

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Volunteers programme²³ and expresses satisfaction with the progress of the programme;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for the measures being taken by him in providing volunteers through United Nations-assisted projects to the least developed countries free and without charge against their indicative planning figures;

3. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Governing Council of the Programme to continue to provide the United Nations Volunteers programme with every possible assistance to ensure its progressive integration into United Nations-assisted projects in order to make the programme fully operational;

4. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations concerned, as well as the resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme, to promote with the agreement of the countries concerned the use of United Nations volunteers in United Nations-assisted projects and to co-ordinate all voluntary activities within United Nations-assisted projects with the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme;

5. *Requests* Governments, international organizations and individuals to contribute in every way possible to the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers;

6. *Requests* the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme to make renewed efforts for recruitment of a larger proportion of volunteers from developing countries;

7. *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-eighth session on the progress made in implementing the provisions of the present resolution.

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2971 (XXVII). Special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution 63 (III) of 19 May 1972, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session,²⁴ concerning special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries,

Recognizing that the position of the land-locked developing countries, in particular owing to the high costs of transportation, the poor development of their infrastructure, inadequate and inconvenient transport, storage and port facilities in most transit countries and the unfavourable trend of transport tariffs and charges,

is a factor seriously inhibiting the expansion of their trade and economic development,

Recognizing the need for the international community and the international organizations concerned to take co-ordinated action in order to secure more rational treatment for the land-locked developing countries,

Recognizing that investments in the field of transport often affect investment decisions in other fields,

Conscious of the urgent need for national and international financial institutions to accord appropriate attention to the special needs of the land-locked developing countries by extending adequate financial and technical assistance to projects designed for the development or improvement and maintenance of the transport and communications infrastructure needed by these countries,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade²⁵ recommending financial and/or technical assistance for these countries, particularly with respect to infrastructure of all kinds,

1. *Invites* the developed countries, the United Nations Development Programme and other competent international organizations to provide technical and/or financial assistance to the land-locked developing countries for feasibility studies and investment to assist them, at their request, in their economic development, so as to adapt it to their particular geographical situation, and requests the Secretary-General to report periodically to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Further invites* the United Nations Development Programme, in close collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to undertake operational activities in the field of industrial surveys to help these countries, at their request, on a national, subregional or regional basis to evaluate structure, operation, development possibilities and their future needs in the field of industrial development, with particular attention to the specific industries outlined in paragraph 3 of resolution 63 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

3. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council, in consultation with the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, to study the desirability and feasibility, including possible ways and means, of establishing a special fund for defraying the additional transport costs of land-locked developing countries and to report its findings to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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2972 (XXVII). Review of criteria for calculating indicative planning figures

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its fourteenth session,²⁶

Noting the report of the Governing Council's Working Group on Review of Criteria to be Followed in

²³ E/5146.

²⁴ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

²⁵ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

²⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5185/Rev.1)*.