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MEETING1946 General Assembly**57 (I). Establishment of an International Children's Emergency Fund**

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I. The General Assembly,

Having considered the resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its third session recommending the creation of an International Children's Emergency Fund to be utilized for the benefit of children and adolescents of countries which were the victims of aggression, and recognizing the desirability of establishing such a Fund in accordance with Article 53 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Decides, therefore:

1. There is hereby created an International Children's Emergency Fund to be utilized and administered, to the extent of its available resources:

(a) For the benefit of children and adolescents of countries which were victims of aggression and in order to assist in their rehabilitation;

(b) For the benefit of children and adolescents of countries at present receiving assistance from the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration;

(c) For child health purposes generally, giving high priority to the children of countries victims of aggression.

2. (a) The Fund shall consist of any assets made available by UNRRA or any voluntary contributions made available by Governments, voluntary agencies, individual or other sources. It shall be authorized to receive funds, contributions or other assistance from any of the foregoing sources; to make expenditures and to finance or arrange for the provision of supplies, material, services and technical assistance for the furtherance of the foregoing purposes; to facilitate and co-ordinate activities relating thereto; and, generally, to acquire, hold or transfer property, and to take any other legal action necessary or useful in the performance of its objects and purposes;

(b) The Fund, in agreement with the Governments concerned, shall take such measures as are deemed appropriate to ensure the proper utilization and distribution of supplies or other assistance which it provides. Supplies or other assistance shall be made available to Governments upon approval by the Fund of the plans of operation drawn up by the Governments concerned. Provision shall be made for:

- (i) The submission to the Fund of such reports on the use of supplies and other assistance as the Fund may from time to time require;
- (ii) Equitable and efficient dispensation or distribution of all supplies or other assistance, on the basis of need, without discrimination because of race, creed, nationality status or political belief;

(c) The Fund shall not engage in activity in any country except in consultation with, and with the consent of, the Government concerned;

(d) The Fund shall appeal to all voluntary relief agencies to continue and intensify their activities and shall take the necessary measures in order to co-operate with these agencies.

3. (a) The Fund shall be administered by an Executive Director under policies, including the determination of programmes and allocation of funds, established by an Executive Board in accordance with such principles as may be laid down by the Economic and Social Council and its Social Commission;

(b) The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall appoint the Executive Director, in consultation with the Executive Board;

(c) The Executive Board shall be composed of representatives of the following Governments:

Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, China, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Greece, Iraq, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Poland, Sweden, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, United States of America, Yugoslavia.

The Economic and Social Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Board, may designate other Governments as members of the Board. Membership may be changed by the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council, at any time after the first three years of the Fund's existence. The Board may, as occasions arise, invite representatives of specialized agencies for consultation on matters within their competence;

(d) The Board may designate from among its members such committees as it deems advisable in the interest of effective administration.

The Board shall elect its own Chairman and its Vice-Chairmen, and shall meet whenever convened by the Chairman, or upon the request of any three of its members. The first meeting of the Board shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, at the earliest date feasible after the adoption of this resolution. Each member of the Board shall have one vote. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum and it shall vote by a majority of the members present and voting. Subject to the foregoing, the Board may establish its own rules of procedure.

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4. (a) Staff and facilities required for the administration of the Fund shall be provided to the Board by the Secretary-General. The Fund may also utilize such staff, equipment and records as may be made available by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration during the period of its existence;

(b) The United Nations shall make no charge to the Fund on account of staff and facilities, so long as these can be provided from the established services of the Secretariat and within the limits of the United Nations budget. If additional funds are necessary, money for such purposes shall be provided by the Fund;

(c) To the maximum extent feasible, the utilization of the staff and technical assistance of specialized agencies, in particular the World Health Organization or its interim Commission, shall be requested, with a view to reducing to a minimum the separate personnel requirements of the Fund.

5. The Secretary-General shall not pay from the funds received to finance the United Nations budget any claims arising from the operation of the Fund, but the Executive Board is authorized to pay from the Fund, claims arising from its operation.

6. The Secretary-General shall submit to the General Assembly an annual audit of the accounts of the Fund.

7. The Executive Board shall make periodic reports of its operations at such times and in such form as the Economic and Social Council shall provide.

8. A report shall be submitted to the fourth session of the Economic and Social Council containing a recommended programme and estimate of expenses incurred and to be incurred for the Fund for 1947 which shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

9. The activities of the Fund shall be reviewed by the General Assembly at its second session upon the basis of a special report from the Economic and Social Council.

II. The effective operation of the Fund is dependent upon the financial resources which are put at its disposal;

Therefore,

The General Assembly expresses the earnest hope that Governments, voluntary agencies and private individuals will give the Fund their generous support.

*Fifty-sixth plenary meeting,
11 December 1946.*

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44 (IV). International Children's Emergency Fund

*Resolution of 29 March 1947
(document E/411)*

*The Economic and Social Council,
Having taken note*

Of the report submitted by the Executive Board of the International Children's Emergency Fund in virtue of paragraph 8 of resolution No. 57 (I) of the General Assembly of 11 December 1946;¹

Of the recommendations made by the Social Commission in virtue of paragraph 3 (a) of the above-mentioned resolution;

Of the recommendation made by the Executive Board, under paragraph 3 (c) of the same resolution, that Switzerland be added to its membership; and

Of the statements concerning the question of contributions to the Fund made by the representatives of various Governments on the Council;

1. (a) *Approves* the conclusions of the report presented by the Executive Board¹ in conformity with paragraph 8 of the General Assembly resolution No. 57 (I), and

(b) *Requests* the Executive Board to include in the first report on its operations to be made to the next session of the Council, in virtue of paragraph 7 of the same resolution, as detailed a programme of work as it will be feasible to present at that time;

2. *Transmits* to the Executive Board for its guidance the principles for the operation of the Fund based upon resolution 57 (I) of the General Assembly and the recommendations of the Social Commission, as amended by the Council and annexed hereto;

3. *Designates* Switzerland as a member of the Executive Board;

4. *Invites* the Director-General of UNRRA to inform the Executive Board of the Fund what measures have been taken to implement resolution 103 of the UNRRA Council.

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**RECOMMENDED PRINCIPLES FOR OPERATION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND**

A. Scope of programmes

Within the scope of the operations of the Fund, as set forth in the General Assembly resolution No. 57 (I) of 11 December 1946, priorities shall be given to the following types of work:

1. Supplementing the essential food and other supplies needed to alleviate malnutrition and disease in the children of the countries enumerated in paragraph 1 of the General Assembly resolution No. 57 (I) of 11 December 1946, and to safeguard the health of expectant and nursing mothers;

2. Encouraging the re-establishment of children's institutions and services destroyed by the war, aiding in such re-establishment through supplying essential clothing and shoes and the furnishing of cod liver oil or substitutes, as well as medical supplies;

3. Enlisting the co-operation of the United Nations and the World Health Organization in giving assistance for fellowships for the training of health and welfare personnel for children's work.

B. Relation of emergency measures to existing problems

Emergency measures shall be so developed and administered as to utilize and strengthen the permanent child health and child welfare programmes of the countries receiving assistance, and promote effective co-ordination of official and voluntary services.

C. Relation to other activities

The Fund shall maintain close relations with other relief agencies and in particular with the other activities of the United Nations, including appropriate specialized agencies and the Department of Social Affairs, especially staff assigned in accordance with the General Assembly resolution with reference to advisory welfare services performed by UNRRA (document A/255)

D. Co-operation with Governments

The Funds shall not engage in any activity in any country except in consultation with, and with the consent of, the Government concerned.

E. Staff

Provision shall be made for the technical staff needed to ensure effective operation of the Fund, and to supply the technical services necessary to achieve its objectives.

F. Information required

Governments requesting assistance will submit proposals giving information required by the Executive Board or a committee thereof, as to need for assistance and methods by which the programme will be carried out. Such proposals should show how the following requirements will be met:

1. Provision for proper and efficient administration of the programme.
2. Utilization, so far as possible, of existing official and voluntary agencies, with provision made for co-ordination of the services of all agencies utilized in carrying out the programme for which assistance is requested;
3. Assurance that supplies and services under the programme will be equitably dispensed or distributed on the basis of need without discrimination on the basis of race, creed, nationality status, or political belief;
4. Provision for reports for such periods, and containing such information as the Executive Board may require.

G. Reports to the Economic and Social Council

Reports submitted by the International Children's Emergency Fund should include an annual report and interim reports to each session of the Council in 1947 and 1948. So far as possible, these reports shall be considered by the Social Commission prior to their consideration by the Council.

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138 (III). International Children's Emergency Fund

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the reports of the Economic and Social Council and of the Executive Board of the International Children's Emergency Fund,¹

Expresses its satisfaction with the concrete work already accomplished by the Fund;

Approves the present report;

Draws the attention of the States Members to the significance of the International Children's Emergency Fund and to the need for supplying it immediately with funds to enable it to carry on its activities;

Associates itself with the United Nations Appeal for Children and recommends the people of all countries to co-operate towards the success of this appeal.

*Hundred and nineteenth plenary meeting,
20 November 1947.*

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79 (VI). International Children's Emergency Fund

Decision of 5 August 1947

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the interim report^a of the International Children's Emergency Fund,

Records its appreciation of the work done by the Fund,

Expresses its hope that Governments and voluntary agencies will be able to contribute to the Fund as much as possible, and

Draws the attention of the Fund to the views expressed by the members of the Council.

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126 (VI). Reports of the Executive Board of the International Children's Emergency Fund

*Resolution of 25 February 1948
(document E/721)*

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the reports of the Executive Board of the International Children's Emergency Fund and the progress report and oral statements of the Executive Director of the Fund,

Notes that the programme of providing supplementary meals to about 3,715,000 children and expectant and nursing mothers is now in effective operation in twelve European countries, and that programmes for China and other countries in the Far East are being developed;

Commends the International Children's Emergency Fund for its concrete accomplishments on behalf of children;

Draws the attention of all Governments to the following facts:

1. That with its present resources, the Fund is not able to satisfy more than a small portion of the urgent needs which it was created to meet;

2. That the Fund does not have sufficient resources to maintain its present limited programme for a full twelve months period; and

3. That seventeen Governments have pledged contributions, that the maintenance or enlargement of the activities of the Fund will depend upon further contributions and an extension of the number of contributing Governments; and

Renews the invitation addressed to all Governments to examine the possibility of contributing to the Fund's resources in the near future.

161 (VII). Report of the Executive Board of the International Children's Emergency Fund

*Resolution of 20 August 1948
(document E/1005)*

The Economic and Social Council,

Having in mind that the report of the Executive Board of the International Children's Emergency Fund¹ shows that there exist practical and effective means of bringing relief to the continuing needs of children, if additional contributions are received, and that even these resources would meet the needs of only a small fraction of those eligible for assistance from the Fund,

Expresses its satisfaction that twenty-one States thus far have contributed to the Fund, some of them having already made second contributions;

Approves the report of the Executive Board and transmits it to the General Assembly, drawing particular attention to the Board's request concerning the urgent necessity for contributions from Governments of twenty million dollars for the work of the Fund in 1949;

Notes with approval the arrangements for co-operation which have been achieved between the World Health Organization and the International Children's Emergency Fund.