

Duties of States, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 3508 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which it initiated the analytical work relating to the examination within the United Nations system of long-term trends in world economic and social development, and 37/249 of 21 December 1982, by which it decided, *inter alia*, that the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000 should be revised and updated,

*Recalling further* its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, by which it decided, *inter alia*, to undertake in-depth intersectoral analyses and syntheses of development issues and to identify and bring to the attention of Governments emerging economic and social issues of international concern,

*Affirming* the need for an effective and timely response to unforeseen international economic problems,

*Taking into account* that 1985 marks the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and that the implementation of Article 55 of the Charter will contribute to the creation of the conditions of sustained growth, stability and well-being which are necessary for peaceful and friendly relations among nations,

*Mindful* that the maintenance of peace and security, the promotion of disarmament, mutual trust and the strengthening of international co-operation would contribute to the improvement of the overall socio-economic perspective of all countries,

*Concerned* that low growth rates would have serious repercussions for the world economy, in particular for the developing countries,

*Noting with grave concern* that Africa is the only continent in which standards of living have declined over the past decade and that, as underscored by all forecasts, the real economic growth per capita will remain near zero or will be negative, on average, until the year 2000 unless drastic action is taken,

*Reaffirming* the relevance of long-term perspectives for providing impetus to policies and decision-making processes in relation to development strategies and economic co-operation on a national, regional and global scale,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000;<sup>121</sup>

2. *Decides*, subject to review of the next report at the forty-second session of the General Assembly, to continue the submission of reports on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000, which should be prepared so that they contribute to the identification of potential problem areas and critical issues in the world economy;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when preparing the report, to give special attention to the impact on economic and social development of trends and prospective changes in, *inter alia*, international trade, financial flows and debt problems, including the net outflow of resources from developing to developed countries, technological change and the transfer of technology to developing countries, capital formation and investment patterns, development of human resources, the allocation of public resources between developmental and non-developmental purposes,

environmental issues, economic co-operation and integration among developing countries, the implications of different economic and development policies, special problems faced by the least developed countries and the critical economic situation in Africa;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the report, to take into account socio-economic analyses that give special attention to mechanisms and forms of international economic co-operation aimed at facilitating structural adjustment within the world economy towards the new international economic order;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to convene, if necessary, a meeting of a group of experts, acting in their personal capacity, to elaborate on the elements of the report specified above, and invites the Committee for Development Planning to review progress in the preparation of the report;

6. *Calls upon* the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination Task Force on Long-term Development Objectives, to contribute, in their respective areas of competence, to the preparation of the report;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session an item entitled "Long-term trends in social and economic development", and requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at that session, through the Economic and Social Council, the report on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000, together with the views and recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning.

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#### 40/208. Development of the energy resources of developing countries

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order contained in its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, contained in its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade contained in the annex to its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 37/251 of 21 December 1982, 38/151 of 19 December 1983 and 39/176 of 17 December 1984 on the development of the energy resources of developing countries,

*Reaffirming* the importance of the development of the energy resources of developing countries and the need for measures by the international community to assist and support the efforts of the developing countries, in particular the energy-deficient among them, for developing their energy resources, in order to meet their needs through co-operation, assistance and investment in the field of conventional and of new and renewable sources of energy, consistent with their national plans and priorities,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 38/151 and 39/176 and calls for the effective implementation of all their provisions:

<sup>121</sup> A/40/519.

2. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the development of the energy resources of developing countries;<sup>122</sup>

3. *Welcomes* the convening of symposia and other similar undertakings called for in resolutions 38/151 and 39/176 and calls upon interested Member States, in co-operation with the appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to continue to explore ways and means to support the efforts of developing countries in the exploration and development of their energy resources;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to undertake appropriate studies and analyses of trends in energy exploration and development, taking into account the activities of relevant organizations of the United Nations system in this field, including the results of the joint United Nations Development Programme/World Bank energy sector assessment programme and the suggestions resulting from the symposia held,<sup>123</sup> as called for in resolutions 38/151 and 39/176, and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1986.

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#### 40/209. Desertification and drought

*The General Assembly,*

*Aware* of the importance of problems relating to desertification and drought for a large number of countries,

*Bearing in mind* that such problems are discussed under a number of agenda items in the Second Committee,

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of existing mandates under its resolutions relating to desertification and drought;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all problems relating to desertification and drought will be considered in future years under one sub-item, to be entitled "Desertification and drought", under the item entitled "Development and international economic co-operation" and will be dealt with in odd years, in accordance with the biennial programme of work of the Second Committee.

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#### 40/210. Fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that, by its resolution 57 (I) of 11 December 1946, it established the United Nations Children's Fund as a manifestation of the responsibility of nations and society for children as the most vital resource of the future world, and noting that the year 1986 represents the fortieth anniversary of this expression of commitment to children,

*Reaffirming* the principles and guidelines for programme activities established by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund in its efforts to bring about a major world-wide improvement in child survival and child development, taking special advantage of new devel-

opments in primary health care techniques and in communications,

*Acutely aware* that the effect of the adverse global economic situation is more severe on vulnerable groups, such as children, particularly in developing countries, and therefore makes the need for the efforts of the United Nations Children's Fund all the more critical,

*Noting* that the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund presents a unique opportunity for advancing the above-mentioned principles, which have the potential for a virtual revolution in child survival,

*Aware* that many developing countries have recently embarked upon major child survival and development efforts and noting with appreciation in this regard the positive response of many world leaders to the commendable initiative taken by the Secretary-General on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations, regarding the renewed potential for achieving the goal of universal child immunization by 1990, which is an important part of the primary health care strategy,

*Welcoming* the continued co-operation between the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization in achieving their common objective, particularly as it relates to the goal of universal child immunization by 1990,

1. *Urges* that the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund be observed by intensifying the ongoing efforts towards attaining the objectives relating to children envisaged in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade<sup>124</sup> and notes the important role of the child survival and child development strategy in meeting those objectives;

2. *Notes* that "Children first" has been adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund as the umbrella theme for the observance of the fortieth anniversary of the Fund;

3. *Calls upon* the United Nations Children's Fund, with the participation of Governments, the organizations of the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations and individuals, to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the Fund by reaffirming, through commitment and action, the responsibility of the international community for the survival and development of children;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Children's Fund, with the guidance of its Executive Board, to continue to develop and promote appropriate means by which Governments, the United Nations and other international organizations, as well as individuals, may express this commitment, particularly during the period of the fortieth anniversary;

5. *Appeals* to all Governments to increase their support, assistance and contributions during the period of the fortieth anniversary and subsequently, so that the United Nations Children's Fund may be able to strengthen its co-operation with developing countries and respond to the urgent needs of children;

6. *Requests* all countries to observe the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund in a befitting manner, through governmental and non-governmental participation.

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<sup>122</sup> A/40/511 and Corr.1; A/40/637

<sup>123</sup> See A/40/637, sect. III

<sup>124</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex, para. 48