share their capacities and experience with one another with a view to increasing and improving development assistance;

(b) Examine the relative possibilities and advantages of regional and interregional technical co-operation among developing countries;

2. *Calls upon* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme also to give priority to the improvement of procedures for the elaboration and implementation of interregional, regional and sub-regional programmes of the United Nations Development Programme in accordance with paragraphs 21, 22 and 23 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV);

3. *Also invites* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider at an early session measures that are needed to reduce the administrative costs of the Programme;

4. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report and recommendations on the matters indicated in paragraph 1 above.

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2975 (XXVII). Measures to strengthen the executing agencies of the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the important role of the United Nations development system for attaining the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade³⁰ and the responsibility of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as of the participating and executing agencies, effectively to assist Member States in their efforts to achieve economic development and social justice as well as qualitative and structural changes in society,

Recalling the consensus adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its tenth session, in June 1970,³¹ designed to increase

the capacity of the United Nations development system to respond effectively and rapidly to the needs of developing countries in accordance with their own development objectives and priorities,

Further recalling the decision adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 22 July 1970 to recommend to all executing agencies of the United Nations Development Programme that they take the necessary administrative and organizational steps for the common endeavour of implementing the consensus and improving the delivery capacity of the United Nations development system,³²

Bearing in mind its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system,

Aware of the fact that operational activities financed by the United Nations Development Programme represent a very large and growing share of the total activities of the agencies,

1. *Emphasizes* the need for effective and timely preparation as well as implementation of the country programmes and other activities financed by the United Nations Development Programme;

2. *Stresses* that administrative overhead costs involved in the execution of projects of the United Nations Development Programme should be minimized in order to secure increased resources for direct assistance to recipient countries;

3. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to take all necessary measures at the headquarters and in the field offices of the Programme to ensure the timely approval and execution of projects;

4. *Invites* the governing bodies of the participating and executing agencies to strengthen the executing capacity of their respective agencies in accordance with the above-mentioned, as well as other relevant, resolutions and decisions of the United Nations;

5. *Further invites* the governing bodies of the participating and executing agencies, on the basis of problem-oriented documentation prepared by the secretariats concerned, to discuss periodically and keep under review the problems encountered by their respective organizations in the planning and implementation of the country programmes, taking into account the desirability of achieving a high rate of project implementation and the need to promote high quality programmes and projects;

6. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to gather all relevant information on difficulties encountered and measures taken by the agencies to strengthen their operational structure and their delivery capacity and to submit periodic reports thereon, together with his comments, to the Governing Council of the Programme.

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2976 (XXVII). United Nations Capital Development Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2186 (XXI) of 13 December 1966, 2321 (XXII) of 15 December 1967, 2419

³⁰ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

³¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6A (E/4884/Rev.1)*, para. 94. See also General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV), annex.

³² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 1 (E/4904 and Corr.1), Other decisions, p. 17.