

2811 (XXVI). Financial contributions to the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Considering the need for a fundamental and speedy strengthening of operational activities for development of the United Nations system in such a manner as to enable the United Nations Development Programme to carry, by 1976, a total programme of at least \$1,000 million,

Considering further the need for a substantial increase in the financial resources of the United Nations Development Programme so as to enable it to utilize as fully as possible its improved capacity,

Bearing in mind that planning estimates and procedures of the United Nations Development Programme will take into account, *inter alia*, the rate of growth of delivery capacity already existing in the system in terms of field programmes,

Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1615 (LI) of 26 July 1971.

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14 December 1971.*

2812 (XXVI). United Nations Capital Development Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2186 (XXI) of 13 December 1966, 2321 (XXII) of 15 December 1967 and 2525 (XXIV) of 5 December 1969,

Recalling further its resolution 2690 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, in which it decided to continue the provisional arrangements for the operation of the United Nations Capital Development Fund and requested the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider, taking into account the observations made by Member States, all possibilities for reaching the objectives of the Fund,

Stressing the urgent need to make the Fund fully operational as soon as possible, within the framework of the expanded United Nations activities in the field of development assistance,

Mindful of the fact that the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, contained in General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, calls for the opening up of new avenues of international co-operation for development,

Regretting that it was not possible for the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its eleventh and twelfth sessions to achieve positive results on the subject,²¹

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 2690 (XXV) and urges Member States to continue the search for practical means of implementing the objectives of the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

2. *Expresses the hope* that the report to be presented by the Administrator to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its thirteenth session will make possible, on the basis of suggestions received from Member States, the begin-

ning of the effective operation of the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

3. *Decides* to preserve the original functions of the United Nations Capital Development Fund until 31 December 1972, in accordance with the measures set forth in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 2321 (XXII);

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite Member States to contribute separately, at the same pledging conference, to the United Nations Development Programme and to the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

5. *Appeals* to Member States, and in particular to developed countries, to provide substantial contributions to the United Nations Capital Development Fund so as to make it fully operational and more effective.

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2813 (XXVI). Enlargement of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, in particular the report on its twelfth session,²²

Bearing in mind its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Realizing the important role that the United Nations Development Programme has to play in the achievement of the goals, objectives and policy measures of the International Development Strategy,

Recalling its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system,

Recalling further its resolution 2029 (XX) of 22 November 1965 consolidating the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in the United Nations Development Programme, particularly the annex thereto concerning the composition of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, which was to consist of thirty-seven members,

Convinced that a strengthened and expanded United Nations Development Programme and the prospect of its handling, by 1975, resources double that of present resources necessitate the increased participation of Member States in the work of the Governing Council,

Convinced further that a larger membership of the Governing Council would make the Council more representative of both developed and developing countries,

Aware that since the United Nations Development Programme was established in 1965 a number of new States have been admitted to membership in the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to enlarge the membership of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to forty-eight members to be elected from among States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies or of the Interna-

²¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4954 and Corr.1), chap. VIII, and ibid., Supplement No. 6A (E/5043/Rev.1), chap. IX.*

²² *Ibid., Supplement No. 6A (E/5043/Rev.1).*

tional Atomic Energy Agency, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Twenty-seven seats shall be filled by developing countries, allocated as follows:

- (i) Eleven seats for African States;
- (ii) Nine seats for Asian States and Yugoslavia;
- (iii) Seven seats for Latin American States;

(b) Twenty-one seats shall be filled by economically more advanced countries, allocated as follows:

- (i) Seventeen seats for Western European and other States;
- (ii) Four seats for Eastern European States;

(c) The composition of seats in each group should at all times give due expression to adequate sub-regional representation;

(d) Elections to these forty-eight seats shall be for a term of three years and retiring members shall be eligible for re-election;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to elect, at its resumed fifty-first session, the additional eleven members of the Governing Council.

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2814 (XXVI). Capacity of the United Nations development system

The General Assembly,

Considering the need for the United Nations Development Programme to keep abreast of the increasing requirements of the developing countries in the context of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, contained in General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970,

Mindful of the fact that the challenges of development require the continuous adaptation, improvement and updating of the United Nations system for development assistance,

Expressing its satisfaction with the steps taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme during its eleventh²³ and twelfth²⁴ sessions to implement the reforms incorporated in General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system,

Aware of the significance and impact of subregional, regional and interregional projects on the harmonious and accelerated development of developing regions and countries, particularly the least developed among them,

Bearing in mind that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, in the decision taken at its 262nd meeting, has agreed that additional regional bureaux may be established when appropriate in order to meet the needs of the various geographical areas,²⁵

Cognizant of the fact that global projects have a special significance in terms of transfer as well as creation of technology in conditions especially adapted to the specific needs and requirements of the developing countries,

Bearing in mind also the need to maximize the capacity of the United Nations development system through the most efficient and rational utilization of all its components,

Recalling the decisions taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its eleventh and twelfth sessions on the criteria to be followed in calculating indicative planning figures as reflected in paragraph 71 (h) of the report on its eleventh session and paragraph 84 of the report on its twelfth session,

Conscious of the fact that industrial development constitutes one of the essential features of development policies and planning at every stage of development,

Conscious also of the equally essential role of agricultural, pastoral, artisanal, tourism and mining development, as well as natural resources development in general, for a fully integrated and independent economy,

Stressing the importance it attaches to the developing countries themselves determining the priorities they attach to each sector of their economies, in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 22 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV),

Aware of the urgent necessity to improve the absorptive capacity of the least developed among the developing countries through appropriate financial and technical assistance,

1. *Reaffirms* the authority of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, under the guidance of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as the main policy-formulating body of the Programme from which the Administrator would receive the necessary directives for the general planning of the activities of the Programme, and commends the Governing Council for the guidance given to the Administrator in adapting the machinery of the Programme to the new demands made upon it, as reflected in the decision of the Governing Council adopted at its 262nd meeting on the organization, methods and general procedures of the Programme;²⁵

2. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to study, within the framework of the review of criteria for the indicative planning figures at its fourteenth session, ways and means of eliminating inequities due to historical circumstances, including those suffered by countries whose indicative planning figures are already committed to ongoing projects as a result of their special circumstances;

3. *Stresses* the importance it attaches to the regional bureaux of the United Nations Development Programme and to their operative capacity through direct access to the Administrator of the Programme as essential elements for the fulfilment of the objectives of the Programme;

4. *Calls upon* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider, within the framework of the comprehensive review to be undertaken at its fourteenth session, ways and means of improving the procedures for global, interregional, regional and subregional projects—in accordance with paragraphs 21, 22 and 23 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV)—in order to make them fully compatible with the country programmes of the region or area concerned while according equitable emphasis to the interests and priorities of all

²³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6 (E/4954 and Corr.1), chap. III.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6A (E/5043/Rev.1), chap. III.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6 (E/4954 and Corr.1), para. 52.