

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the further constructive development of the activities of the United Nations University in research, training and the dissemination of knowledge under the medium-term perspective, using multidisciplinary and integrative approaches designed, in accordance with the Charter of the University, to promote greater understanding of urgent and pressing global problems and provide ideas for solving them;

2. *Welcomes* the initiation of a new programme planning process at the University Centre, designed to facilitate the participation of the United Nations University's networks of collaborating scholars, and, as part of this process, the creation of a planning and evaluation services unit;

3. *Also welcomes* the adoption by the Council of the United Nations University of the initial statute of the University, in accordance with its Charter, on the basis of the experience gained by the University since its establishment;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* that progress has been made towards the establishment of the first three research and training centres of the United Nations University, which will be concerned with development economics, natural resources in Africa and biotechnology, respectively, and the further development of the work of the University in helping to strengthen existing institutions in developing countries through the extension of its networks of associate and co-operating institutions and in placing increased emphasis on its post-graduate training through fellowships relevant to the development of research, training and institution-building;

5. *Also notes with satisfaction* the further expansion of the co-operative activities of the United Nations University with the United Nations, its bodies and the specialized agencies, particularly United Nations research and training institutions, and the increasing collaboration of the University with the international academic and scientific community;

6. *Recognizes* that the United Nations University needs to build up its Endowment Fund and other contributions in order to increase its core income, to which end a number of Member States have already extended positive co-operation;

7. *Earnestly appeals* to all Member States to take cognizance of the important developments at the United Nations University and to contribute urgently and generously to its Endowment Fund and, additionally or alternatively, to make operating contributions to the University to enable it to fulfil its mandate effectively, in accordance with its Charter and with the relevant General Assembly resolutions.

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38/179. Unified approach to development analysis and planning

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, 3409 (XXX) of 28 November 1975, concerning a unified approach to development analysis and planning, 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, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and 37/202 of 20 December 1982, concerning the review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade.

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 1747 (LIV) of 16 May 1973, which contains recommendations concerning a unified approach to development analysis and planning.

Believing that development is an integral process, embodying both economic and social objectives.

Further believing that a unified approach to analysis and planning of development at the national level is a possible and effective tool for promoting economic, social and human development and for providing increasing opportunities to all people for a better life.

Reaffirming that each State has the sovereign and inalienable right to choose its economic and social system in accordance with the will of its people and without outside interference.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the status of replies received from Governments on the experience acquired in applying a unified approach to the process of socio-economic development;¹³⁹

2. *Reaffirms* its decision 36/405 of 19 November 1981 to continue consideration of the question of a unified approach to development analysis and planning, taking into account its importance for the process of development, as stressed in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Invites* interested countries to send information to the Secretary-General on the experience acquired in applying a unified approach to the process of socio-economic development at the national level;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to study the question of a unified approach to the analysis and planning of development, in order to make available to all States the national and international experience gained in this field;

(b) To prepare, on the basis of the information offered by interested countries, a report on the application by Governments of a unified approach to development analysis and planning, taking into account both the experience gained in this field in the United Nations economic and social organs concerned and the results of the first review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

(c) To submit the report to the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1985, and to the General Assembly for consideration at its fortieth session, with a view to its utilization as an input in the future reviews and appraisals of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade.

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¹³⁹ A/38/62.