

session through the Council at its second regular session of 1986;

34. *Strongly reiterates* its desire for a coherent and co-ordinated United Nations system in the field of operational activities for development and, in that context, requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to continue to provide effective leadership in the co-ordination of the various components of the United Nations system in that field and in exercising overall co-ordination within the system, as set forth in resolution 32/197, and requests all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Director-General.

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### 38/172. Situation of the financial resources of the United Nations Development Programme

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

*Recalling also* its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

*Stressing* the urgent need to strengthen multilateral co-operation for development as a desirable and effective means for promoting mutually beneficial co-operation between developed and developing countries,

*Emphasizing* the importance of multilateral technical co-operation in the economic and social development of developing countries and the urgent need for a substantial and real increase in the level of financial resources on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis,

*Reiterating* the unique and central role of the United Nations Development Programme in the field of technical co-operation for development,

*Reaffirming* the exclusive responsibility of the Government of the recipient country in formulating its national development plan, priorities and objectives, as set out in the consensus contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

*Stressing* that the indicative planning figures established for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, of the United Nations Development Programme should be maintained, to the extent possible, and financed through efforts to increase contributions by the international community,

*Having considered* the difficult financial situation of the United Nations Development Programme, even in the light of the encouraging outcome of the 1983 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities,<sup>116</sup> and its serious impact on the level of technical assistance provided to developing countries through the Programme,

*Aware* that, together with efforts to obtain additional voluntary contributions, steps are being taken to increase

further the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the United Nations Development Programme,

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme for the year 1983,<sup>117</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme for the year 1983 and the decisions contained therein;<sup>118</sup>

2. *Reaffirms* Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/53 of 29 July 1982, in which the Council, *inter alia*, took note of decision 82/5 of 18 June 1982 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,<sup>119</sup> by which the Governing Council reaffirmed its decisions 80/30 of 26 June 1980<sup>120</sup> and 81/16 of 27 June 1981,<sup>121</sup> including those provisions relating to the indicative planning figures, the assumed overall average annual rate of growth of voluntary contributions and the level of resources envisaged for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, for the purposes of forward planning;

3. *Welcomes* the adoption by consensus of decision 83/5 of 24 June 1983 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;<sup>122</sup>

4. *Notes* that, although the outcome of the 1983 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities has shown that there is a trend towards ending the erosion of the resources of the United Nations Development Programme, greater efforts remain necessary to strengthen that trend in order to lead to a process of growth of resources by increasing significantly the level of contributions on a more equitable basis;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Governments, of both developed and developing countries, which, at the 1983 Pledging Conference, announced their voluntary contributions or their intention to contribute to the United Nations Development Programme for 1984 in amounts approaching, equalling or exceeding an average annual increase of 14 per cent in their contributions, and to those Governments that have consistently maintained their contributions at a high level;

6. *Urges* all other Governments, especially those whose overall performance is not commensurate with their capacities, to renew their efforts, consistent with paragraph 1 (c) of section I of decision 83/5 of the Governing Council, to provide the United Nations Development Programme with the resources necessary to establish a sound financial basis for the implementation of its planned activities for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, which, for the purpose of forward planning, would assume an overall average annual rate of growth of resources of at least 14 per cent;

7. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for his tireless efforts to obtain the necessary level of resources envisaged for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, in order to secure the financial viability of the Programme and to improve further its quality, efficiency and effectiveness, and encourages the Administrator to continue those efforts, taking into account, *inter alia*, the need to restrain administrative expenditures in order to maximize programme delivery, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Governing Council decision 81/16;

8. *Reaffirms* the mandate of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, reiterates its confidence in the authority of the Governing Council to

<sup>116</sup> See A/CONF.122/SR.1-3 and corrigendum.

<sup>117</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20).*

<sup>118</sup> *Ibid.*, annex 1.

<sup>119</sup> *Ibid.*, 1982, Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1), annex 1.

<sup>120</sup> *Ibid.*, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1), chap. XI.

<sup>121</sup> *Ibid.*, 1981, Supplement No. 11 (E/1981/61/Rev.1), annex 1.

<sup>122</sup> *Ibid.*, 1983, Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20), annex 1.

consider and approve the programmes formulated by recipient Governments and requests the Governing Council, in accordance with the principles and objectives reflected in the consensus set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV), to ensure full implementation, to the extent possible, of the planned activities of the Programme for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, and beyond;

9. *Reiterates* the full responsibility of recipient Governments in the preparation of country programmes, as well as the authority of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to assist, upon request, those Governments in that process in order to submit the programmes, with his recommendations, to the Governing Council for its consideration and approval;

10. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to exercise the utmost vigilance over the financial management of the Programme so that most of the funds are channelled towards programme delivery, with the maximum reduction in expenditure of support and administrative costs, and requests the Administrator to report to the Governing Council in that regard.

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### 38/173. United Nations Volunteers programme

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 and its subsequent resolutions on the United Nations Volunteers programme, including resolution 37/229 of 20 December 1982,

*Taking note* of decision 83/18 of 23 June 1983 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,<sup>122</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the recommendations of the Sana'a Declaration, adopted at the High-level Symposium on International Volunteer Service and Development,<sup>123</sup>

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the continued achievements of the United Nations Volunteers programme during the past year;

2. *Reaffirms* that the United Nations Volunteers programme continues to be an effective instrument of multi-lateral technical co-operation programmes responding to the needs of the developing countries, particularly to those of the least developed among them;

3. *Expresses the hope* that full consideration will be given to the use of United Nations Volunteers, as requested in decision 83/7 of 24 June 1983 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme<sup>122</sup> on recruitment and reduction of the cost of project professional personnel;

4. *Considers* that the use of United Nations Volunteers offers particular advantages for community development activities in rural areas;

5. *Notes* the expanding activities of the United Nations Volunteers programme in the field of youth and domestic development services;

6. *Reaffirms* that the United Nations Volunteers programme should continue its involvement in the preparations for the International Youth Year and its activities in the implementation of programmes relating to youth;

<sup>123</sup> DP/1982/34, annex.

<sup>124</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Sixth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.II.D.6), part one, sect. A.

<sup>125</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20)*, annex I.

7. *Appeals again* to Governments, organizations and individuals to contribute or to increase their contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers programme to enable the programme to meet the external cost of volunteers recruited from developing countries.

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### 38/174. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 31/177 of 21 December 1976, by which it approved the statute of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries, and its subsequent resolutions on the Fund, including resolution 37/230 of 20 December 1982,

*Taking note* of resolution 137 (VI) of 2 July 1983 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development<sup>124</sup> and decision 83/28 of 24 June 1983 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,<sup>125</sup>

*Recalling* the relevant provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>126</sup>

*Recalling further* the relevant paragraphs of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,<sup>127</sup>

*Convinced* that access to world markets at the least possible cost is an integral part of the meaningful economic development of land-locked developing countries,

*Expressing deep concern* at the consistently very low level of contributions that have been pledged to the Fund since its establishment,

*Noting* that the demands for assistance from the Fund are additional to, and generally different from, the types of activities financed from other sources in the United Nations system,

1. *Expresses concern* at the lack of implementation of its resolutions on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries, as noted by the Secretary-General in his report;<sup>128</sup>

2. *Urges* the international community to give full consideration to the special constraints facing the land-locked developing countries in their economic and social development;

3. *Renews its appeal* for adequate resources to be provided to the Fund;

4. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the executive heads of the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to continue to pursue action in favour of the land-locked developing countries within the framework of the interim arrangements, bearing in mind that each country concerned should receive appropriate technical and financial assistance.

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<sup>126</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex, paras. 152-155.

<sup>127</sup> See *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

<sup>128</sup> A/38/293.