

gramme on its twenty-fifth session,<sup>21</sup> the statement by the Administrator of the Programme<sup>22</sup> and the views expressed during the debate,

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council decision 1978/54 of 2 August 1978, in which the Council took note with approval of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-fifth session and of the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the measures taken by the Governing Council and the Administrator to strengthen the activities of the United Nations Development Programme;

3. *Notes* the increase in the contributions for 1979 announced at the 1978 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and urges all Governments to continue their efforts to provide the United Nations Development Programme with the necessary support to enable it to achieve the targets set for the 1977-1981 development cycle.

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### 33/83. International Year of the Child

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 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 and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

*Recalling also* its resolution 31/169 of 21 December 1976, in which it proclaimed the year 1979 International Year of the Child,

*Recalling further* its resolution 32/109 of 15 December 1977 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 2105 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977 and 1978/40 of 1 August 1978,

*Recognizing* the fundamental importance in all countries, both developing and developed, of programmes benefiting children, not only for promoting their well-being but also as part of broader efforts to accelerate the economic and social development process,

*Believing* that the concept of basic services for children is a vital component of social and economic development,

*Noting with satisfaction* the progress made in the preparation for the International Year of the Child at the national, regional and international levels,

*Convinced* that the International Year of the Child provides a unique opportunity for all countries to undertake an in-depth review and evaluation of their policies for children and to establish programmes of action to be undertaken, and for the world community

to renew and reaffirm its determination to meet children's needs and to secure their fundamental rights,

*Bearing in mind*, in this connexion, the preparations for a new international development strategy,

*Having considered* the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund on the activities being undertaken in the United Nations system in connexion with the International Year of the Child,<sup>23</sup>

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Children's Fund for the manner in which it has discharged the responsibilities entrusted to it as lead agency by the General Assembly in resolution 31/169;

2. *Reaffirms* that the major focus of the International Year of the Child is at the national level and, in this regard, urges countries to intensify their preparations for the Year and to determine priorities for action and set appropriate targets as the basis for short-term, medium-term and long-term planning and programming benefiting children;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the active participation of organizations of the United Nations system and of non-governmental organizations to ensure the success of the International Year of the Child, and also the valuable co-ordination being achieved through the Inter-agency Advisory Group for the International Year of the Child;

4. *Reaffirms* that the International Year of the Child, in accordance with its objectives, should provide an impetus to be followed by a rising level of resources for services benefiting children, through the United Nations Children's Fund and other channels, in order to enable developing countries to extend, strengthen and implement their programmes for children;

5. *Expresses its gratitude* to those Governments that have contributed to the costs of the secretariat of the International Year of the Child and urges all Governments to contribute to its full financing;

6. *Requests* the United Nations Children's Fund to prepare a comprehensive, action-oriented report on the basis of information received from Governments and from specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies concerned on their respective projects and programmes initiated in connexion with the International Year of the Child and on the follow-up activities foreseen for the years ahead, and furthermore requests that the report be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session and that a preliminary version of that report be considered by the Executive Board of the Fund at its 1979 session and by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1979;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session an item entitled "International Year of the Child: plans and action to improve the situation of children in the world, particularly in the developing countries", and recommends, in view of its importance, that this item be considered by the General Assembly in plenary meeting, in observance of the Year;

8. *Invites* the current President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund to issue messages at the beginning of 1979 on the Inter-

<sup>21</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1).

<sup>22</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Second Committee, 27th meeting, paras. 1-11.

<sup>23</sup> A/33/338, annex.

national Year of the Child and urges that these messages be widely disseminated all over the world;

9. *Invites* all heads of State or Government to issue special messages in connexion with the International Year of the Child.

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### 33/84. United Nations Volunteers programme

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, by which it established the United Nations Volunteers programme, and its resolutions 2810 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, 2970 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972, 3125 (XXVIII) of 13 September 1973, 31/131 of 16 December 1976 and 31/166 of 21 December 1976,

*Taking note* of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Volunteers programme<sup>24</sup> and of the relevant sections of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-fifth session,<sup>25</sup>

*Convinced* that, with a greater proportion of technically qualified volunteers currently being recruited from the developing countries themselves, the United Nations Volunteers programme is assuming an important role as an instrument of technical co-operation among developing countries,

*Reaffirming* its conviction that the United Nations Volunteers programme is rendering and has the potential to render even greater service to developing countries,

1. *Looks forward* to the comments and recommendations which the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme is to formulate at its twenty-sixth session, on the basis of its review of the report of the Administrator of the Programme, including in particular those on the recruitment procedures of the United Nations Volunteers programme and the present status of the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers;

2. *Reiterates* the request addressed in its resolution 2970 (XXVII) to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the executive heads of the organizations concerned within the United Nations system to promote with the agreement of the countries concerned, with a view to co-ordinating through the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme, the use of United Nations Volunteers in United Nations-assisted projects and activities and to harmonize policies on placement and conditions of employment of all volunteers in the United Nations system, taking into account the development needs at the field level;

3. *Appeals* to the Governments of Member States to consider contributing to or increasing their contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers;

<sup>24</sup> DP/330 and Corr.1.

<sup>25</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1).*

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the General Assembly on a regular basis, through the Governing Council of the Programme and the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in implementing the present resolution.

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### 33/85. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 31/177 of 21 December 1976, by which it approved the statute of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries,

*Recalling also* its resolution 32/113 of 15 December 1977,

*Taking into consideration* the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the Fund,<sup>26</sup>

*Expressing its appreciation* to the countries that contributed to the Fund at the pledging conferences held on 2 November 1977 and 7 and 8 November 1978,

*Gravely concerned* that the Fund has not yet become operational, as envisaged in General Assembly resolution 31/177, owing to the lack of voluntary contributions on the part of Member States that are in a position to make such contributions,

1. *Expresses its concern* at the very low level of contributions for 1979 announced at the 1978 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

2. *Strongly urges* Member States to make immediate and generous contributions to the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries in order to make it operational in the manner specified in its statute as soon as possible;

3. *Takes note* of the interim arrangements adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in its decision 25/15 of 28 June 1978;<sup>27</sup>

4. *Invites* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to take appropriate measures to provide all land-locked developing countries with the necessary assistance in order to identify and elaborate concrete projects which could be financed by the Fund, taking into account the equitable distribution of the resources of the Fund among the land-locked developing countries;

5. *Further requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other related institutions, to pursue his action in favour of land-locked developing countries within the framework of

<sup>26</sup> DP/328.

<sup>27</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1), chap. XX.*