

ution 2688 (XXV), and this, in particular, to enable the resident representative to act as the central co-ordinating authority on behalf of the organizations for the development assistance programmes of the system at the field level, as foreseen in paragraph 63 of the Consensus;

(b) In particular, to take the necessary steps to strengthen their co-operation with the United Nations field office network, including, wherever feasible, joint arrangements on the functioning of technical advisers to the resident representatives, in order to ensure an integrated and interdisciplinary approach to operational activities;

2. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session a report on the progress achieved in securing such improved headquarters and field co-ordination, with, if necessary, recommendations thereon;

3. *Reaffirms* the desirability of additional voluntary contributions to the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations development system to be channelled through the Programme as its central funding and co-ordinating body for the benefit of the country programming system;

4. *Invites* all donor countries to assist in the achievement of the dynamic growth of the Programme's activities for 1977-1981, based on the need for an equitable sharing of the total effort required with regard to the level, timeliness and usability of voluntary contributions to the Programme

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2025 (LXI). United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 stating the aims and purposes of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

Expressing its satisfaction with the manner in which the Fund has been operating and the progress achieved to date,

Welcoming with appreciation the report of the Executive Director of the Fund entitled "Priorities in the future allocation of the resources of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities",¹⁰⁹

Taking note of the views expressed on this matter at the twenty-second session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,¹¹⁰

1. *Endorses* the following general principles to be applied in making future allocation of resources:

(a) To promote population activities proposed in international strategies, particularly the World Population Plan of Action;¹¹¹

(b) To meet the needs of developing countries which have the most urgent need for assistance in the area of population activities, in view of their population problems;

(c) To respect the sovereign right of each nation to formulate, promote and implement its own population policies;

(d) To promote the recipient countries' self-reliance;

(e) To give special attention to meeting the needs of disadvantaged population groups;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to apply the criteria for establishing priorities and the other recommendations made in his report, taking into account the decisions made by the Governing Council in this regard,¹¹² and in close co-operation with the United Nations specialized agencies and the regional commissions concerned, as appropriate.

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2026 (LXI). Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3210 (XXIX) of 14 October 1974, 3236 (XXIX) and 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974, and Council resolution 1978 (LIX) of 31 July 1975,

1. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to intensify, as a matter of urgency and in co-ordination with the Economic Commission for Western Asia, their efforts in identifying the social and economic needs of the Palestinian people;

2. *Requests* these agencies and organizations to consult and co-operate with the Palestine Liberation Organization, the representative of the Palestinian people, with a view to establishing and implementing concrete projects to ensure the improvement of the social and economic conditions of the Palestinian people;

3. *Urges* the heads of the organizations and agencies concerned to formulate and submit to their respective governing and/or legislative bodies proposals for ensuring the implementation of the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 above;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council at its sixty-third session on the steps taken to implement the provisions of the present resolution.

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¹⁰⁹ DP/186 and Corr.1.

¹¹⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5845) paras. 558-565.*

¹¹¹ E/CONF.60/19 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XII.1.3), chap. I.

¹¹² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5846), para. 59d (d).*