

3407 (XXX). Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1977-1978*The General Assembly,*

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

Recalling the provisions of paragraph 4 of its resolution 3121 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973 whereby, subject to the review mentioned above, the next pledging conference should be convened, at the latest, early in 1976, at which time Governments should be invited to pledge contributions for 1977 and 1978, 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,

Noting that the review of the Programme was undertaken by the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme at its twenty-seventh session and by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1981 (LIX) of 10 November 1975, as well as the recommendations contained in the report of the Intergovernmental Committee,¹⁵

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

1. Establishes for the two years 1977 and 1978 a target for voluntary contributions to the World Food Programme of \$750 million, of which not less than one third should be in cash and/or services in the aggregate, and expresses the hope that such resources will be augmented by substantial additional contributions from other sources in recognition of the prospective volume of sound project requests and the capacity of the Programme to operate at a higher level;

2. Urges States Members of the United Nations or members or associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to make every effort to ensure the full attainment of the target;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to convene a pledging conference for this purpose at United Nations Headquarters early in 1976;

4. Decides that, subject to the review provided for in General Assembly resolution 2095 (XX), 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.

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¹⁵ See E/5694.

3408 (XXX). Activities of the United Nations Children's Fund to expand basic services for children in developing countries*The General Assembly,*

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1880 (LVII) of 31 July 1974 and General Assembly resolution 3250 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974 endorsing the decision of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund entitled "Declaration of an emergency for children in developing countries as a result of the current economic crisis",¹⁶ a situation further aggravated by numerous natural and man-made disasters,

Recalling further resolution 1964 (LIX) of 30 July 1975, in which the Economic and Social Council took note of the appeal¹⁷ of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund to the General Assembly at its seventh special session to give consideration to the situation of children and to the necessary measures for meeting their needs,

Recognizing that the provision of basic services for children in developing countries, as proposed by the United Nations Children's Fund in the annex¹⁸ to the appeal of its Executive Board to the General Assembly at its seventh special session, constitutes an important link in the development process,

Convinced of the consequent need for action at the national and international levels to assist in the expansion of these basic services for children as a means of promoting development,

Affirming that the enlargement of these basic services is a feasible, practical and effective means of responding to Economic and Social Council resolutions 1880 (LVII) and 1964 (LIX) and General Assembly resolution 3250 (XXIX),

Believing that the external assistance required to support these services is within the capacity of the international community,

1. Endorses the approaches to the expansion of basic services for children set forth in the annex to the appeal of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, entitled "Basic services for children in developing countries",¹⁸ which embodies proposals for expanding children's services in the fields of maternal and child health, nutrition, water supply, basic education and supporting services for women, utilizing the material and human resources available in developing countries, at costs which developing countries can ultimately afford;

2. Urges the developed countries and others in a position to do so to provide, through bilateral and multilateral channels and particularly through the United Nations Children's Fund, external assistance, at a level more commensurate with the needs of developing countries, in support of the efforts of developing countries to expand their basic services for children;

¹⁶ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/5528), para. 6.

¹⁷ Ibid., Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5698), para. 17.

¹⁸ Ibid., annex I.