

10. Urges all multilateral financial and development institutions to intensify and accelerate their investments in social sectors and poverty eradication programmes;

11. Takes note of decision 95/22 of the Executive Board of United Nations Development Programme, in which the Board decided to give poverty elimination the overriding priority in Programme activities, and to concentrate its programmes on the most needy regions and countries, in particular the least developed countries, especially in Africa;

12. Invites all relevant specialized agencies, funds, programmes and related organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen and adjust their activities, programmes and strategies, as appropriate, in order to achieve the overall goal of eradicating poverty and meeting the basic human needs of all;

13. Welcomes the recent decision taken by the Administrative Committee on Coordination to establish task forces on different aspects of the follow-up to United Nations major conferences with a view to considering issues related to the eradication of poverty;

14. Takes note of the decision taken by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to establish an eradication of poverty fund for the duration of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty in order to help developing countries, particularly African countries and the least developed countries, in the elaboration of national plans during 1996 to combat poverty;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to take all relevant measures to arrange for the wide and effective dissemination of the present resolution and the programme for the observance of the Year, and in this regard invites all States, organizations of the United Nations system, relevant international organizations, concerned national organizations, non-governmental organizations and other interested groups of civil society to give the necessary attention to the observance of the Year;

B. First United Nations Decade for the Eradication
of Poverty (1997-2006)

16. Proclaims the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);

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