

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1923 (LXIII) of 6 May 1975, in which the Council approved the recommendations concerning the establishment of a co-operative arrangement among youth research and information centres,⁵⁸

1. *Requests* Member States, the United Nations organs and specialized agencies concerned to give greater attention to the implementation of the provisions of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples, especially when establishing their policies and programmes regarding youth;

2. *Addresses a solemn appeal* to all States, as well as to intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to take appropriate action to foster among youth respect for all people, irrespective of nationality, race, sex or religion, regard for human values and devotion to the ideals of peace, freedom and progress and to the cause of human rights;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to promote international awareness of the situation and needs of youth and practical action to ensure the full participation of youth in the life of society, through United Nations activities in the field of youth and, as appropriate, with the co-operation of the specialized agencies concerned;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the measures that have been taken to implement the Declaration to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, with recommendations on how that process may be strengthened;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the establishment of a co-operative arrangement among youth research and information centres to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session the item entitled "Policies and programmes relating to youth".

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31/130. Role of youth

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the profound importance of the role of youth and the necessity of its participation in shaping the future of humanity,

Convinced of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasm and creative abilities of youth in the task of nation-building, the economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples, the preservation of world peace and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

Noting that the dynamic and active involvement of youth can be a very powerful factor in influencing in a positive manner the response from other sections of society for accelerating the process of reform and development,

⁵⁸ E/CN.5/503, paras. 5-12.

Conscious of the enormous sacrifice made by youth and the sufferings inflicted on it in wars of all kinds,

Convinced of the necessity of meeting the legitimate needs and aspirations of youth in this age of great scientific, technological and cultural progress and of opportunities for education,

Bearing in mind the valuable contribution that youth can make to the evolution of co-operation among States on the basis of equality and justice and to the ushering in of the new international economic order,

Appreciating the active participation of youth in the global movement to promote peace, disarmament and national liberation and in the struggle against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, foreign domination and alien occupation,

Recalling the provisions of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965,

1. *Considers* that the development process as well as the promotion of international peace and security would benefit greatly by the integration and involvement of youth in all related activities;

2. *Considers it necessary* to disseminate among youth, through appropriate education, ideas of peace, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, human solidarity and dedication to the objectives of progress and development;

3. *Urges* all States, to that end, to undertake such further steps as may be necessary and appropriate to ensure the full and effective participation of youth in the process of development and co-operation;

4. *Invites* all relevant organizations within the United Nations system to give special attention to programmes connected with education and the participation of youth in development;

5. *Invites* States to promote international exchanges between youth and youth organizations of their respective countries;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to collect from the Governments of Member States and relevant organizations in the United Nations system the latest information concerning the present and future role and the participation of youth in the development and nation-building process, as well as in the promotion of international co-operation and understanding, and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session a preliminary report for further consideration of the role of youth in promoting the objectives of the United Nations.

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31/131. United Nations Volunteers programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2497 (XXIV) of 28 October 1969, 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, 2770 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971, 3022 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 3125 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973 and 3140 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1966 (LIX) of 30 July 1975 on youth policies

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.