

difficulties encountered in promoting science and technology and their application to development since the United Nations Conference on the Application of Science and Technology for the Benefit of the Less Developed Areas, held at Geneva in 1963;

(b) Suggest ways and means of implementing various recommendations made and measures agreed upon, and of removing difficulties which have been identified;

(c) Suggest practical ways and means of strengthening international co-operation in the new applications of science and technology in the economic and social fields;

(d) Suggest additional forms of international action within the framework of the United Nations system, to ensure that scientific and technical achievements are more effectively applied to the needs of all countries, giving special consideration to the situation of the developing countries;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit his study to Member States and to the competent organs of the United Nations system for analysis and discussion in order to facilitate the submission of the study to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council, so that it may be considered at the time of the first biennial review of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-first session of the progress made in preparing his study.

*1918th plenary meeting,
7 December 1970.*

2659 (XXV). United Nations Volunteers

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2460 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1444 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969 and also of the report of the Secretary-General on the feasibility of creating an international corps of volunteers for development,²⁴

Convinced that the active participation of the younger generation in all aspects of social and economic life constitutes an important factor in ensuring the increased effectiveness of collective efforts necessary for a better society,

Convinced also that voluntary service in development assistance activities is a rewarding form of such participation and one that can make a substantial contribution to their success by the provision of an additional source of trained manpower, provided that:

(a) Such service is well planned and directed, utilizes volunteers recruited and serving on as wide a geographical basis as possible, including in particular the developing countries, and the necessary resources are made available,

(b) Volunteers have the technical and personal qualifications required for the development of recipient countries, including the transfer of skills,

²⁴ E/4790.

(c) Volunteers are not sent to a country without the explicit request and approval of the recipient Governments concerned,

1. *Welcomes* the Secretary-General's proposals contained in his report;

2. *Decides* to establish within the existing framework of the United Nations system, with effect from 1 January 1971, an international group of volunteers, the members of which shall be designated collectively and individually as United Nations Volunteers;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To designate the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme as the Administrator of the United Nations Volunteers;

(b) In consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to appoint a co-ordinator, within the framework of the Programme, to promote and co-ordinate the recruitment, selection, training and administrative management of the activities of the United Nations Volunteers within the United Nations system in collaboration with the United Nations agencies concerned and in co-operation with organizations dealing with national and international voluntary service and, where appropriate, with relevant youth organizations;

4. *Invites* Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies, international non-governmental organizations and individuals to contribute to a special voluntary fund for the support of the activities of the United Nations Volunteers;

5. *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-sixth session on the experience gained from the operation of the United Nations Volunteers programme in implementing the present resolution and to make such proposals as they deem advisable to enable the United Nations Volunteers to serve better the aims and ends in view.

*1918th plenary meeting,
7 December 1970.*

2681 (XXV). Unified approach to economic and social planning in national development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2436 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, in which it endorsed the guidelines for an integrated approach to the goals and programmes for the Second United Nations Development Decade contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1320 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968,

Recalling further its resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, in which it drew particular attention to the importance of planning for social progress and development as an integral part of balanced over-all development planning,

Reaffirming Economic and Social Council resolution 1409 (XLVI) of 5 June 1969, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to review and evaluate all means at his disposal to further the integrated aims of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Meeting of Experts on Social Policy and Planning in National Development,²⁵

1. *Confirms* the need for a unified approach to development analysis and planning which would fully integrate the economic and social components in the formulation of policies and programmes at the national and international levels;

2. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1494 (XLVIII) of 26 May 1970, in which the Council emphasized the views expressed in the report of the Meeting of Experts on Social Policy and Planning in National Development on the aims and content of such an approach;

3. *Supports*, in particular, the views of the experts regarding the need to include in such an approach components which are designed:

(a) To leave no sector of the population outside the scope of change and development;

(b) To effect structural change which favours national development and to activate all sectors of the population to participate in the development process;

(c) To aim at social equity, including the achievement of an equitable distribution of income and wealth in the nation;

(d) To give high priority to the development of human potentials, including vocational and technical training, the provision of employment opportunities and meeting the needs of children;

the above criteria to be borne in mind in development analysis and planning processes, as well as in their implications, according to the particular developmental needs of each country;

4. *Requests* those bodies responsible for the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,²⁶ as well as for the various social and economic long-term plans and programmes worked out within the United Nations system in the context of the Decade and for the review and appraisal of objectives and policies during the Decade, to aim at the most effective integration of policy measures across the different sectors, based, *inter alia*, on the principles and guidelines embodied in the unified approach;

5. *Further requests* the Economic and Social Council to ensure the contribution of the Commission for Social Development to the aspects of the International Development Strategy directly related to matters within the Commission's competence;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to suggest, in co-operation with other organizations of the United Nations system and the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, specific measures for the refinement and unification of methods for collecting and evaluating social data and information at the national and international levels, in the context of the study requested by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1494 (XLVIII);

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the above-mentioned study, to evolve methods and techniques for the application of a unified approach to development, to be put at the disposal of Governments at their request;

²⁵ E/CN.5/445 and Corr.1.

²⁶ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

8. *Stresses* the need, in the context of the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade, for financial and technical assistance to support initiatives leading to the achievement of a unified approach to development.

1925th plenary meeting,
11 December 1970.

2682 (XXV). Multilateral food aid

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2096 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and 2300 (XXII) of 12 December 1967 on the programme of studies on multilateral food aid and resolution 2462 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968,

Recognizing that the world food problem is an inseparable part of the broader problem of development,

Having examined the report entitled "Food aid and related issues during the Second Development Decade", prepared by the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme,²⁷ as well as the comments of the Economic and Social Council in its report,²⁸

Taking note of the recommendations and observations contained in the report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme, in particular those concerning the direction of food aid through multilateral channels, the doubling or more of the target level of the World Food Programme and the improvement of the procedures of the Programme,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme and invites member States to take account of the relevant recommendations and observations therein while considering the implementation of the policy measures set out in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;²⁹

2. *Reaffirms* that the ultimate solution to the food problem of the developing countries lies in increased production in the developing countries with a food deficit, in the context of their general economic development, with the co-operation of the developed countries;

3. *Recommends* to member States that:

(a) Such food supplies as are in excess of commercial demand should be used to an increasing extent constructively to meet the unsatisfied food needs of people in the developing countries and to assist in their economic and social development, particularly through a project-oriented approach;

(b) They give full consideration to the advantages of directing a greater proportion of food aid through multilateral channels;

(c) When expanding multilateral food aid, they should place special emphasis on using the World Food Programme in order to take advantage of the experience already gained by the Programme and of its access to the experience of both donor and recipient countries with bilateral aid and the expertise and

²⁷ See E/4835.

²⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8003 and Corr.1), chapter X, paras. 447-451.*

²⁹ Resolution 2626 (XXV).