

the central responsibilities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for co-ordinating action in the field of industry, as entrusted to it by the General Assembly;

(c) Requests for Special Industrial Services project approvals will be forwarded simultaneously by the resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme to the headquarters of the Programme and to the headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

(d) Most projects, including plans for their implementation and level of financing, will be approved jointly by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization; in the remaining small number of cases, especially when another agency is proposed as an executing agency, the system of joint approval of the Special Industrial Services projects will be followed with appropriate flexibility by agreement between the Administrator and the Executive Director;

(e) The executing agency will be authorized to commence project operations upon the issuance of financial authorization by the Administrator;

(f) The programme of Special Industrial Services will be financed on a continuing basis from the resources of the United Nations Development Programme; the level of maximum annual expenditures will be fixed from time to time by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, taking into account current programme requirements as well as desirable growth in the light of demonstrated needs;

(g) The Administrator and the Executive Director will report regularly to their respective governing bodies on the activities carried out under the programme;

(h) The Administrator and the Executive Director will jointly establish detailed working arrangements and procedures designed to give effect to the principles herein established;

6. Welcomes the system of consultation machinery and periodic meetings between the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization referred to in paragraphs 20 to 24 of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;<sup>16</sup>

7. Invites the Industrial Development Board and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to take the necessary measures, on the basis of the progress reports and consultations by the Administrator and the Executive Director, as provided in paragraph 22 of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to ensure the most harmonious and effective co-operation in their common objectives of assisting the developing countries in their industrialization;

8. Stresses the need to strengthen the links of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization with the developing countries through the programme of industrial field advisers, whose increasing importance for the development of operational programmes has been fully recognized, particularly in connexion with

the formulation and implementation of the long-term country programmes and the development of special measures of assistance to the least developed among the developing countries, as envisaged in Industrial Development Board resolution 31 (VI) of 2 June 1972;<sup>17</sup>

9. Urges the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to provide at its next session additional financing necessary to increase the number of industrial field advisers of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization serving the developing countries, in order to achieve in 1973 the level envisaged by the Governing Council at its thirteenth session.<sup>18</sup>

2106th plenary meeting  
11 December 1972

## 2969 (XXVII). 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 thirteenth<sup>19</sup> and fourteenth<sup>20</sup> sessions.

2109th plenary meeting  
14 December 1972

## 2970 (XXVII). 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 within the United Nations system, and its resolution 2810 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

Expressing its satisfaction with the efforts directed towards the implementation of its resolution 2659 (XXV),

Taking note of the decision adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-third session,<sup>21</sup>

Noting with appreciation the statement of the Coordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme,<sup>22</sup>

Convinced that the United Nations Volunteers programme has the potential to render valuable service to the development needs of the developing countries, and particularly of the least developed among them,

Reaffirming that the involvement of youth in the collective efforts of the United Nations system will enhance international understanding and co-operation between nations,

<sup>17</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/8716)*, annex II.

<sup>18</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5092)*.

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2A (E/5185/Rev.1).

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 1 (E/5209), Other decisions, p. 12.

<sup>22</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Second Committee, 1478th meeting, paras. 68-78.*

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Volunteers programme<sup>23</sup> and expresses satisfaction with the progress of the programme;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for the measures being taken by him in providing volunteers through United Nations-assisted projects to the least developed countries free and without charge against their indicative planning figures;

3. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Governing Council of the Programme to continue to provide the United Nations Volunteers programme with every possible assistance to ensure its progressive integration into United Nations-assisted projects in order to make the programme fully operational;

4. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations concerned, as well as the resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme, to promote with the agreement of the countries concerned the use of United Nations volunteers in United Nations-assisted projects and to co-ordinate all voluntary activities within United Nations-assisted projects with the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme;

5. *Requests* Governments, international organizations and individuals to contribute in every way possible to the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers;

6. *Requests* the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme to make renewed efforts for recruitment of a larger proportion of volunteers from developing countries;

7. *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-eighth session on the progress made in implementing the provisions of the present resolution.

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14 December 1972*

## **2971 (XXVII). Special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* resolution 63 (III) of 19 May 1972, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its third session,<sup>24</sup> concerning special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries,

*Recognizing* that the position of the land-locked developing countries, in particular owing to the high costs of transportation, the poor development of their infrastructure, inadequate and inconvenient transport, storage and port facilities in most transit countries and the unfavourable trend of transport tariffs and charges,

is a factor seriously inhibiting the expansion of their trade and economic development,

*Recognizing* the need for the international community and the international organizations concerned to take co-ordinated action in order to secure more rational treatment for the land-locked developing countries,

*Recognizing* that investments in the field of transport often affect investment decisions in other fields,

*Conscious* of the urgent need for national and international financial institutions to accord appropriate attention to the special needs of the land-locked developing countries by extending adequate financial and technical assistance to projects designed for the development or improvement and maintenance of the transport and communications infrastructure needed by these countries,

*Recalling* the relevant provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade<sup>25</sup> recommending financial and/or technical assistance for these countries, particularly with respect to infrastructure of all kinds,

1. *Invites* the developed countries, the United Nations Development Programme and other competent international organizations to provide technical and/or financial assistance to the land-locked developing countries for feasibility studies and investment to assist them, at their request, in their economic development, so as to adapt it to their particular geographical situation, and requests the Secretary-General to report periodically to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Further invites* the United Nations Development Programme, in close collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to undertake operational activities in the field of industrial surveys to help these countries, at their request, on a national, subregional or regional basis to evaluate structure, operation, development possibilities and their future needs in the field of industrial development, with particular attention to the specific industries outlined in paragraph 3 of resolution 63 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

3. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council, in consultation with the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, to study the desirability and feasibility, including possible ways and means, of establishing a special fund for defraying the additional transport costs of land-locked developing countries and to report its findings to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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14 December 1972*

## **2972 (XXVII). Review of criteria for calculating indicative planning figures**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its fourteenth session,<sup>26</sup>

*Noting* the report of the Governing Council's Working Group on Review of Criteria to be Followed in

<sup>23</sup> E/5146.

<sup>24</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

<sup>25</sup> Resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>26</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5185/Rev.1).*