OTHER MATTERS

ACTION TAKEN BY OTHER ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN 1987 AND 1988

Note by the Administrator

SUMMARY

In accordance with established practice, the attention of the Governing Council is drawn to resolutions and decisions adopted in 1987 and 1988 by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and organizations of the United Nations system which call for action by, or are of relevance to, the United Nations Development Programme and its Governing Council.

For this purpose, the appropriate paragraphs have been quoted. However, in accordance with Governing Council decision 79/14 of 27 June 1979, the texts of resolutions already referred to in the documentation presented to the Council under other items are not reproduced in the documentation under this item. For those resolutions of general interest to the Governing Council and UNDP, only the titles have been given. This is in line with General Assembly resolution 2839 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971, which states in paragraph 3 (d) that "the texts available in easily accessible documents should not be incorporated in or annexed to reports". Moreover, resolutions and decisions have not been quoted in extenso because of the need to achieve greater brevity as called for in General Assembly decisions on strict limitation of documentation. For the same reason, the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly on special programmes of economic disaster, humanitarian relief and other assistance have not been reproduced in this document, but are listed.
The paragraphs of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly in 1987 and the Economic and Social Council at its first and second regular sessions in 1987 and its organizational session for 1988 regarding UNDP specifically or relevant to its work are reproduced in sections I-III. The other resolutions are listed in numerical order by title. Resolutions and decisions adopted by organizations of the United Nations system are contained in the addendum to this document.
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I. RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF RELEVANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS FORTY-SECOND SESSION

A. Resolutions

1. Operational activities for development

42/196. 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 resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system and 41/171 of 5 December 1986 on operational activities for development,

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

Reaffirming that the operational activities for development of the United Nations system are carried out for the benefit of developing countries, at their request and in accordance with their own policies and priorities for development,

Emphasizing the need to keep under periodic review the structures and modus operandi of the organizations of the United Nations system in relation to their operational activities so as to ensure efficiency and responsiveness to the needs and priorities of the developing countries,

Deeply concerned that the targets for official development assistance spelt out in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade 1/ have not been met, and stressing the urgent need to strengthen multilateral co-operation for development through, inter alia, increased voluntary contributions to the operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Emphasizing also the need for a significant, continuous, predictable and real increase in resources for operational activities for development to meet the growing requirements for development of the developing countries, in particular the least developed countries,

1/ See resolution 35/56, annex.
Emphasizing further the need to increase the proportion of grants in overall official development assistance,

Considering that all countries should continue to make efforts to participate in operational activities for development in accordance with their financial and developmental capacities,

Reaffirming that, at the national level, the allocation of resources for operational activities must be based on the national development plans, priorities and objectives of the recipient countries, to which the assistance provided by the United Nations system should conform,

Reaffirming also that economic and technical co-operation among developing countries should be a significant dimension of operational activities for development and that technical co-operation among developing countries as understood in the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, 2/ endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978, is an important instrument in this respect, and taking note with appreciation of the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on its fifth session, 3/

Reiterating that the activities of the resident co-ordinators in fulfilling their role relating to operational activities, as defined in General Assembly resolutions 32/197 and 41/171, vary according to the development needs and priorities determined by the recipient countries,

Mindful of the special needs of the least developed countries,

Aware of the acute problems of island and land-locked developing countries and their particular needs for development to overcome their economic difficulties,

Deeply concerned about the falling share of developing countries in the procurement of equipment and services for the operational activities for development of the United Nations system, as reported, 4/

Stressing the urgent need for harmonized, flexible and simplified procedures for the operational activities for development of the United Nations system in


order to respond better to the needs of developing countries and particularly to reduce the administrative burden on Governments and facilitate their participation in these activities,

Noting with deep concern the shortcomings reported by the Secretary-General 5/ in the discharge by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, through its Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Operational Activities), of the responsibilities envisaged for it as the forum for the consideration by the organizations of the United Nations system of central matters relating to operational activities for development, particularly their co-ordination,

Noting with appreciation the important contribution made by the World Commission on Environment and Development,

Aware that a substantial part of world resources, human as well as material, continues to be diverted to armaments, with a detrimental effect on international security and on bilateral and multilateral co-operation, including the operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

I

Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation: case studies on operational activities and follow-up action

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the operational activities of the United Nations system 6/ and of the case-studies on the functioning of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, 7/ undertaken in accordance with General Assembly resolution 41/171;

2. Invites the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations development system to discuss in detail, at their next sessions, the conclusions and recommendations 8/ of the report on the findings of the case-studies, and to submit their views to the Economic and Social Council;

3. Welcomes the announced intention of the Director-General to organize in early 1988 an informal discussion of the report's findings, with the participation of delegations, the authors of the report and the relevant programmes and agencies of the United Nations system;


8/ Ibid., sect. VIII.
4. Requests the Director-General to continue to carry out the tasks entrusted to him under resolution 41/171 and to ensure, in accordance with resolution 32/197, effective leadership of the United Nations system in the field of development and international economic co-operation and in exercising overall co-ordination within the system in order to ensure a multidisciplinary approach to the problems of development on a system-wide basis;

5. Takes note of the comments provided by organizations of the United Nations system in response to elements of resolution 41/171; 9/

II

Priorities, resources and guiding considerations for operational activities for development

6. Reaffirms that the operational activities for development of the United Nations system are undertaken at the request of developing countries and are designed to respond solely to their development needs and priorities as determined by them;

7. Reaffirms the central role of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council as forums for overall policy guidance and co-ordination of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and emphasizes the need to strengthen further the co-ordination functions of the Council in this respect;

8. Affirms the importance of the operational activities of the United Nations system in strengthening the capacities of recipient countries to plan and implement development policies and programmes in accordance with their goals and objectives, and recognizes the important role of the United Nations development system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, in assisting recipient Governments, at their request, in determining and meeting their technical co-operation needs, including human resources development, institution building and transfer of technology, as defined by them;

9. Invites the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to report to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation by the Committee of its decision of October 1986 to improve the overall functioning and efficiency of its subsidiary machinery for operational activities and on further measures to improve performance in inter-agency co-operation in this regard, particularly through a review of the work of the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Operational Activities);

10. Emphasizes that a substantial and real increase in the flow of concessional resources, particularly grants, on a predictable, continuous and assured basis, is important for the development process of developing countries, and calls for increased contributions from a broader range of countries in order to provide such resources;

11. Reaffirms the central funding and co-ordinating role of the United Nations Development Programme in technical co-operation within the United Nations system in conformity with the consensus of 1970 10/ and General Assembly resolutions 32/197, 33/202 of 29 January 1979 and 35/81 of 5 December 1980, recommends to the intergovernmental bodies concerned that the need to preserve this role should be taken fully into account in the consideration of new funding arrangements for technical co-operation activities, and requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, an analysis of the issues relating to the implementation of the central funding concept;

12. Affirms that the functioning of operational activities for development of the United Nations system should be guided, inter alia, by the following considerations, taking into account the particular development needs, priorities and policies of recipient countries:

(a) Developing countries have the primary responsibility for co-ordinating the operational activities for development of the United Nations system at the national level, and the main role of the United Nations system in that regard should be to reinforce and strengthen the capability of developing countries to co-ordinate international co-operation and assistance in accordance with their priorities and needs;

(b) The programming procedures for the operational activities for development of the United Nations system should be made more flexible within established principles of accountability so that they may correspond to the policies, procedures and objectives of recipient countries in order to permit the allocation of external assistance and co-operation in the context of a programme approach, either on a project-by-project basis or on a sectoral basis; this will also enable these countries to manage their programmes, to exploit substantive linkages among projects and sectors and to have a coherent and integrated approach;

(c) The United Nations system should improve its ability, at the field level, to respond to requests from developing countries for advice on developmental issues by, inter alia, enhancing its capacity for, and performance in, providing sectoral, multisectoral and integrated advice to Governments at their request, through, inter alia, increased co-ordination among the organizations of the system and improved technical backstopping;

10/ Resolution 2688 (XXV), annex.
(d) To facilitate the task of developing countries in co-ordinating development co-operation and assistance, multilateral and bilateral donors concerned should endeavour to harmonize and simplify their rules and procedures in order to respond as fully as possible to conditions and practices in recipient countries;

(e) To maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the operational activities of the United Nations system, the resident co-ordinators should receive the necessary support from the United Nations system and donor and host countries in order to discharge their functions in accordance with the needs, priorities and objectives of the recipient countries;

13. **Urges** the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations development system, in co-operation with the Economic Commission for Africa and the existing subregional economic groupings, as appropriate, to provide increased support, as a matter of priority, to African countries in the implementation, follow-up and monitoring of the priority themes of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990; 11/

14. **Urges** the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations development system to place priority emphasis on the full and expeditious implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries 12/ and the recommendations of the mid-term review of its implementation; 13/

III

**Programming**

15. **Requests** the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the executive heads of other organizations of the United Nations system, to assess the constraints on the use of the United Nations Development Programme's country programme and programming process as a frame of reference for the operational activities of the United Nations system, to consider the nature, scope and feasibility of a wider, more effective process in terms of improved coherence of action and effective integration of the various sectoral inputs of the United Nations system, to identify the grant organizations and resources that such a process might take into account, and to report thereon for the next triennial policy review of operational activities for development, in 1989;

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11/ Resolution S-13/2, annex.


13/ Resolution 40/205, annex.
16. Welcomes as a potentially significant contribution towards improved coherence and co-ordination the joint and collaborative programming of activities undertaken by the Joint Consultative Group on Policy, and requests the Director-General, in co-operation with the executive heads of the organizations that are members of the Group, to inform the Economic and Social Council of the nature and scope of their joint and collaborative activities and to comment on the possibility of more systematic exchanges at the headquarters level among those organizations on a broader agenda;

17. Reiterates the importance attached to the integration of women in United Nations development programmes, both as agents and as beneficiaries of development, calls upon the funding and executing agencies to intensify efforts to increase the participation of women, especially those from developing countries, and requests the Director-General, taking into account the requirements of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/86 of 8 July 1987 in this regard, to report on such efforts and on the establishment of mechanisms for generating baseline information and measuring results;

18. Invites the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system that provide grant assistance for technical co-operation to report to the Economic and Social Council on the content and nature of their current and prospective co-operation with the World Bank, including the criteria for the selection of the Bank as an executing agency and also indicating whether project agreements for World Bank-executed projects differ in character from those for projects executed by other United Nations agencies;

19. Requests the Director-General to examine in detail urgent measures that can be taken to ensure further flexibility, simplification and harmonization of procedures for programme and project formulation, approval, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, so as to adapt them to the needs and priorities of developing countries, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session through the Economic and Social Council;

IV

Organization at the field level

20. Considers that decentralization of operational activities at the field level should, within established principles of accountability, foster appropriate flexibility and responsiveness to the needs of developing countries, and requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to provide information on the measures taken by organizations of the system in this regard;

21. Urges funding and executing agencies to consider additional measures to ensure that expertise for all aspects of the project cycle, particularly project execution, is of the highest standard of quality and that project inputs are provided on a timely basis;
22. **Invites** Governments and organizations of the United Nations system to avail themselves, as envisaged in General Assembly resolutions 32/197 and 41/171, of the services of the resident co-ordinators and to solicit the views of the resident co-ordinators in considering projects to be funded or implemented by the United Nations system;

23. **Also requests** the Director-General, in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to assess the resources required by the resident co-ordinators to carry out their increasing responsibilities, taking into account differing national situations;

24. **Invites** the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system urgently to review and rationalize their field office structure to enhance co-operation, coherence and efficiency through, *inter alia*, increased sharing of facilities and services, and in this connection:

   (a) Expresses the need for such a review to take full account of the need for the provision, at the field level, of ongoing technical advice by the organizations of the United Nations system in accordance with the needs identified by developing countries;

   (b) Emphasizes that this advice should be offered in an integrated and multisectoral manner, as envisaged in resolution 32/197;

   (c) Requests the governing bodies to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1988;

   (d) Also requests the Director-General to report periodically to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on developments related to the field office structure of the United Nations system;

25. **Invites** the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to review the inter-agency arrangement concerning resident co-ordinators, with a view to enabling them to discharge better their leadership role and functions, and requests the Secretary-General to formulate specific proposals for the consideration of the Committee in that regard and to report orally to the Economic and Social Council;

26. **Requests** the Director-General to report on the progress made in the review undertaken by the member organizations of the Joint Consultative Group on Policy and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees of the structure of their field offices, and invites other organizations of the United Nations system to participate in this review process;

V

**Procurement and project execution**

27. **Requests** the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to consult with recipient countries and the relevant funding and executing agencies of the United Nations system and to make recommendations for
innovative, practical and effective measures to increase substantially the procurement from developing countries in the operational activities of the United Nations system, taking into account the need for the full implementation of the preferential arrangements for these countries and making maximum use of national institutions and firms, and giving due regard to regional comparative advantages, consistent with the principle of competitive international bidding and maximum effectiveness;

28. **Considers** in that respect that the data base for assessing procurement trends system-wide needs significant improvement and requests the Director-General, in consultation with the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations system concerned, to develop proposals for common practices within the United Nations system for the compilation and reporting of procurement information related to operational activities, including information on the sources of experts, training, services and equipment;

29. **Affirms** that all countries should have equal opportunities in and access to the procurement process of operational activities of the United Nations system and that the flow of information on procurement opportunities, including competitive international bidding, and on countries' capacities and offers should be facilitated as appropriate and that the information should be made available to all interested countries, all of which would facilitate obtaining the desired increase in the procurement from all sources, including under-utilized donor countries;

30. **Requests** all organizations of the United Nations system concerned to provide full support for the activities of the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit so as to enable it to provide more comprehensive and reliable information on the procurement activities of the United Nations system;

31. **Considers** that the technical capacities of the United Nations system in the field could more fully be brought to bear in support of the modality of government execution of projects, and requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its thirty-fifth session to consider what further support can be offered to Governments and what further flexibility may be called for to facilitate government execution of projects;

32. **Requests** United Nations funding organizations, especially the United Nations Development Programme, to adhere rigorously to established criteria and procedures in the selection of executing agencies to be recommended to recipient Governments so as to ensure the provision of technical expertise and appropriate project support, including technical backstopping, as well as the reliability and accountability of the executing agencies;

33. **Invites** the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to examine modalities for enhancing the implementation of its inter-country programme, taking fully into account the technical skills and capabilities existing within the United Nations system and in other appropriate organizations and bodies and also taking into account the different characteristics of each region;
34. **Invites** the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, given the expiry in 1991 of current arrangements for project support costs, to begin considering successor arrangements designed to ensure enhanced project quality and maximum cost-effectiveness, with a view, *inter alia*, to ensuring the full utilization of technical and managerial capacities at all stages of the project cycle;

35. **Requests** the United Nations Development Programme to provide information to its field offices on programmes promoting or facilitating technical co-operation among developing countries offered by various developing countries;

36. **Requests** the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to report on the implementation of the present resolution, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-third session.

96th plenary meeting
11 December 1987

2. **Other resolutions**

42/63. United Nations Development Fund for Women

The General Assembly

1. **Takes note** of the note by the Secretary-General 14/ containing the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the report of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women at its twenty-first session, and welcomes the constructive co-operation between the Programme and the Fund;

2. **Takes note also with satisfaction** of the success of the ceremonies celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Fund and expresses its appreciation to all who assisted at the ceremonies;

...

5. **Requests** the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session, through the Secretary-General, a report on the activities of the Fund and on the implementation of the present resolution.

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14/ A/42/597/Rev.1.
42/107. Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa

The General Assembly

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7. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to increase its efforts to mobilize additional resources for refugee-related development projects and, in general, to promote and co-ordinate with the host countries and the donor community the integration of refugee-related activities into national development planning;


The General Assembly,


...

4. Reaffirms that the implementation of the Programme of Action based on mutual commitments and shared responsibility requires that all parties concerned respect their commitments and discharge their responsibilities accordingly, and in this regard reaffirms the determination of all parties to continue to honour their commitments under the Programme;

...

8. Calls upon the international community to intensify its efforts to provide the necessary resource flows to African countries and underlines the importance of increasing urgently official development assistance to Africa, as well as the need for all countries to work to create the terms and conditions which would encourage the flow of non-concessional resources with a view to meeting the commitments under the Programme of Action as soon as possible, with the aim of making progress towards this end by the mid-term review of the Programme of Action in 1988;
42/179. **Strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries**

The General Assembly

1. **Endorses** the decisions adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at its fifth session 15/ and Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/88 of 9 July 1987;

...  

8. **Requests** the United Nations development system to support actively, within their respective fields of competence, the implementation of the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries and to finance, with available resources, project activities resulting from intergovernmental programming exercises;

42/180. **Technical co-operation among developing countries**

The General Assembly

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6. **Recommends** that the United Nations Development Programme and other appropriate organizations of the United Nations system continue to support all co-ordinating activities for technical co-operation carried out by developing countries among themselves, particularly the biennial meetings of the heads of national technical co-operation organs, and to take appropriate follow-up action on the recommendations adopted at such meetings relating to the support provided by the United Nations system for the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries;

...  

10. **Requests** the United Nations Development Programme and the organizations of the United Nations development system to take the necessary measures to enable each developing country to have the choice of executing each project on technical co-operation, totally or in part, within the framework of technical co-operation among developing countries or according to the traditional method of technical assistance;

The General Assembly

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1. Welcomes the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development entitled "Our Common Future"; 16/  

...  

6. Decides to transmit the report of the Commission to all Governments and to the governing bodies of the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, and invites them to take account of the analysis and recommendations contained in the report of the Commission in determining their policies and programmes;  

...  

8. Calls upon the governing bodies of the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to review their policies, programmes, budgets and activities aimed at contributing to sustainable development;  

9. Calls upon the governing bodies of other relevant multilateral development assistance and financial institutions to commit their institutions more fully to pursuing sustainable development in establishing their policies and programmes in accordance with the national development plans, priorities and objectives established by the recipient Governments themselves;  

...  

18. Invites the governing bodies of the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to report, as appropriate, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly, not later than at its forty-fourth session, on progress made in their organizations towards sustainable development, and to make such reports available to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its next regular session;  

16/ A/42/427, annex.
42/189. Plan of action to combat desertification

A

Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

The General Assembly

... 2. Urges Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental bodies to intensify their efforts to combat desertification, to continue to give priority to measures recommended in the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and by the Governing Council in decision 14/15, and to increase assistance to the countries concerned, with a view to the implementation of their national and regional programmes aimed at desertification control;

... 4. Commends the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for the sustained and co-ordinated manner in which they have continued to develop the joint venture through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;

5. Recommends to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme that they continue, increase and intensify their efforts to mobilize resources for the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in order to make it more capable of responding adequately to the pressing needs of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian and adjacent regions;

42/206. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. Accepts the financial reports and audited financial statements and the audit opinions and reports of the Board of Auditors regarding the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities;

... 3. Requests the governing bodies of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to require the}
executive heads concerned to take immediate steps within their competence to correct the situations or conditions that gave rise to the qualification of the audit opinions of the Board of Auditors;

...

12. Requests, in this regard, the governing bodies of the audited organizations and programmes to keep under review the question of the periodicity of their financial reporting and its relationship to their budgetary cycles, bearing in mind the most recent reports of the Board of Auditors and the discussions in the Fifth Committee, and to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session;

B. Decisions

42/428. Inclusion of Burma in the list of the least developed countries

At its 96th plenary meeting, on 11 December 1987, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee, 17/ decided to include Burma in the list of the least developed countries.

42/430. United Nations Fund for Population Activities: change of name

At its 96th plenary meeting, on 11 December 1987, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee, 18/ ... decided to approve the change in the name of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to the United Nations Population Fund.

17/ A/42/820/Add.1.

18/ A/42/820/Add.2.
II. RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF RELEVANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS FIRST AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS IN 1987

A. Resolutions

1987/64. In-depth study of the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note with appreciation of the oral report made on 19 May 1987 by the Chairman of the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields on the progress of work of the Commission, its future programme of work and its calendar of meetings; 19/

1987/70. Industrial Development Decade for Africa

The Economic and Social Council

... 6. Proposes that Member States, subregional and regional organizations and other international organizations should endeavour to ensure that the regional indicative planning figure for the fourth programming cycle contributes substantially to the accelerated implementation of Decade-related activities; ...

... 8. Urges the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the African Development Bank and other African and international financial institutions to increase the use of African non-governmental organizations and consultancy organizations, as appropriate, in the preparation and execution of the projects they finance in Africa;

1987/71. Work programme in the field of population

The Economic and Social Council

...  

5. Re-emphasizes the importance of maintaining the scope, effectiveness and efficiency of the global population programme and of continuing to strengthen co-ordination and collaboration among the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, the regional commissions, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and other organizations of the United Nations system in the planning and execution of their population programmes, as well as the need for organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen collaboration and co-ordination, as appropriate, with other intergovernmental, non-governmental and national organizations concerned.

1987/75. Prevention and control of AIDS

The Economic and Social Council

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4. Urges all appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, as well as bilateral and multilateral agencies and non-governmental and voluntary organizations, to support the world-wide struggle against AIDS in close co-operation with the World Health Organization in its role of directing and co-ordinating the urgent fight against AIDS and in conformity with the global strategy.

1987/81. Development of human resources

The Economic and Social Council

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3. Reaffirms the need for an integrated and multidisciplinary approach to all aspects of the development of human resources in the programme of work of the United Nations and the other organizations of the United Nations system;

4. **Requests** the Secretary-General, taking into account earlier studies and the discussions held at the twenty-second series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, as well as the comprehensive report to be submitted to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its thirty-fifth session, to submit, after consultation with the organs and organizations of the United Nations system, a comprehensive report on human resources development and the activities of the system as a whole in that field, containing conclusions and recommendations, to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, for consideration and appropriate action;

1987/86. **System-wide medium-term plan for women and development and system-wide co-ordination of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women**

*The Economic and Social Council*

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7. **Invites** the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system to give due consideration to the system-wide medium-term plan, particularly as it affects their own work programmes, and to make provision for its implementation in their medium-term plans, or equivalent documents, and programme budgets;  

8. **Requests** all organizations concerned to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the measures taken or proposed to implement the system-wide medium-term plan.

1987/88. **Strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council*

...  

2. **Urges** all organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to participate actively, within their respective fields of competence, in supporting the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries and to inform the Special Unit for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries of the United Nations Development Programme of their activities in this regard so that complete information on the effectiveness of all the functions of the United Nations development system in support of technical co-operation among developing countries will be available to the High-level Committee at its sixth session, which will take place ten years after the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action.
B. Decisions

1987/130. Elections, appointments and nominations to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 15th plenary meeting, on 27 May 1987, the Council held elections to fill the seats falling vacant on 31 December 1987 in six of its functional commissions, as follows:

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The Council elected the following sixteen States for a three-year term beginning on the first day of the organizational session of the Governing Council to be held in February 1988 and expiring on the day preceding the organizational session three years later: AUSTRIA, CHINA, CUBA, GHANA, GUATEMALA, ITALY, JAPAN, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, NORWAY, PERU, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, YUGOSLAVIA and ZIMBABWE.

1987/163. Inclusion of Burma in the list of the least developed countries

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 8 July 1987, the Economic and Social Council decided:

(b) To recommend that the General Assembly at its forty-second session approve the inclusion of Burma in the list of the least developed countries.

1987/175. United Nations Fund for Population Activities: change of name

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 8 July 1987, the Economic and Social Council, welcoming the recommendation of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its thirty-fourth session ... decided to recommend the General Assembly to approve the change of the name of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to United Nations Population Fund, while retaining the abbreviation UNFPA, ...
1987/184. Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of operational activities for development

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 9 July 1987, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations development system support to the implementation of the Buenos Aires plan of action on technical co-operation among developing countries" 21/ and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination thereon; 22/

(b) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Field representation of organizations of the United Nations system: structure and co-ordination" 23/ and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination thereon; 24/

(c) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Technical co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the regional commissions" 25/ and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon; 26/

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on operational activities for development; 27/


...
(g) Note by the Secretary-General on the policy review of operational activities for development; 29/

(h) Extract from the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1987 and its thirty-fourth session. 30/

III. RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF RELEVANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION, 1988

A. Resolutions


The Economic and Social Council

... 2. Requests the governing bodies of all relevant organs of the United Nations system to include an item on the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, adopted by the General Assembly in resolution S-13/2 of 1 June 1986, in the agenda of forthcoming meetings and to report as soon as possible, at the latest by 31 July 1988, on both the outcome of their deliberations on the matter and their contributions in support of the implementation of the Programme of Action since its adoption, to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole that has been entrusted with the preparation of the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action;

... 4. Invites intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to report on their contributions, particular perspectives and efforts related to the implementation of the Programme of Action and to make specific recommendations on further measures that need to be taken for submission to the Ad Hoc Committee.


1988/2. **Fight against locust and grasshopper infestation in Africa**

The Economic and Social Council

1. **Calls upon** the international community to give high priority to the fight against the locust and grasshopper infestation in Africa, in particular to the new infestation of several regions in Mauritania;

2. **Invites** the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1988 on the situation of the locust and grasshopper infestation in Africa.

4th plenary meeting 5 February 1988

B. **Decisions**

1988/105. **Inclusion of Mozambique in the list of the least developed countries**

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 5 February 1988, the Economic and Social Council, having been informed of the communication received by the Secretary-General from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mozambique, decided to request the Committee for Development Planning to consider the inclusion of Mozambique in the list of the least developed countries and to submit its recommendation to the Council at its second regular session of 1988.

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42/55. Channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations


42/59. Crime prevention and criminal justice

42/62. Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women

42/64. The role of women in society

42/65. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

42/75. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

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42/111.  Preparation of a draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

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42/113.  International campaign against drug abuse and illicit trafficking

42/126.  Humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti

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