

and programmes relating to the role of the United Nations Volunteers programme,

Recognizing the important role of youth in the realization of the purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, especially those concerning economic and social progress and development,

Convinced that the active participation of the younger generation should be an integrated component of the over-all development process,

Believing that the United Nations must intensify its efforts to implement practical programmes to assist younger people to play constructive roles in the development of their societies, including the means of financing such programmes,

Acknowledging the role in the achievement of national and international development goals that has been entrusted to the United Nations Volunteers programme and the potential of that programme for the advancement of the role of youth in development,

1. *Considers* the United Nations Volunteers programme to be a major operational unit of the United Nations for the execution of youth programmes, especially of pilot projects to increase the participation of youth in development activities and training programmes for youth workers, such programmes to be undertaken only after consultation with the Governments of the recipient countries concerned;

2. *Decides* to expand the terms of reference of the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers to include the receipt of additional contributions for the purpose of implementing youth programmes requested by developing countries;

3. *Appeals* to Governments and all other potential sources for contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers to help finance such youth programmes;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme:

(a) To hold joint intersecretariat consultations at least once every year to discuss the implementation of the programmes described above on the basis of principles and programme objectives laid down by the relevant policy-making bodies;

(b) To take whatever administrative action is necessary within existing resources to implement the course of action described above with effect from 1 January 1977;

(c) To study the best ways and means of ensuring the participation, to the fullest extent possible, of youth and youth organizations in the planning and implementation of youth programmes launched by the United Nations Volunteers;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution with recommendations for further action.

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31/132. Channels of communication with youth and youth organizations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965, 2497 (XXIV) of 28 October 1967, 2633 (XXV)

of 11 November 1970, 2770 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971, 3022 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and 3140 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on channels of communication with youth and international youth organizations,⁵⁹

Convinced that the pre-conditions of effective channels of communication are the promotion of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the existence of practical opportunities for youth and youth organizations to participate in the work of the United Nations at the national, regional, interregional and international levels,

Invites the Economic and Social Council to prepare, through the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-fifth session, appropriate recommendations concerning the best channels of communication between youth and youth organizations and the United Nations at the national, regional, interregional and international levels, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session.

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31/133. Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it proclaimed the period from 1976 to 1985 United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Recalling also that it decided at its thirtieth session that the voluntary fund for the International Women's Year, established by Economic and Social Council resolution 1850 (LVI) of 16 May 1974, should be extended to cover the period of the Decade,⁶⁰

Aware that some countries, particularly the least developed ones, have limited financial resources for carrying out their national plans and programmes for the advancement of women and for the implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year⁶¹ adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975,

Recognizing the necessity for continuing financial and technical support for these programmes,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Voluntary Fund for the Decade,⁶²

1. *Adopts* the following criteria and arrangements for the management of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women:

(a) *Criteria:*

The resources of the Fund should be utilized to supplement activities in the following areas designed to

⁵⁹ A/10275.

⁶⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/10034)*, p. 100, items 75 and 76.

⁶¹ *Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. II, sect. A.

⁶² E/5773.