

Reaffirming its conviction that the United Nations Volunteers programme is rendering a great service and has the potential to render even greater service, while simultaneously serving as a unique instrument for promoting technical co-operation among developing countries,

Having considered decision 79/24 of 29 June 1979 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,⁴⁴ in which the Governing Council recommended the expansion of the United Nations Volunteers programme to a level of one thousand field volunteers by 1983,

Acknowledging the increasing use being made by developing countries of the type of expertise provided through the United Nations Volunteers programme,

1. *Endorses* an increase in the number of volunteers in service to a level of one thousand by 1983 to meet the needs and requests of developing countries, subject to the availability of funds and with the understanding that the quality of the programme will not be adversely affected;

2. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to undertake appropriate actions to achieve the increase referred to in paragraph 1 above and to continue his efforts towards promoting the potential of the United Nations Volunteers programme and its various activities, including those in the field of youth and domestic development services;

3. *Reiterates* its appeal to Governments and other potential contributors to take into account the growing number and widening scope of the activities of the United Nations Volunteers programme and consequently to consider contributing, or increasing contributions, to the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers;

4. *Requests* the Administrator to keep the General Assembly informed, on a regular basis and through existing procedures, of progress made in implementing the present resolution.

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34/108. Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1981-1982

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provision of paragraph 1 of its resolution 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965 to the effect that the World Food Programme is to be reviewed before each pledging conference,

Recalling also the provision of paragraph 4 of its resolution 32/112 of 15 December 1977 specifying that, subject to the review of the Programme provided for in resolution 2095 (XX), the next pledging conference should be convened at the latest early in 1980, at which time Governments should be invited to pledge contributions for 1981 and 1982, with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the General Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

Noting that the review of the Programme was undertaken by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and

Programmes at its seventh session and by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1979,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/55 of 2 August 1979 and the recommendations of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes contained in its fourth annual report,⁴⁵

Recognizing the value of multilateral food aid as furnished by the World Food Programme since its inception and the necessity for continuing its action both as a form of capital investment and as a means of meeting emergency food needs,

1. *Establishes* for the two years 1981 and 1982 a minimum target for voluntary contributions of \$1 billion, of which not less than one third should be in cash and/or services in aggregate, and expresses the hope that these resources will be augmented by substantial additional contributions from other sources, in recognition of the prospective volume of sound project requests and the capacity of the World Food Programme to operate at a higher level;

2. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to make every effort to ensure the full attainment of the target and to surpass it appropriately in the event of major increases in costs of commodities and transportation, or in food aid requirements, occurring before or during the biennium 1981-1982;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to convene a pledging conference for this purpose at United Nations Headquarters early in 1980;

4. *Decides* that, subject to the review provided for in its resolution 2095 (XX), the subsequent pledging conference, at which Governments should be invited to pledge contributions for 1983 and 1984 with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the General Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, should be convened at the latest early in 1982.

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34/109. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3167 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1762 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 on the establishment of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration,

Recalling also its resolution 33/194 of 29 January 1979 on multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources,

Emphasizing the importance of natural resources exploration and development to the economies of the developing countries,

Reaffirming the importance of the Fund as an instrument for assisting developing countries in developing their natural resources,

Recognizing the importance of the systematic undertaking of the exploration and survey of the natural resources of developing countries,

⁴⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40 and Corr.1), chap. XXI, sect. J.*

⁴⁵ See E/1979/78.

Bearing in mind the urgent need to intensify the activities of the Fund and noting that the Fund's approved commitments nearly equal available resources,

Recalling Economic and Social Council decision 1978/53 of 2 August 1978, under which the review specified in paragraphs 1 (*m*) and (*p*) of Council resolution 1762 (LIV) is to be carried out in 1981,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/65 of 3 August 1979, in accordance with which a working group of governmental experts was established to review and analyse the activities of the Fund,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its sixth session,⁴⁶ especially the deliberations on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the Fund in 1978⁴⁷ and the observations, conclusions and recommendations contained therein, as well as the report of the Secretary-General on multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources;⁴⁸

2. *Invites* the working group of governmental experts to examine ways and means of promoting the Fund's effective operation, while carrying out a comprehensive review of the functions, institutional arrangements, funding and repayment system of the Fund;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the appropriate international organizations, in particular the World Bank, to contribute to the successful deliberations of the working group by providing technical, financial and other information that would assist the experts to assess the needs of developing countries as well as the available financial and technical resources of international organizations in the area of natural resources exploration;

4. *Requests* Member States to give serious consideration to the possibility of contributing substantially to the Fund, thus enabling it to finance projects currently under consideration as well as the Fund's new activities in undertaking feasibility studies as authorized by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;

5. *Endorses* decision 79/26 of 29 June 1979 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,⁴⁹ by which the Fund was authorized to undertake feasibility studies, and urges the Economic and Social Council and the Governing Council to give further consideration to the other proposals contained in the report of the Administrator on the activities of the Fund in 1978.

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34/110. Report of the World Food Council

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights

and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, as well as the agreed conclusions of the Committee of the Whole Established under General Assembly Resolution 32/174 on some aspects concerning food and agriculture,⁵⁰

Recalling also its resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, by which it established the World Food Council to serve as a co-ordinating mechanism to provide over-all integrated and continuing attention to the successful co-ordination and follow-up of policies concerning food production, nutrition, food security, food trade and food aid, as well as other related matters, by all organizations of the United Nations system,

Recalling further the Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition, contained in the Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council⁵¹ and adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/52 of 8 December 1977, as well as the Mexico Declaration of the World Food Council,⁵² adopted by the Assembly in its resolution 33/90 of 15 December 1978,

Bearing in mind the provisions of resolution 33/90 concerning the implementation of the decisions, resolutions and programmes regarding food adopted since the World Food Conference in 1974,

Noting with regret the slow progress made in solving the fundamental food problems facing the developing countries, in particular food-priority countries and other developing countries with large food deficits, whose food situation is still deteriorating, and, in this context, noting with deep concern that the target of an annual growth rate of 4 per cent in the food and agriculture sector of developing countries, established in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and endorsed by the World Food Conference in 1974, has not been achieved,

Noting with concern the strong impact of food-stuff imports on the balance of payments of food-importing developing countries, in particular the least developed countries,

Recognizing that the responsibility for the development of food and agricultural production lies primarily with the developing countries themselves and that there is an increasing effort and growing commitment by developing countries to accelerate the development of their food and agriculture sectors,

Reaffirming its strong commitment to overcoming hunger and malnutrition everywhere and, in that context, the need for greater international action to improve the production and distribution of food,

Taking into account the relevant parts of the Declaration of Principles and the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development,⁵³

Expressing its deep concern at the fact that a substantial part of world resources, material as well as human, continues to be diverted to armaments with detrimental effect on international security and on efforts to achieve the new international economic order, includ-

⁵⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/34/34), part two, sect. II, para. 18.*

⁵¹ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/32/19), part one, para. 1.*

⁵² *Ibid.*, *Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/33/19 and Corr.1), part one, para. 1.*

⁵³ See *Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, Rome, 12-20 July 1979 (WCARRD/REP)*; transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/34/485).

⁴⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 9A (E/1979/69/Rev.1).*

⁴⁷ DP/368.

⁴⁸ A/34/532.

⁴⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40 and Corr.1), chap. XXI, sect. L.*