

Brief on Economic Wing- New York:

The United Nations is the major global organization that deals with the challenges of international development and peace. The United Nations is relentlessly working to promote economic and social development of the Member States through its different development arms. The United Nations considers that the well-being of the world population is inextricably related to the sustained world peace.

Bangladesh is represented to the United Nations through its Permanent Mission in New York. The Economic wing of the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York actively takes part in the United Nations operational activities for development. Being a vocal protagonist of the developing world, Bangladesh showed active interest in the Millennium Summit that took place in September 2000.

The Economic wing of the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh actively participates in the deliberations and follow-up actions concerning the Millennium Summit and 2005 World Summit outcome, through participating in the activities of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The Economic wing actively takes part in the activities of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), which serves as the central forum for discussing international economic and social issues. The ECOSOC formulates policy recommendations and is responsible for promoting economic and social programmes of the Member States, identifies solutions to international economic, social and health problems, facilitates international cultural and educational cooperation and encourages universal respect for human rights and freedom.

As a part of the global commitment to address the challenges of financing for development, the Economic wing facilitated our Government's participation to the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey, Mexico, from 18-22 March 2002. This wing is following up the actions related to the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to review the implementation of the Monterrey consensus.

The Economic wing regularly represents at the United Nations Pledging conference in respect of Government of Bangladesh's contributions to the United Nations specialized agencies made through the Economic Relations Division. The Wing is also entrusted with the matters related to programming, allocation and utilization of resources originating from UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNCDF and UNIFEM.

The Economic wing deals with the related matters of Group of 77 & China. The Group of 77 & China is the largest intergovernmental organization of developing states in the United Nations, promoting collective economic interests and joint negotiating capacity on all major international economic issues.

The Economic wing takes part in the activities of the group known as Least Developed Countries (LDC) in the United Nations.

The other major function of the Economic wing is to maintain regular and timely contact with the Government of Bangladesh. The Wing also maintains liaison with the concerned United

Nations specialized agencies and other Permanent Missions in respect of economic and development issues.

The Economic Minister looks after the overall activities of the Economic wing under active guidance and supervision of the Economic Relations Division. The Permanent Representative also actively takes part in the activities of the wing. The wing has strength of one Administrative Officer and one Personal Officer.

Functions of Economic Wing- New York:

- The major functions of the Economic Wing are as follows:
- The operational activities for development related to the UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF;
- Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) related issues and South-South matters;
- United Nations Pledging Conference issues in respect of Government of Bangladesh contribution to different specialized agencies of the United Nations, made through Economic Relations Division;
- All activities related to the functions of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and UNICEF;
- Matters related to programming, allocation and utilization of resources originating from UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNCDF and UNIFEM;
- Matters related to Financing for Development with a special reference to Monterrey Consensus and its follow-up actions;
- Matters on related subjects of G77 & China;
- Matters related to trade and investment and other economic interest of Bangladesh (as and when necessary basis);
- Maintaining regular and timely contact with the Government through the Economic Relations Division and Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- Maintaining liaison with the specialized organizations and agencies of the United Nations, in respect of economic and development issues;
- Internal administrative and financial responsibilities of the wing;
- Any other job assigned by the Government and by the Head of the Mission.