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Pledging mechanisms and resource mobilization for operational activities for development of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/201 of 21 December 2001 and all other relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions,

Recalling also paragraph 31 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and resolution 45/215 of 21 December 1990 on future administrative arrangements for the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities,

Reaffirming that operational activities are one of the major pillars of the United Nations and that the impact of operational activities for development of the United Nations system must be enhanced by, inter alia, a substantial increase in their funding on a predictable, continuous and assured basis, commensurate with the increasing needs of developing countries, as well as through the full implementation of General Assembly resolutions on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development and the relevant parts of Assembly resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997,

Reaffirming also that core resources, as untied resources, are the bedrock of the operational activities of the United Nations system,

Recalling the role of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system in supporting national efforts for achieving internationally agreed development goals and objectives, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration¹ and the outcome documents of major United Nations conferences,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

¹ See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary General;²
2. *Stresses* the need to ensure overall support for the funding of operational activities for development of the United Nations system through the promotion of intergovernmental events in the context of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, which serve as high-level forums within the United Nations for the discussion of development cooperation issues as well as for the funding of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and as vehicles to facilitate the mobilization of resources, in particular, core resources for those operational activities;
3. *Stresses also* that such events, in order to pursue the commitment of major actors to resource mobilization, should:
 - (a) Have high political and public visibility and involve Governments, the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders;
 - (b) Be organized in accordance with the developmental priorities established in the Millennium Declaration¹ and at major United Nations conferences and summits;
 - (c) Aim at multi-year funding;
 - (d) Address the effectiveness of operational activities for development, reflecting the practice of results-based reporting;
 - (e) Take account and address the needs of all the organizations of the United Nations system;
4. *Recommends* that such events include, inter alia, one high-level event devoted fully to the substantive consideration of funding for United Nations system development cooperation, which should be organized once a year, on a regular basis, in conjunction with the following occasions:
 - (a) The biennial high-level dialogue of the General Assembly on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership;
 - (b) The high-level segment of the annual substantive session of the Economic and Social Council;
5. *Notes* the efforts of the Executive Boards and secretariats of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund in establishing multi-year funding frameworks that integrate programme objectives, resources, budgets and outcomes with the objective of increasing core resources and enhancing their predictability, and invites them to continue to develop and refine the multi-year funding frameworks as a strategic resource management tool;
6. *Recalls* that an annual target of 1.1 billion United States dollars has been agreed upon for the regular resources of the United Nations Development Programme and stresses, in this context, the need to establish similar annual targets for the regular resources of the other funds and programmes of the United Nations as well;

² A/57/332.

7. *Calls for* the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund to hold the pledging sessions of the respective multi-year funding framework processes in a single time frame, in the context of the joint meetings of their Executive Boards, and encourages other funds and programmes of the United Nations system to adopt the multi-year funding framework concept as a mechanism to ensure multi-year funding of their respective activities;

8. *Decides*, based on the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 56/201,³ to further review, at its fifty-ninth session, in the context of the triennial policy review of operational activities for development, the status of the current annual United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

³ E/2002/47 and Add.1 and 2.