FAMILY, YOUTH and CHILD WELFARE

Resolution on essential long-range activities for children adopted at the 132nd meeting of the Commission on 21 April 1950

THE SOCIAL COMMISSION

Having examined, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 57(I) and 318 (IV), the Secretary-General's report on essential long-range activities for children,

Considering that the International Children's Emergency Fund has been one of the most promising achievements of the United Nations, and that it has extended the influence of the Organization by contributing effectively to the betterment of the situation of children in the world,

Considering that there are present and future needs of two kinds, namely, (a) those, of urgent character, which may best be alleviated by the provision of relief supplies, and (b) those, of long-term character, which may best be met by the provision of appropriate assistance to governments designed to aid them in creating or expanding their permanent child welfare programmes,

Considering that the International Children's Emergency Fund already tends toward the type of activity in (b) above, and that it should progressively, and with due regard to all needs and its own resources, shift emphasis from immediate to long-term objectives,

Recommends that the Economic and Social Council, having regard to the above-mentioned resolutions of the General Assembly, take all necessary steps to ensure the uninterrupted continuation and development of the activities of the International Children's Emergency Fund, basing itself upon the following principles:

(1) These types of assistance to children should be ensured by the International Children's Emergency Fund, the administration of which shall be responsible to the United Nations Children's Board, composed of the Governments represented on the Social Commission, and of other Governments designated by the Economic and Social Council, on the principle of rotation, and with due regard to contributing governments;

(2) In accordance with...
(2) In accordance with such principles as may be laid down by the Economic and Social Council, the Children's Board, at the suggestion of a Programme Committee of seven or nine members of the Board, which will meet as often as necessary, will formulate the policies, including the determination of programmes and allocations of funds, under which the Fund shall be administered;

(3) The United Nations Children's Board shall take all necessary steps to assure the close collaboration of the Fund with the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned with children, and to obtain from them the advice and technical assistance which it may require for the implementation of its programme;

(4) The administrative services required by the Fund should be provided by the Secretary-General;

(5) The central administrative expenses of the Fund shall be covered by appropriations in the normal budget of the United Nations;

(6) The operational activities of the Fund, including the costs of its field missions should be financed from a special account to which shall be credited all voluntary contributions from public or private sources;

(7) In order to assure the continuity of a long-range programme for children, the General Assembly of the United Nations should review at its regular sessions the financial situation of the Fund, and consider the advisability of increasing the amount of money available from voluntary contributions, if necessary, by a sum of money to be shared by Member States in the same proportion as laid down in the scale of contributions to the regular United Nations budget.

Requests the Economic and Social Council to recommend to the General Assembly, in the light of the foregoing principles, that it re-affirm the relevant provisions of its resolution 57(1) incorporating in them the necessary modifications, particularly with regard to the definition of priorities to cover the most urgent needs of all regions of the world.