

tem, and its resolutions 2810 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and 2970 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972,

Expressing its satisfaction with the efforts directed towards the implementation of resolutions 2659 (XXV) and 2970 (XXVII),

Reaffirming its conviction that the United Nations Volunteers programme has the potential to render valuable service to the developing countries, particularly 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 and constitutes an important additional source of trained manpower in the over-all development efforts in the United Nations system,

Taking note of the co-operation provided by the volunteer organizations, in particular the International Secretariat for Volunteer Service, to the United Nations Volunteers programme in its early phase,

Bearing in mind that, after the initial phase, the programme ultimately should assume the principal responsibility for its own recruitment,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme concerning the United Nations Volunteers programme³⁴ and expresses its satisfaction with the progress of the programme;

2. *Endorses* the action plan for the future development of the United Nations Volunteers programme as outlined in paragraphs 28 to 31 of the report;

3. *Requests* the Administrator and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to continue to provide the United Nations Volunteers programme with every possible assistance to ensure its rapid expansion and progressive integration into projects assisted by the United Nations;

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

5. *Requests* the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme to continue to pay special attention to the recruitment of a larger proportion of volunteers from developing countries;

6. *Endorses* the measures being taken by the United Nations Volunteers programme to assume the responsibility for its own recruitment, working directly with sponsoring agencies and organizations interested in participating in the programme;

7. *Requests* Governments, international organizations and individuals to contribute to the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers;

8. *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-ninth session on the progress made in implementing the provisions of the present resolution.

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3126 (XXVIII). Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its fifteenth³⁵ and sixteenth³⁶ sessions;

2. *Takes note also* of the comments made by delegations during the consideration of these reports.

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3127 (XXVIII). Multilateral food aid

The General Assembly

Takes note with appreciation of the progress report³⁷ submitted by the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme on the implementation of the recommendations contained in its report, issued in 1970, regarding food aid and related issues during the Second United Nations Development Decade.

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3128 (XXVIII). United Nations Conference-Exposition on Human Settlements

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision, in resolution 3001 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, to hold a United Nations Conference-Exposition on Human Settlements,

Noting the importance and priority given to the problems of human settlements by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held at Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972,³⁸

Noting further the full support for the Conference-Exposition expressed by the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning at its eighth session, held at Geneva in October 1973, the comments of the Committee regarding the Conference-Exposition and the offer of its expertise,³⁹

³⁵ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5256 and Corr.1).

³⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2A (E/5365/Rev.1).

³⁷ WFP/IGC: 23/20. Transmitted to the members of the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5318/Add.1).

³⁸ See *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.A.14).

³⁹ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5447).

Having considered the recommendations of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its first session⁴⁰ arising from the report of the Secretary-General⁴¹ prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 3001 (XXVII) and from the report of the meeting of experts held at Vancouver, Canada, from 8 to 12 May 1973,⁴² as well as the comments of the Economic and Social Council thereon,⁴³

Stressing the urgent need for early and co-ordinated action by members of the international community to safeguard and improve the quality of life in human settlements in view of accelerating urbanization throughout the world, which is often accompanied by rural depopulation,

Bearing in mind the importance to the over-all objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade⁴⁴ of the improvement in the quality of life in human settlements in developing countries as an integral component in the process of development,

Welcoming the co-operative participation of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Centre for Housing, Building and Planning in the detailed planning for the Conference-Exposition,

Requesting that the Secretary-General take into account, in the preparations for the Conference-Exposition, the results and recommendations of other international conferences, including the World Population Conference to be held in 1974,

1. *Decides* that the United Nations Conference-Exposition on Human Settlements will take place in Vancouver, Canada, from 31 May to 11 June 1976;

2. *Endorses* in general the recommendations put forth by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme regarding the purposes, objectives and method of financing of the Conference-Exposition;

3. *Affirms* that the main purpose of the Conference-Exposition should be to serve as a practical means to exchange information about solutions to problems of human settlements against a broad background of environmental and other concerns which may lead to the formation of policies and actions by Governments and international organizations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to assume the over-all responsibility for the Conference-Exposition, bearing in mind the views expressed during the debates of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its first session;

5. *Establishes* a Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference-Exposition on Human Settlements, to advise the Secretary-General, consisting of highly qualified representatives nominated by the Governments of the following Member States: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany (Federal Republic of), Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Italy,

⁴⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/9025)*, annex I, decision 4 (I).

⁴¹ UNEP/GC/6 and Add.1.

⁴² For the report of the Executive Director on the meeting of experts, see UNEP/GC/L.2.

⁴³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/9003 and Corr.1)*, chap. XIII. See also E/AC.6/SR.666.

⁴⁴ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Libyan Arab Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Sierra Leone, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to set up immediately a small conference secretariat, drawing upon the resources of the United Nations system, especially those of the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and to appoint at an early date a Secretary-General who will report through the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and work in close co-operation with the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions and the executive heads of the specialized agencies;

7. *Invites* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the regional economic commissions to collaborate closely with the Secretary-General in the preparations for the Conference-Exposition and to assist, as appropriate, in the work of the Preparatory Committee, in order to be fully able to share in the results of the Conference-Exposition and in the action following therefrom;

8. *Urges* the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to lend every possible assistance in the preparations for the Conference-Exposition;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the regional economic commissions, in collaboration with the Preparatory Committee, to take the necessary steps, as part of the preparations for the Conference-Exposition, to bring to global attention the nature and relative importance of the problems of human settlements;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit brief progress reports, through the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions.

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3129 (XXVIII). Co-operation in the field of the environment concerning natural resources shared by two or more States

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming principles 21, 22 and 24 of the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,⁴⁵ held at Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972,

Recalling its resolutions 2995 (XXVII), 2996 (XXVII) and 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 relating to co-operation between States in the field of the environment, to international responsibility of States in regard to the environment and to the establishment of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, respectively,

⁴⁵ See *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.A.14), chap. I.