

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.