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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

417 (V). Continuing needs of children: United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

The General Assembly,

Having considered resolution 310 (XI) of the Economic and Social Council in the light of resolutions 57 (I) and 318 (IV) of the General Assembly,

Recognizing the necessity for continued action to relieve the sufferings of children, particularly in under-developed countries and countries that have been subjected to the devastation of war and to other calamities,

1. *Reaffirms* its approval of the policy of the Executive Board of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund to devote a greater share of the Fund's resources to the development of programmes outside Europe;

2. *Expresses* again its gratitude to governments and individuals for their generous contributions enabling the Fund to carry out its tasks;

3. *Renews* its appeal to governments and private persons to continue their contributions to the Fund, and to the various officials and private international organizations interested in child welfare to collaborate with the Fund in every possible way;

4. *Recommends* to Member States that they develop and improve their national child welfare services, providing, if possible, the necessary funds for that important purpose under their respective budgets;

5. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, in consultation with the appropriate specialized agencies:

(a) To give greater emphasis to support of national programmes designed to aid children within the framework of existing United Nations activities for promoting the economic and social development of under-developed areas;

(b) To explore the means of procuring and financing supplies incidental to such programmes, especially those needed for demonstration purposes;

6. *Decides*:

(a) That the Executive Board of the Fund shall be reconstituted as from 1 January 1951 to consist of the governments of the States represented on the Social Commission and the governments of eight other States, not necessarily Members of the United Nations, to be designated by the Economic and Social Council for appropriate terms, with due regard to geographical distribution and to the representation of the major contributing and recipient countries;

(b) That during the period of the Fund's existence, as provided in paragraph 6 (e), the Board, in accordance with such principles as may be laid down by the Economic and Social Council and its Social Commission, shall, with due regard to the urgency of the needs and available resources, formulate the policies, determine the programmes and allocate the resources of the Fund for the purpose of meeting, through the provision of supplies, training and advice, emergency and long-range needs of children and their continuing needs particularly in under-developed countries, with a view to strengthening, wherever this may be appropriate, the permanent child health and child welfare programmes of the countries receiving assistance;

(c) That the Executive Board shall take all necessary steps to ensure close collaboration between the Administration of the Fund and the specialized agencies, pursuant to the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

(d) That the Administration of the Fund shall, as appropriate, obtain from inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations having a special interest in child and family welfare the advice and technical assistance which it may require for the implementation of its programmes;

(e) That the General Assembly will again consider the future of the Fund at the expiration of three years, with the object of continuing the Fund on a permanent basis.

*314th plenary meeting,
1 December 1950.*

418 (V). Advisory social welfare services

The General Assembly,

Having considered the modifications made, in the light of General Assembly resolution 316 (IV), by the Economic and Social Council, in General Assembly resolution 58 (I) on advisory and social welfare services,

Approves the following text of resolution 58 (I) revised by the Economic and Social Council and amended by the Third Committee:

"Whereas by Articles 55 and 60 of the Charter of the United Nations the Economic and Social Council, under the authority of the General Assembly, is charged with the responsibility for promoting higher standards of living and conditions of social progress and development,

"Whereas by Article 66 of the Charter, the Economic and Social Council may, with the approval of the General Assembly, perform services at the request of Members of the United Nations and at the request of specialized agencies,

"Whereas the General Assembly, after examining the recommendations¹ of the Economic and Social Council and the accompanying report² of services rendered for the first three years of operation, approved the recommendations and placed the advisory social welfare services originally authorized by resolution 58 (I) on a continuing basis, and requested that a review be made of the terms of that resolution and appropriate recommendations made with respect to desirable or necessary changes (resolution 316 (IV)),

"Whereas the General Assembly recognizes that the advisory social welfare services constitute a practical operational programme of direct assistance to governments and that the other activities of the United Nations in the social field should be properly correlated with these services in order to achieve maximum effectiveness, to which end the Social Commission has adjusted its long-range work programme,

"The General Assembly, therefore,

"A. Authorizes the Secretary-General:

"1. Subject to the directions of the Economic and Social Council, to make provision for the under-mentioned functions and services, such provision to be made, where appropriate, with the co-operation of the specialized agencies and in consultation with non-governmental organizations having consultative status:

- "(a) For a requisite number of social welfare experts to provide advisory services at the request of governments which show the need for them, and to put into practice, over an appropriate period, new methods in any branch of social welfare;
- "(b) For enabling suitably qualified social welfare officials to observe, and familiarize themselves with, the experience and practice of other countries in any branch of social welfare;
- "(c) For enabling suitably qualified persons who cannot receive professional training in branches of social welfare in their own country to receive appropriate training in foreign countries having the necessary facilities;
- "(d) For planning by appropriate methods projects for experimenting in or demonstrating various phases of social welfare, organizing and participating in these projects, providing the necessary tools and equipment in connexion therewith, and associating with the projects to the extent practicable, the persons referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c) above;
- "(e) For furnishing technical publications and films;

"(f) For planning and conducting seminars;

"2. To include in the budgetary estimates of the United Nations the sums necessary for carrying out an effective operational programme based on the provision of the above services;

"B. Instructs the Secretary-General to undertake the performance of the functions listed in paragraph A.1 above, in agreement with the governments concerned, on the basis of requests received from governments and in accordance with the following policies;

"1. The kind of service to be rendered to each country shall be decided by the government concerned;

"2. The furnishing of the experts and services shall be undertaken by the Secretary-General, with due regard to suggestions made by the requesting governments; the Secretary-General shall, normally, make application for experts to States which are Members of the United Nations. The selection of grant-holders shall be made by the Secretary-General on the basis of proposals received from governments, which shall indicate their preferences with regard to host countries;

"3. The amount of services and the conditions under which they shall be furnished to the various governments shall be decided by the Secretary-General with due regard to the greater needs of the under-developed areas and in conformity with the principle that each requesting government shall be expected to assume responsibility, as far as possible, for all or part of the expenses connected with the services furnished to it, either by making a contribution in cash, or in the form of services for the purposes of the programme being carried out;

"C. Requests the Secretary-General to report regularly to the Social Commission on the measures which he takes in compliance with the terms of the present resolution, and requests the Commission to formulate recommendations from time to time concerning the continued action required to carry on the essential advisory activities in the field of social welfare."

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419 (V). Report of the Economic and Social Council (Chapter V, section VI):³ proposal for a session in 1951 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

The General Assembly,

Considering the importance of the studies entrusted to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, and having regard to the fact that, in order to enable the Sub-Commission to continue these studies, the term of office of its members was extended by three years by a decision of the Commission on Human Rights dated 16 May 1949,⁴

¹ See Economic and Social Council resolution 243 E (IX).

² See documents A/C.3/521 and A/C.3/521/Corr.1.

³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 3*, page 64.

⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fourth Year, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 10*, paragraph 13.