

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations Children's Fund, to publicize the International Year of the Child and its aims and objectives in both developing and developed countries;

9. *Decides* to consider further the preparations for the International Year of the Child at its thirty-third session and to observe the Year by holding a special debate in plenary meeting on the situation of children in the world at its thirty-fourth session;

10. *Expresses the hope* that Governments, non-governmental organizations and the public will respond generously with contributions to attain the objectives of the International Year of the Child and, through the United Nations Children's Fund and other channels of external aid, to increase substantially the resources available for services benefiting children.

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32/110. United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 2109 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held at Manila from 23 May to 3 June 1977,⁵⁹

Deeply concerned about the magnitude of the unmet needs of children in developing countries and the effects that a failure to meet these needs could have on the long-term development process,

Believing therefore that meeting these needs should be taken fully into consideration in the drafting of a new international development strategy,

Believing moreover that the basic services approach,⁶⁰ as elaborated by the United Nations Children's Fund, deserves full support because it contributes to the meeting of essential human needs,

Recognizing the need for all Governments, especially those that are not contributing to the United Nations Children's Fund in relation to their financial capacity, to increase their contributions as soon as possible,

1. *Commends* the United Nations Children's Fund for its initiative in regard to the elaboration and implementation of the basic services approach for children as part of a comprehensive development strategy;

2. *Urges* developing countries that have not already done so to incorporate, as appropriate, this concept and approach in their national development plans and strategies;

3. *Appeals with a sense of urgency* to Governments to increase significantly their contributions, if possible on a multiyear basis, to the United Nations Children's Fund, so that an equitable sharing of voluntary contributions will be achieved and that the target of \$200 million in annual revenue from all sources will be attained as soon as possible, and not later than 1979, the International Year of the Child.

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⁵⁹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/6014) and E/6014/Add.1.

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (E/6014), paras. 131-136.

32/111. Health needs of Palestinian refugee children

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 212 (III) of 19 November 1948 on assistance to Palestine refugees,

Deeply concerned about the fact that almost half a million children in refugee camps are not receiving the basic nutritional requirements,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with Governments of host countries and with relevant United Nations bodies, to undertake a sample survey to ascertain the needs of Palestinian children in refugee camps with a view to averting adverse effects on their health;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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32/112. Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1979-1980

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provision contained in paragraph 1 of its resolution 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965 under which the World Food Programme is to be reviewed before each pledging conference,

Recalling also the provisions of paragraph 4 of its resolution 3407 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 whereby, subject to the above-mentioned review, the pledging conference at which Governments should be invited to pledge contributions for 1979 and 1980, with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the General Assembly and by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, should be convened, at the latest, early in 1978,

Noting that the review of the World Food Programme was undertaken by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes at its third session and by the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 2128 (LXIII) of 31 October 1977 and the recommendations made by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes in its second annual report,⁶¹

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

1. *Establishes* for the two years 1979 and 1980 a target for voluntary contributions to the World Food Programme of \$950 million, of which not less than one third should be in cash and/or services in the aggregate, and expresses the hope that the resources so contributed will be augmented by substantial additional contributions from other sources in recognition

⁶¹ See E/6008.