

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)*.

Calculating Indicative Planning Figures and the amendments thereto,²⁷

Noting also the discussions in the Governing Council during its fourteenth session on the review of criteria to be followed in calculating indicative planning figures,

Recognizing the difficulty of devising a new general scheme designed to secure equity in the allocation of United Nations Development Programme resources to all recipient countries, as a result of which there is need for further study of the matter,

Convinced that it is imperative to devise a most fair and equitable new general scheme, envisaged to have a reasonable degree of stability and a long-term applicability, considering particularly the anticipated increase in United Nations Development Programme resources, and that would be without prejudice to the relevant special measures in favour of the least developed countries contained in the various resolutions and decisions of organizations in the United Nations system,

Noting further the general view expressed by the Governing Council at its fourteenth session that during the first development cycle, that is, 1972-1976, there will be no decrease in the level of the indicative planning figures of recipient countries as presently allocated,²⁸

1. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to undertake a special technical study and review in depth of the criteria for calculating indicative planning figures, taking into account the relevant decisions and resolutions of the Governing Council of the Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, the report of the Governing Council on its fourteenth session concerning the review of those criteria, and the views expressed on this matter at the twenty-seventh session of the Assembly;

2. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to submit his study, as envisaged in paragraph 1 above, to the Governing Council at its sixteenth session for detailed consideration with a view to finalizing the new criteria for calculating indicative planning figures at the seventeenth session of the Council.

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2973 (XXVII). Financial resources of the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

Reiterating that, unless the resources available for programme purposes are substantially enlarged and doubled by 1975, it will not be possible to ensure the most effective operation of the country programming system, nor to utilize fully the programme delivery capacity of the system,

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1615 (LI) of 26 July 1971, requested the Governing Council of the United Nations Development

Programme to review its planning estimates in order to attain the goal of doubling the resources of the Programme by 1975 and urged Governments to increase their contributions to the Programme for this purpose,

Invites Governments, in particular those donor Governments whose contributions have lagged behind in recent years, to increase their contributions to the United Nations Development Programme by at least 15 per cent annually in order to promote the objective of doubling the total resources available to the Programme by 1975.

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2974 (XXVII). Co-operation among developing countries in the United Nations technical co-operation programmes and increased efficiency of the capacity of the United Nations development system

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the dynamic nature of the development process in the developing countries,

Conscious of the need to ensure maximum consistency and coherence in the activities of the United Nations Development Programme,

Noting the measures adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to implement the consensus²⁹ which resulted from the study of the capacity of the United Nations development system and the provisions of which also appear in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

Prompted by the desire to strengthen those efforts by an in-depth study of the different options facing the international community in the field of development assistance and to evaluate them with a view to selecting those which will ensure the maximum effectiveness of the activities of the United Nations Development Programme in pursuit of its objectives,

Concerned about the need to implement its resolution 2811 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 on financial contributions to the United Nations Development Programme, as well as the need for further resources in order to increase the likelihood that the Programme's assistance to developing countries, especially to the relatively less developed among them, will be successful,

Concerned also at the impact of the growing administrative costs of the United Nations Development Programme on existing resources, and the adverse effect of this on the net amounts channelled into assistance,

Reaffirming that the effectiveness of the development process of developing countries depends primarily on the developing countries themselves and that the contribution of the international community to this development is essential,

Convinced of the need to make the fullest use of the capacity and experience of all Member States, independent of their degree of development, in united action designed to accelerate the development of the

²⁷ *Ibid.*, paras. 96 and 97.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. II, sect. D.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6A (E/4884/Rev.1), para. 94.