

national Year of the Child and urges that these messages be widely disseminated all over the world;

9. *Invites* all heads of State or Government to issue special messages in connexion with the International Year of the Child.

*85th plenary meeting
15 December 1978*

33/84. United Nations Volunteers programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, by which it established the United Nations Volunteers programme, and its resolutions 2810 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, 2970 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972, 3125 (XXVIII) of 13 September 1973, 31/131 of 16 December 1976 and 31/166 of 21 December 1976,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Volunteers programme²⁴ and of the relevant sections of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-fifth session,²⁵

Convinced that, with a greater proportion of technically qualified volunteers currently being recruited from the developing countries themselves, the United Nations Volunteers programme is assuming an important role as an instrument of technical co-operation among developing countries,

Reaffirming its conviction that the United Nations Volunteers programme is rendering and has the potential to render even greater service to developing countries,

1. *Looks forward* to the comments and recommendations which the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme is to formulate at its twenty-sixth session, on the basis of its review of the report of the Administrator of the Programme, including in particular those on the recruitment procedures of the United Nations Volunteers programme and the present status of the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers;

2. *Reiterates* the request addressed in its resolution 2970 (XXVII) to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the executive heads of the organizations concerned within the United Nations system to promote with the agreement of the countries concerned, with a view to co-ordinating through the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme, the use of United Nations Volunteers in United Nations-assisted projects and activities and to harmonize policies on placement and conditions of employment of all volunteers in the United Nations system, taking into account the development needs at the field level;

3. *Appeals* to the Governments of Member States to consider contributing to or increasing their contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers;

²⁴ DP/330 and Corr.1.

²⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1).*

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the General Assembly on a regular basis, through the Governing Council of the Programme and the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in implementing the present resolution.

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33/85. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/177 of 21 December 1976, by which it approved the statute of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries,

Recalling also its resolution 32/113 of 15 December 1977,

Taking into consideration the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the Fund,²⁶

Expressing its appreciation to the countries that contributed to the Fund at the pledging conferences held on 2 November 1977 and 7 and 8 November 1978,

Gravely concerned that the Fund has not yet become operational, as envisaged in General Assembly resolution 31/177, owing to the lack of voluntary contributions on the part of Member States that are in a position to make such contributions,

1. *Expresses its concern* at the very low level of contributions for 1979 announced at the 1978 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

2. *Strongly urges* Member States to make immediate and generous contributions to the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries in order to make it operational in the manner specified in its statute as soon as possible;

3. *Takes note* of the interim arrangements adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in its decision 25/15 of 28 June 1978;²⁷

4. *Invites* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to take appropriate measures to provide all land-locked developing countries with the necessary assistance in order to identify and elaborate concrete projects which could be financed by the Fund, taking into account the equitable distribution of the resources of the Fund among the land-locked developing countries;

5. *Further requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other related institutions, to pursue his action in favour of land-locked developing countries within the framework of

²⁶ DP/328.

²⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1), chap. XX.*