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UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND

Report of the Third Committee

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1. On 8 December 1948, the General Assembly requested the International Children's Emergency Fund, by resolution 215 (III), to report to the ninth session of the Economic and Social Council and to the fourth regular session of the General Assembly on the continuation of the United Nations Appeal for Children.
2. The International Children's Emergency Fund included a section on this matter in its special report to the Economic and Social Council (E/1405) in which the activities of the Fund were summarized.
3. The Economic and Social Council, at its ninth session (resolution 257 (IX) of 28 July 1949), decided to transmit the report of the International Children's Emergency Fund to the fourth session of the General Assembly.
4. At its 224th plenary meeting held on 22 September 1949, the General Assembly referred to the Third Committee the following item on its agenda:
United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund:
 - (a) Report of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council
 - (b) United Nations Appeal for Children: report of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.
5. The Third Committee devoted its 265th, 266th and 267th meetings, held on 18 and 21 November 1949, to the consideration of this item. Its debates are summarized in documents A/C.3/SR.265 - 267. At its 265th meeting, it considered three draft resolutions submitted by the United States of America (A/C.3/L.34), by Australia, France, Israel, Mexico and New Zealand (A/C.3/L.35) and by Uruguay (A/C.3/L.37). Amendments to the joint draft resolution (A/C.3/L.35) were submitted by Mexico (A/C.3/L.36) and by Argentina and Brazil jointly (A/C.3/L.38).

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6. At its 267th meeting, the Third Committee examined a compromise draft resolution submitted by Australia (A/C.3/L.39) in favour of which both the joint draft resolution and the United States draft resolution were withdrawn, as well as the first, second, third and fifth of the amendments presented by Argentina and Brazil. A slightly re-worded version of the Mexican amendment (A/C.3/L.36) was accepted by the representative of Australia as paragraph 4 of the compromise draft resolution.

7. At the same meeting the Third Committee decided to refer the draft resolution submitted by Uruguay (A/C.3/L.37) to the Working Group on the Continuing Needs of Children for consideration.

8. By 38 votes to none, with 5 abstentions, the Committee decided to insert as paragraph 7 of the Australian draft resolution the fourth amendment proposed by Argentina and Brazil, with a small drafting change to replace the word "approves" by the words "Notes with approval" and to use in the Spanish text the expression "una mayor parte" instead of "la mayor parte".

9. The draft resolution, thus amended, was adopted by 40 votes to none, with 3 abstentions. The Third Committee consequently recommends the following text to the General Assembly for its approval:

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S
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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly and the report of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund,

Recognizing the important role which the Fund has been playing in the structure of the United Nations,

1. Notes the steps taken by the Fund with respect to the United Nations Appeal for Children pursuant to General Assembly resolution 215 (III);
2. Appeals to the various official and private international organizations interested in child welfare to collaborate with the Fund in every possible way;
3. Congratulates the Fund, now in its third year of operations, for its great humanitarian effort in Europe and in the Middle East, now being extended to Asia, Latin America and Africa, in bringing substantial aid of lasting value, through feeding, medical and related programmes, to millions of mothers and children;
4. Notes with concern the existence of children's emergency needs arising out of war and other calamities as well as the great needs which the Fund's experience has demonstrated as existing in under-developed countries;
5. Notes with approval the decisions of the Executive Board of the Fund to devote henceforth a greater share of the Fund's resources to the development of programmes outside Europe;
6. Expresses gratification at the continued generous support of the Fund by Governments and individuals, amounting to forty million dollars in the past year;
7. Draws the attention of Members to the urgent necessity of further contributions to enable the Fund to carry out its programme.
