

2. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the development of the energy resources of developing countries;<sup>122</sup>

3. *Welcomes* the convening of symposia and other similar undertakings called for in resolutions 38/151 and 39/176 and calls upon interested Member States, in co-operation with the appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to continue to explore ways and means to support the efforts of developing countries in the exploration and development of their energy resources;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to undertake appropriate studies and analyses of trends in energy exploration and development, taking into account the activities of relevant organizations of the United Nations system in this field, including the results of the joint United Nations Development Programme/World Bank energy sector assessment programme and the suggestions resulting from the symposia held,<sup>123</sup> as called for in resolutions 38/151 and 39/176, and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1986.

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#### 40/209. Desertification and drought

*The General Assembly,*

*Aware* of the importance of problems relating to desertification and drought for a large number of countries,

*Bearing in mind* that such problems are discussed under a number of agenda items in the Second Committee,

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of existing mandates under its resolutions relating to desertification and drought;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all problems relating to desertification and drought will be considered in future years under one sub-item, to be entitled "Desertification and drought", under the item entitled "Development and international economic co-operation" and will be dealt with in odd years, in accordance with the biennial programme of work of the Second Committee.

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#### 40/210. Fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that, by its resolution 57 (I) of 11 December 1946, it established the United Nations Children's Fund as a manifestation of the responsibility of nations and society for children as the most vital resource of the future world, and noting that the year 1986 represents the fortieth anniversary of this expression of commitment to children,

*Reaffirming* the principles and guidelines for programme activities established by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund in its efforts to bring about a major world-wide improvement in child survival and child development, taking special advantage of new devel-

opments in primary health care techniques and in communications,

*Acutely aware* that the effect of the adverse global economic situation is more severe on vulnerable groups, such as children, particularly in developing countries, and therefore makes the need for the efforts of the United Nations Children's Fund all the more critical,

*Noting* that the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund presents a unique opportunity for advancing the above-mentioned principles, which have the potential for a virtual revolution in child survival,

*Aware* that many developing countries have recently embarked upon major child survival and development efforts and noting with appreciation in this regard the positive response of many world leaders to the commendable initiative taken by the Secretary-General on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations, regarding the renewed potential for achieving the goal of universal child immunization by 1990, which is an important part of the primary health care strategy,

*Welcoming* the continued co-operation between the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization in achieving their common objective, particularly as it relates to the goal of universal child immunization by 1990,

1. *Urges* that the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund be observed by intensifying the ongoing efforts towards attaining the objectives relating to children envisaged in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade<sup>124</sup> and notes the important role of the child survival and child development strategy in meeting those objectives;

2. *Notes* that "Children first" has been adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund as the umbrella theme for the observance of the fortieth anniversary of the Fund;

3. *Calls upon* the United Nations Children's Fund, with the participation of Governments, the organizations of the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations and individuals, to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the Fund by reaffirming, through commitment and action, the responsibility of the international community for the survival and development of children;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Children's Fund, with the guidance of its Executive Board, to continue to develop and promote appropriate means by which Governments, the United Nations and other international organizations, as well as individuals, may express this commitment, particularly during the period of the fortieth anniversary;

5. *Appeals* to all Governments to increase their support, assistance and contributions during the period of the fortieth anniversary and subsequently, so that the United Nations Children's Fund may be able to strengthen its co-operation with developing countries and respond to the urgent needs of children;

6. *Requests* all countries to observe the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund in a befitting manner, through governmental and non-governmental participation.

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<sup>122</sup> A/40/511 and Corr.1; A/40/637

<sup>123</sup> See A/40/637, sect. III

<sup>124</sup> Resolution 33/56, annex, para. 48