

Nations system in connection with new and renewable sources of energy, including those related to consultative meetings at the national, regional and global levels;

2. *Welcomes* the secretariat arrangements already made and stresses the need for the full implementation of the decisions made in this regard by the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;<sup>101</sup>

3. *Welcomes also*, in this regard, the establishment, in the unit on new and renewable sources of energy, of a focal point for information on multilateral, bilateral and other programmes in the field of new and renewable sources of energy and invites Member States and international organizations to facilitate its work by providing appropriate information.

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### **38/170. New international human order: moral aspects of development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 37/225 of 20 December 1982 entitled "New international human order: moral aspects of development",

*Taking note* of the report of the Economic and Social Council on its consideration of this question<sup>102</sup> and Council decision 1983/171 of 25 July 1983,

*Taking note also* of the comments of Governments on the question,<sup>103</sup> as well as statements made during the second regular session of 1983 of the Economic and Social Council<sup>104</sup> and at the current session of the General Assembly,<sup>105</sup>

1. *Invites* Member States that have not yet done so to submit their comments on this question and Member States that have already done so to submit additional comments, particularly on the draft declaration transmitted to the General Assembly by Economic and Social Council decision 1983/171, preferably before 31 July 1985;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on this question to the General Assembly at its fortieth session;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fortieth session the sub-item entitled "New international human order: moral aspects of development".

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### **38/171. Comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 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 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Develop-

ment Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

*Recalling further* its resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system and 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 on new dimensions in technical co-operation,

*Reiterating* its resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 33/201 of 29 January 1979 and 35/81 of 5 December 1980 on a comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development, 36/199 of 17 December 1981 and 37/226 of 20 December 1982 on operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

*Reaffirming* the exclusive responsibility of the Government of the recipient country in formulating its national development plan, priorities and objectives, as set out in the consensus contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV), and emphasizing that the integration of the operational activities of the United Nations system with national programmes would enhance the impact and relevance of those activities,

*Emphasizing* the importance that developing countries, through their actions, including increased financial contributions, have attached to the operational activities of the United Nations system, in recognition of the role of those activities in their overall economic development,

*Expressing its deep concern* about the increasing elements of bilateralism in multilateral economic co-operation and the increased channelling of tied resources through multilateral programmes,

*Concerned* at the increasingly high cost of experts and consultants and the financial effect on the programmes and projects being implemented, and convinced of the need, as far as possible, to use the services of national experts and consultants and to implement programmes and projects in a cost-effective manner,

*Aware* that a substantial part of world resources, material as well as human, continues to be diverted to armaments, with detrimental effect on international security and on efforts to achieve the new international economic order, including the operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

*Reaffirming* that one primary objective of operational activities for development of the United Nations system is to promote the economic self-reliance of developing countries,

*Having examined* the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation for 1983 on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,<sup>106</sup>

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

2. *Reaffirms* the important contribution that operational activities of the United Nations system make to the development of developing countries and urges the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to continue to attach priority to operational activities in their plans and programmes;

3. *Notes* that, although the outcome of the 1983 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development

<sup>101</sup> See resolution 37/250.

<sup>102</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/38/3)*, chap. II, paras. 61-64.

<sup>103</sup> See E/1983/68 and Add.1-3; E/1983/89.

<sup>104</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Plenary Meetings, 17th-30th meetings*.

<sup>105</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Second Committee, 15th-24th and 38th-45th meetings*.

<sup>106</sup> A/38/258-E/1983/82 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, annex.

Activities<sup>107</sup> reflected a positive trend, the overall level of resources remains unsatisfactory, falling short, in many cases, of the various types of targets set by the relevant intergovernmental bodies, thus hampering the ability of the system to respond to the growing needs of developing countries;

4. *Strongly reiterates* the need for a substantial and real increase in the flow of resources for operational activities on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis, so as to enable the organizations of the system to maintain and, where possible, increase the level of their operational programmes and, in that context, strongly urges all countries, particularly developed countries, whose overall performance is not commensurate with their capacities, to increase rapidly and substantially their voluntary contributions for operational activities for development, taking into account the targets that have been set by relevant intergovernmental bodies;

5. *Reaffirms* that the operational activities of the United Nations system should be in accordance with the national plans, priorities and objectives of the recipient countries in order to enhance their impact on and relevance to the national development process of those countries;

6. *Invites* the World Bank to continue to carry out its country activities in accordance with the national plans and priorities of recipient countries, in order to promote the economic self-reliance of developing countries;

7. *Emphasizes* the need to maintain the multilateral character of the operational activities of the United Nations system and urges all Governments to enhance their commitment in this regard;

8. *Calls upon* all Governments, in the interest of preserving the multilateral principles of the system, to refrain from the practice of tying aid for operational activities of the United Nations system to the procurement of goods and services from the donor countries, restricting it to those funds that have a mandate to accept it on an experimental basis;

9. *Invites* the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system dealing with the flows of concessional resources to developing countries to pay greater attention, in their reviews of these issues, to the funding needs of the United Nations funds and programmes in support of the development plans formulated by the recipient Governments;

10. *Urges* the international community to provide a substantial increase in financial resources to United Nations funds and programmes engaged in operational activities in order to enhance their contributions to the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,<sup>108</sup> bearing in mind the need of those countries for official development assistance from multilateral sources;

11. *Urges* all Governments concerned to conclude negotiations regarding the seventh replenishment of the International Development Association, with a view to ensuring an appropriate increase in resources, and calls for those negotiations to be completed as soon as possible so that the seventh replenishment may become effective in July 1984;

12. *Urges* all Governments concerned to strengthen the International Fund for Agricultural Development, par-

ticularly by releasing their contributions according to agreed schedules and responding positively during the negotiations regarding the second replenishment;

13. *Welcomes* the progress made towards the attainment of the 1983-1984 target for voluntary contributions to the World Food Programme and urges Governments to make every effort to ensure the full attainment of that target, as well as the proposed 1985-1986 target;

14. *Takes note* of the recommendations made in section III of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation,<sup>109</sup> designed to enhance the responsiveness of operational activities to the needs and requirements of all developing countries in accordance with their objectives and priorities, as formulated in their national development plans and programmes, and their efforts to promote greater economic and technical co-operation among themselves;

15. *Invites* all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities for development, with a view to achieving, *inter alia*, higher cost effectiveness, to make greater use of the capacities of developing countries by:

(a) Engaging national experts and personnel;

(b) Utilizing local or regional sources for the procurement of material, equipment and services;

16. *Decides* that the guidelines on procurement to be issued pursuant to paragraph 7 of decision 81/28 of 30 June 1981<sup>110</sup> and section II, paragraph 2, of decision 82/34 of 18 June 1982<sup>111</sup> of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme should govern the procurement activities of organs and bodies under the authority of the General Assembly in their execution of projects financed by the Programme;

17. *Welcomes* decision 82/8 of 18 June 1982 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,<sup>111</sup> designed to promote government execution of projects funded by the Programme, the support cost savings that could result therefrom becoming available for programmes and plans, on the basis of the illustrative indicative planning figure;

18. *Reiterates* the set of principles which, in the programming of the resources at the disposal of the different organizations of the United Nations system, should be uniformly applied; those principles, embodied in the consensus of 1970<sup>112</sup> and decision 80/30 of 26 June 1980<sup>113</sup> of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme include, *inter alia*, the following:

(a) Equity, particularly in the distribution of resources among developing countries;

(b) Assistance to be provided only in response to the express needs of the recipient countries;

(c) Assistance to be integrated with the overall development objectives and priorities of the country concerned;

(d) Programming to be seen as an integrated process, of which the different phases, such as programming, project formulation, assessment, approval and evaluation, constitute integral parts;

19. *Emphasizes* the important role of the United Nations system in assisting developing countries, upon request, in developing their evaluation capacity and requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the organs, organizations and bodies of the system, to elabo-

<sup>107</sup> See A/CONF.122/SR.1-3 and Corrigendum.

<sup>108</sup> Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.1.8), part one, sect. A.

<sup>109</sup> A/38/258-E/1983/82, annex.

<sup>110</sup> See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11 (E/1981/61/Rev.1), annex I.

<sup>111</sup> Ibid., 1982, Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1), annex I.

<sup>112</sup> Resolution 2688 (XXV), annex.

<sup>113</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1), chap. XI.

rate, in the light of the conclusions and recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit contained in its report,<sup>114</sup> proposals to promote the evaluation capacity of recipient Governments;

20. *Recognizes* that, concerning operational activities for development of the United Nations system, evaluation is an important part of the programming process in order to achieve a rational and optimal utilization of the overall resources available;

21. *Reaffirms* the general guidelines embodied in the new dimensions in technical co-operation adopted by the Governing Council in 1975<sup>115</sup> and urges their full application;

22. *Recommends* improved coherence of action and co-ordination of the operational systems at the country level, under the overall responsibility of the resident co-ordinator and in consultation with the Governments concerned, in order to cut down expenses on administrative and support costs, minimize waste through avoidance of duplication of work and facilitate the task of the host country in co-ordinating external assistance, and considers that further efforts should be undertaken in this regard;

23. *Invites* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the President of the World Bank, as well as the heads of regional development banks, to examine further possibilities of co-operation between the Programme and those institutions regarding the complementarity of their respective technical co-operation programmes, in order to enhance the implementation of the present resolution and, in so doing, ensure greater utilization of the facilities available in the various organizations of the United Nations system regarding projects financed by those funding agencies, and requests the Administrator to report thereon to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;

24. *Urges* the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to increase their support for the process of technical co-operation among developing countries by orienting their programmes and projects, as appropriate, towards strengthening such co-operation;

25. *Urges* the Secretary-General and the executive heads of organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, bearing in mind the need to maintain an appropriate level of support functions, to seek to minimize administrative and other support costs without affecting the field programmes and the network of United Nations Development Programme offices in developing countries, with a view to increasing the proportion of resources available to improve programme delivery to developing countries;

26. *Requests* the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system receiving resources of an extrabudgetary nature to include information on those resources and their utilization in their budgets and reports and to make that information available to the Governments concerned and to the resident co-ordinator in the recipient country;

27. *Recommends* that, in accordance with its resolution 32/197, due consideration should be given to the technical expertise of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development for its designation as an executing agency for the implementation of projects within its mandate, as well as its role in the execution of technical co-operation activities of the United Nations system, in order to reaffirm the role of the Department within the existing technical and administrative structures and to avoid duplication and accomplish economies of scale;

28. *Urges* all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, in the light of the recommendations contained in section V of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation,<sup>109</sup> to take the necessary steps to ensure the harmonization of administrative, financial, personnel, planning and procurement procedures, and requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to report annually on specific action taken;

29. *Reiterates* the importance of the co-ordination of multilateral development assistance at the field level, and requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, while preparing his next report on operational activities, to pay particular attention to the need for improved coherence of action and effective integration at the country level, in accordance with section V of the annex to resolution 32/197 and paragraph 11 of resolution 35/81, and to the role of resident co-ordinators in the co-ordination of operational activities of the United Nations system;

30. *Requests* the Joint Inspection Unit to study in depth the structure of the field representation of the organs and organizations of the United Nations system, particularly with regard to the tasks allotted to the resident co-ordinators;

31. *Requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to include in his report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session:

(a) An examination of the extent and implications of the continuation of the practice of contributions being provided to organizations with conditions attached to their use, taking into account the information to be provided by the heads of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies;

(b) An in-depth analysis of the subject mentioned in paragraph 22 above concerning improved coherence of action and co-ordination of the operational systems at the country level;

(c) A comparative analysis of the relationship between programme delivery and administrative costs pertaining to operational activities for development executed by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as an assessment of agency support costs;

32. *Requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to include in his report for the 1986 comprehensive policy review:

(a) A study, with supporting data, on the progress achieved with respect to the issues identified in paragraph 15 above;

(b) A system-wide review of the activities identified in paragraph 24 above relating to technical co-operation among developing countries as carried out by different organizations, with particular reference to the approaches and methods devised and followed, the kind of activities undertaken by these organizations and the relevant institutional arrangements;

33. *Requests* the Secretary-General, for the purpose of the 1986 comprehensive policy review, as part of the continuous review by the General Assembly, to entrust the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation with the preparation of a report on policy issues pertaining to operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system, taking into account the views and comments of delegations at the second regular session of 1983 of the Economic and Social Council and at the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly, for submission to the Assembly at its forty-first

<sup>114</sup> See A/38/333, sect. IX.

<sup>115</sup> See resolution 3405 (XXX), annex.

session through the Council at its second regular session of 1986;

34. *Strongly reiterates* its desire for a coherent and co-ordinated United Nations system in the field of operational activities for development and, in that context, requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to continue to provide effective leadership in the co-ordination of the various components of the United Nations system in that field and in exercising overall co-ordination within the system, as set forth in resolution 32/197, and requests all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Director-General.

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### 38/172. Situation of the financial resources of the United Nations Development Programme

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 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 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Stressing the urgent need to strengthen multilateral co-operation for development as a desirable and effective means for promoting mutually beneficial co-operation between developed and developing countries,

Emphasizing the importance of multilateral technical co-operation in the economic and social development of developing countries and the urgent need for a substantial and real increase in the level of financial resources on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis,

Reiterating the unique and central role of the United Nations Development Programme in the field of technical co-operation for development,

Reaffirming the exclusive responsibility of the Government of the recipient country in formulating its national development plan, priorities and objectives, as set out in the consensus contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

Stressing that the indicative planning figures established for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, of the United Nations Development Programme should be maintained, to the extent possible, and financed through efforts to increase contributions by the international community,

Having considered the difficult financial situation of the United Nations Development Programme, even in the light of the encouraging outcome of the 1983 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities,<sup>116</sup> and its serious impact on the level of technical assistance provided to developing countries through the Programme,

Aware that, together with efforts to obtain additional voluntary contributions, steps are being taken to increase

further the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the United Nations Development Programme,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme for the year 1983,<sup>117</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme for the year 1983 and the decisions contained therein;<sup>118</sup>

2. *Reaffirms* Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/53 of 29 July 1982, in which the Council, *inter alia*, took note of decision 82/5 of 18 June 1982 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,<sup>119</sup> by which the Governing Council reaffirmed its decisions 80/30 of 26 June 1980<sup>120</sup> and 81/16 of 27 June 1981,<sup>121</sup> including those provisions relating to the indicative planning figures, the assumed overall average annual rate of growth of voluntary contributions and the level of resources envisaged for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, for the purposes of forward planning;

3. *Welcomes* the adoption by consensus of decision 83/5 of 24 June 1983 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;<sup>122</sup>

4. *Notes* that, although the outcome of the 1983 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities has shown that there is a trend towards ending the erosion of the resources of the United Nations Development Programme, greater efforts remain necessary to strengthen that trend in order to lead to a process of growth of resources by increasing significantly the level of contributions on a more equitable basis;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Governments, of both developed and developing countries, which, at the 1983 Pledging Conference, announced their voluntary contributions or their intention to contribute to the United Nations Development Programme for 1984 in amounts approaching, equalling or exceeding an average annual increase of 14 per cent in their contributions, and to those Governments that have consistently maintained their contributions at a high level;

6. *Urges* all other Governments, especially those whose overall performance is not commensurate with their capacities, to renew their efforts, consistent with paragraph 1 (c) of section I of decision 83/5 of the Governing Council, to provide the United Nations Development Programme with the resources necessary to establish a sound financial basis for the implementation of its planned activities for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, which, for the purpose of forward planning, would assume an overall average annual rate of growth of resources of at least 14 per cent;

7. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for his tireless efforts to obtain the necessary level of resources envisaged for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, in order to secure the financial viability of the Programme and to improve further its quality, efficiency and effectiveness, and encourages the Administrator to continue those efforts, taking into account, *inter alia*, the need to restrain administrative expenditures in order to maximize programme delivery, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Governing Council decision 81/16;

8. *Reaffirms* the mandate of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, reiterates its confidence in the authority of the Governing Council to

<sup>116</sup> See A/CONF.122/SR.1-3 and corrigendum.

<sup>117</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20).*

<sup>118</sup> *Ibid.*, annex 1.

<sup>119</sup> *Ibid.*, 1982, Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1), annex 1.

<sup>120</sup> *Ibid.*, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1), chap. XI.

<sup>121</sup> *Ibid.*, 1981, Supplement No. 11 (E/1981/61/Rev.1), annex 1.

<sup>122</sup> *Ibid.*, 1983, Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20), annex 1.