

difficulties encountered in promoting science and technology and their application to development since the United Nations Conference on the Application of Science and Technology for the Benefit of the Less Developed Areas, held at Geneva in 1963;

(b) Suggest ways and means of implementing various recommendations made and measures agreed upon, and of removing difficulties which have been identified;

(c) Suggest practical ways and means of strengthening international co-operation in the new applications of science and technology in the economic and social fields;

(d) Suggest additional forms of international action within the framework of the United Nations system, to ensure that scientific and technical achievements are more effectively applied to the needs of all countries, giving special consideration to the situation of the developing countries;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit his study to Member States and to the competent organs of the United Nations system for analysis and discussion in order to facilitate the submission of the study to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council, so that it may be considered at the time of the first biennial review of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-first session of the progress made in preparing his study.

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2659 (XXV). United Nations Volunteers

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2460 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1444 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969 and also of the report of the Secretary-General on the feasibility of creating an international corps of volunteers for development,²⁴

Convinced that the active participation of the younger generation in all aspects of social and economic life constitutes an important factor in ensuring the increased effectiveness of collective efforts necessary for a better society,

Convinced also that voluntary service in development assistance activities is a rewarding form of such participation and one that can make a substantial contribution to their success by the provision of an additional source of trained manpower, provided that:

(a) Such service is well planned and directed, utilizes volunteers recruited and serving on as wide a geographical basis as possible, including in particular the developing countries, and the necessary resources are made available,

(b) Volunteers have the technical and personal qualifications required for the development of recipient countries, including the transfer of skills,

²⁴ E/4790.

(c) Volunteers are not sent to a country without the explicit request and approval of the recipient Governments concerned,

1. *Welcomes* the Secretary-General's proposals contained in his report;

2. *Decides* to establish within the existing framework of the United Nations system, with effect from 1 January 1971, an international group of volunteers, the members of which shall be designated collectively and individually as United Nations Volunteers;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To designate the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme as the Administrator of the United Nations Volunteers;

(b) In consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to appoint a co-ordinator, within the framework of the Programme, to promote and co-ordinate the recruitment, selection, training and administrative management of the activities of the United Nations Volunteers within the United Nations system in collaboration with the United Nations agencies concerned and in co-operation with organizations dealing with national and international voluntary service and, where appropriate, with relevant youth organizations;

4. *Invites* Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies, international non-governmental organizations and individuals to contribute to a special voluntary fund for the support of the activities of the United Nations Volunteers;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report, through the Governing Council of the Programme and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session on the experience gained from the operation of the United Nations Volunteers programme in implementing the present resolution and to make such proposals as they deem advisable to enable the United Nations Volunteers to serve better the aims and ends in view.

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2681 (XXV). Unified approach to economic and social planning in national development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2436 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, in which it endorsed the guidelines for an integrated approach to the goals and programmes for the Second United Nations Development Decade contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1320 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968,

Recalling further its resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, in which it drew particular attention to the importance of planning for social progress and development as an integral part of balanced over-all development planning,

Reaffirming Economic and Social Council resolution 1409 (XLVI) of 5 June 1969, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to review and evaluate all means at his disposal to further the integrated aims of the Second United Nations Development Decade,