

38/175. United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1983/187 of 29 July 1983,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held at United Nations Headquarters from 9 to 21 May 1983,¹²⁹

Reaffirming the principles and guidelines for programme activities established by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund in its efforts to reach the most disadvantaged in order to bring about a major improvement in child survival and child development, taking special advantage of developments in primary health care techniques and communications,

Acutely aware that the present global economic situation adversely affects vulnerable groups such as children and therefore makes the need for those efforts all the more critical,

1. *Commends* the policies and activities of the United Nations Children's Fund;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the 1983 session of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund;¹²⁹

3. *Reaffirms* the role of the United Nations Children's Fund as the lead agency in the United Nations system responsible for co-ordinating the follow-up activities of the International Year of the Child related to the goals and objectives concerning children set forth in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;¹³⁰

4. *Reaffirms* the paramount importance of the basic-services approach for children in the delivery of the programmes of the United Nations Children's Fund, while also urging the Executive Director to continue and intensify his efforts on the basis of recent developments in the social and biological sciences which present a new opportunity to bring about a virtual revolution in child survival and child development, at a low cost and in a relatively short time, in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Executive Board of the Fund;

5. *Commends* the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund for his efforts to enlarge the income of the Fund so that the Fund may respond effectively to the needs of the developing countries, in continued pursuance of its mandate;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to Governments that have responded to the needs of the United Nations Children's Fund and expresses the hope that more States will come forward with positive responses;

7. *Appeals* to all Governments to increase their contributions so that, in the light of the current economic situation, the Fund may be able to strengthen its co-operation with developing countries and respond to the urgent needs of children in those countries.

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¹²⁹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 10 (E/1983/21).

¹³⁰ Resolution 35/56, annex, paras. 48 and 50.

38/176. Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1985-1986

The General Assembly,

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

Recalling the provisions of paragraph 4 of its resolution 36/202 of 17 December 1981 specifying that, subject to the review mentioned above, the next pledging conference should be convened, at the latest, early in 1984, at which time Governments and appropriate donor organizations should be invited to pledge contributions for 1985 and 1986 with a view to reaching such a target as may be then recommended by the General Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

Noting that the review of the Programme was undertaken by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme at its fifteenth session and by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1983,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/73 of 29 July 1983, as well as the recommendations of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes,¹³¹

Recognizing the value of multilateral food aid as furnished 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 1985 and 1986 a target for voluntary contributions to the World Food Programme of \$1.35 billion, of which not less than one third should be in cash and/or services in 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 and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and appropriate donor organizations 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 1984;

4. *Decides* that, subject to the review provided for in General Assembly resolution 2095 (XX), the subsequent pledging conference, at which Governments and appropriate donor organizations should be invited to pledge contributions for the biennium 1987-1988 with a view to reaching such a target as may be then recommended by the Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, should be convened, at the latest, early in 1986.

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¹³¹ E/1983/92.