

ments for completing first-cycle programmes and initiating second-cycle programmes, including allocations to programme and administrative support costs and agency overheads;

(d) Such borrowings shall not be used as a means to raise additional funds for the Programme over and above the pledged voluntary contributions and other approved income for any one year;

(e) Repayments shall be made only from the funds voluntarily contributed to the Programme and shall be effected within 60 days of the borrowing;

(f) If possible, borrowing should be free of interest, but if there is a need to pay interest the rate paid should be the lowest possible and in no case higher than that paid by the World Bank for its short-term borrowing and, to the extent possible, the interest shall be paid from earned interest;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to lend moneys to the United Nations Development Programme from appropriate voluntary trust funds in his custody for the purpose and under the conditions specified in paragraph 1 above, on the understanding, however, that in all such cases a consensus decision of the Governing Council of the Programme shall be required.

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31/166. United Nations Volunteers

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1966 (LIX) of 30 July 1975,

Noting the expanding role of the United Nations Volunteers in the field of domestic development resulting from the decision taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1974 to set up a unit within the United Nations Volunteers programme to deal with the activities in question,

Aware that the International Secretariat for Volunteer Service is in the process of being liquidated under the direction of an interim board appointed by the Council of the International Secretariat and that it has terminated its activities in the field of international volunteer work and domestic development services,

Noting that a number of the activities of the International Secretariat have already been taken over, at the request of the interim board, by the United Nations Volunteers,

1. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme:

(a) To develop further and expand the activities of the United Nations Volunteers in the field of domestic development services;

(b) To ensure that the United Nations Volunteers programme actively promotes the formation of regional advisory groups for domestic development services and subsequently co-operates to the fullest possible extent with such groups;

(c) To ensure that the United Nations Volunteers programme prepares and publishes relevant material on volunteer and domestic development services activities;

2. *Appeals* to Governments to take into account the growing number and widening scope of the activities of the United Nations Volunteers and, consequently, to consider contributing, or increasing their contribution, as the case may be, to the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers.

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31/167. Expansion of basic services provided by the United Nations Children's Fund in developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3408 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 in which it, *inter alia*, invited the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund to consider in depth the matter of basic services for children in developing countries,

Recognizing that the provision of basic services constitutes an important link in the development process,

Noting that the basic services concept represents the extension, to a number of developmental activities benefiting children, of the same principles as those adopted by the World Health Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, held at Geneva from 13 to 30 May 1975, and by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund at its session held in New York from 14 to 30 May 1975⁸⁰ in connexion with the approach to be followed in meeting basic health needs,

Convinced that the basic services concept and strategy, while providing guidelines for future action by the United Nations Children's Fund, are equally appropriate for adoption by agencies and authorities concerned with the promotion of programmes for human development in developing countries,

Stressing the importance of increased international co-operation in support of basic services as a vital component of social and economic development,

Believing that the external assistance required to support these services should be within the capacity of the international community,

1. *Urges* the developing countries to incorporate the basic services concept and approach in their national development plans and strategies;

2. *Urges* the developed countries and others in a position to do so to provide through bilateral and multilateral channels, including the United Nations Children's Fund, external assistance to supplement the efforts of developing countries in launching or expanding basic services benefiting children;

3. *Urges* the international community to recognize its responsibility for increased co-operative action to promote social and economic development through its support of basic services at the international and the country programming level.

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31/168. United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 2021 (LXI) of 4 August 1976,

⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5698).