

intergovernmental meetings, and to report on the action taken to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session through the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session;

5. *Requests* the regional commissions to study and give priority attention to measures designed to implement the recommendations addressed to them in the report of the Working Group;

6. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report, through the Governing Council of the Programme and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the action taken regarding paragraphs 1 and 4 above and on the progress made with regard to the functioning of the special unit mentioned in paragraph 2 above;

7. *Requests* the participating and executing agencies of the United Nations development system and the regional commissions to report on the action taken, pursuant to the request contained in the present resolution, to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council, and to report periodically thereafter through the Governing Council at its January session—commencing in 1976—and the Economic and Social Council;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, together with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to bring to the attention of Member States the report of the Working Group and to give wide publicity to the report through the Office of Public Information and the Centre for Economic and Social Information of the Secretariat, and to report on the action taken to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twentieth session and the Economic and Social Council;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a progress report on the measures taken by the United Nations Development Programme, the executing and participating agencies and the regional commissions, pursuant to the request contained in the present resolution, and to submit it to the Preparatory Committee of the special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation, to be held in 1975, for its consideration;

10. *Decides* to consider the question of technical co-operation among developing countries at its special session devoted to development and international economic co-operation and to include an item entitled "Technical co-operation among developing countries" in the provisional agenda of its thirtieth session.

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system and subsequent decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the decentralization of Programme activities and the need to ensure that the United Nations

Development Programme continues to be a single, unified programme,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its eighteenth session²⁶ and the relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on its fifty-seventh session,²⁷

Recalling decision III of 20 June 1974 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its eighteenth session concerning regional and subregional co-operation aimed at the effective and efficient implementation of projects both at the national and regional levels,²⁸

Noting the statements of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme at the eighteenth session of the Governing Council of the Programme²⁹ and at the current session of the General Assembly³⁰ regarding the decentralization of the activities of the Programme in consonance with the principle of country programming and intercountry programming,

Noting further the views on decentralization of the operational procedures and activities of the United Nations Development Programme and the desire to speed up the implementation and delivery of country and regional programmes and projects that were expressed at sessions of the Governing Council of the Programme, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly,

Recognizing the need to help provide administrative support from the field to the Administration of the United Nations Development Programme at Headquarters,

Bearing in mind the views of Member States, the statement of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the action taken on his note³¹ by the Governing Council of the Programme at its seventeenth session,³²

1. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twentieth session to consider, taking into account the report of the Administrator, the question of the decentralization of the activities of the Programme, in particular the establishment of regional field offices of the United Nations Development Programme, in liaison with the regional commissions, with a view to improving the programming, delivery, implementation and follow-up action of country programmes and regional and subregional projects;

2. *Decides* to take up this matter further at the thirtieth session in the context of its consideration of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme.

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²⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2A (E/5543/Rev.1).

²⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/9603)*, chap. VI, sect. B.2.

²⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5543/Rev.1)*, para. 111.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, paras. 99-102.

³⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Second Committee*, 1600th meeting, paras. 36-50.

³¹ DP/29/Add.1.

³² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5466)*, paras. 136-148.