

current negotiations on the replenishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development to enable it to maintain its effective contribution to agricultural and food development, as well as the early consideration and completion of the eighth replenishment of the International Development Association at an adequate level;

6. *Expresses its deep concern* about the shortfall of resources of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the impact on its ability to carry out its planned programmes, and urges all countries to continue and increase their support for the Fund;

7. *Requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to report on the results of the efforts to increase collaboration between the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development and the United Nations Development Programme;

8. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, in discharging its responsibilities as defined in the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, to assist the Assembly in establishing overall strategies, policies and priorities for the system as a whole in respect of operational activities, and to formulate suggestions and recommendations at the time of its consideration of the 1986 comprehensive policy review;

9. *Invites* the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system, where possible, to provide the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1986 and the General Assembly at its forty-first session at the time of the 1986 comprehensive policy review of operational activities, their views on the system-wide policy issues affecting operational activities identified by the Assembly in its resolution 38/171 and in the present resolution, and also invites the organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation in the preparation of his report for that review.

*120th plenary meeting
17 December 1985*

40/212. International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Volunteers programme,¹²⁸ and the relevant decision of the Governing Council,¹²⁹

Considering that volunteer service, including that of the United Nations Volunteers, is making an important contribution to socio-economic development activities,

Recognizing the desirability of stimulating the work of all volunteers both in the field and in organizations — multilateral, bilateral or national, non-governmental or government-supported — and of giving encouragement to those volunteers, many of whom engage in volunteer service at considerable personal sacrifice,

1. *Invites* Governments to observe annually, on 5 December, an International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development, and urges them to take measures to heighten awareness of the important contribution of volunteer service, thereby stimulating more people in all walks of life to offer their services as volunteers, both at home and abroad;

2. *Invites also* specialized agencies, other organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental

organizations that provide, are affiliated with or benefit from volunteer service to undertake and promote activities to stimulate greater awareness of the contribution to their work made by volunteers;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to promote world-wide publicity on the important role of volunteer service.

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40/213. Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries

The General Assembly,

Referring to its resolutions 33/135 of 19 December 1978, 35/80 of 5 December 1980, 37/228 of 20 December 1982 and 39/219 of 18 December 1984 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

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, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Desiring to promote full implementation of the provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade concerning the important role of qualified national personnel in the achievement of the development goals of the developing countries,¹³⁰

Reaffirming the crucial role of human resources in the socio-economic development process of developing countries,

Taking into account the increasing importance of United Nations activities in the field of human resources development as they are envisaged in future years,

Recognizing that the training of qualified national personnel is an important and integral part of human resources development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries;¹³¹

2. *Reaffirms* the importance of implementing the provisions of its resolution 37/228;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the further implementation of its resolution 39/219;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the need for an integrated and multidisciplinary approach to all aspects of human resources development, in particular the training of qualified national personnel, in the programmes of work of the United Nations and the organizations of its system;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue his consultations with the Governments of Member States, in accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution 39/219, on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries, and to submit a progress report, through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the

¹²⁸ DP/1985/44, chap. II.

¹²⁹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 11 (E/1985/32 and Corr. 1), annex I, decision 85/23.

¹³⁰ Resolution 35/56, annex, para. 47.

¹³¹ A/40/549 and Add. 1.