

2808 (XXVI). Immediate measures to eliminate the prevailing state of uncertainty due to the present international monetary crisis

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the current international monetary crisis is the result of an imbalance among the developed market economy countries that has undermined the world monetary system and adversely affected the prospects for trade and development of the developing countries,

Taking note of Trade and Development Board resolution 84 (XI) of 20 September 1971,¹⁵

Taking note further of resolution 26.9 of 1 October 1971 adopted by the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund at its twenty-sixth annual meeting,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1627 (LI) of 30 July 1971 and 1652 (LI) of 29 October 1971 regarding the international monetary situation,

Recalling further its resolution 2806 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 on the international monetary situation,

Deeply concerned lest further delay in reaching a solution should result in retaliatory protectionist measures among the developed market economy countries, which would precipitate a general recession in the world economy and thus threaten the realization of the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Calls upon the developed market economy countries to take immediate measures to reverse the recent restraints on international trade, such as import surcharges, and on the level of assistance to the developing countries and, as an urgent measure, to arrange the realignment of their currencies, taking into account the interests of the developing countries, so as to remove the prevailing state of uncertainty and eliminate the adverse consequences which have resulted therefrom pending the indispensable reform to be adopted as early as possible with the full participation of the developing countries.

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14 December 1971.*

2809 (XXVI). Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly

Takes note with appreciation of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its eleventh¹⁶ and twelfth¹⁷ sessions.

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¹⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/8415/Rev.1), part three, annex I.

¹⁶ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4954 and Corr.1).

¹⁷ Ibid., Supplement No. 6A (E/5043/Rev.1).

2810 (XXVI). United Nations Volunteers programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 establishing the United Nations Volunteers programme within the existing framework of the United Nations system,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1618 (LI) of 27 July 1971 and also the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twelfth session,¹⁸

Noting with appreciation the statement of the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme,¹⁹

Reaffirming its conviction that the active participation of the younger generation in all aspects of social and economic life constitutes an important additional source of trained manpower in the over-all development efforts, thus ensuring the increased effectiveness of collective efforts necessary for a better society,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Volunteers programme,²⁰ which was submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2659 (XXV);

2. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as the Governing Council of the Programme, to continue to assist in the promotion of the United Nations Volunteers programme, particularly in overcoming the question of financial difficulties which tend to inhibit the growth of this programme;

3. Reaffirms its conviction that United Nations Volunteers should not be sent to countries without the explicit request and approval of the recipient Governments concerned;

4. Requests all the specialized agencies and other organizations in the United Nations system to channel all requests for volunteers in development projects executed by them through the United Nations Volunteers programme and to co-ordinate all volunteer activities within United Nations-assisted projects with the Co-ordinator of the programme;

5. Invites Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies, international organizations, voluntary agencies and individuals to contribute in every way possible to the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers;

6. Requests the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report, through the Governing Council and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session on the progress made in the implementation of Assembly resolution 2659 (XXV).

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¹⁸ Ibid.

¹⁹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Second Committee, 1385th meeting, paras. 47-54.

²⁰ E/5028.