

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1923 (LXIII) of 6 May 1975, in which the Council approved the recommendations concerning the establishment of a co-operative arrangement among youth research and information centres,⁵⁸

1. *Requests* Member States, the United Nations organs and specialized agencies concerned to give greater attention to the implementation of the provisions of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples, especially when establishing their policies and programmes regarding youth;

2. *Addresses a solemn appeal* to all States, as well as to intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to take appropriate action to foster among youth respect for all people, irrespective of nationality, race, sex or religion, regard for human values and devotion to the ideals of peace, freedom and progress and to the cause of human rights;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to promote international awareness of the situation and needs of youth and practical action to ensure the full participation of youth in the life of society, through United Nations activities in the field of youth and, as appropriate, with the co-operation of the specialized agencies concerned;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the measures that have been taken to implement the Declaration to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, with recommendations on how that process may be strengthened;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the establishment of a co-operative arrangement among youth research and information centres to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session the item entitled "Policies and programmes relating to youth".

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31/130. Role of youth

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the profound importance of the role of youth and the necessity of its participation in shaping the future of humanity,

Convinced of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasm and creative abilities of youth in the task of nation-building, the economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples, the preservation of world peace and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

Noting that the dynamic and active involvement of youth can be a very powerful factor in influencing in a positive manner the response from other sections of society for accelerating the process of reform and development,

Conscious of the enormous sacrifice made by youth and the sufferings inflicted on it in wars of all kinds,

Convinced of the necessity of meeting the legitimate needs and aspirations of youth in this age of great scientific, technological and cultural progress and of opportunities for education,

Bearing in mind the valuable contribution that youth can make to the evolution of co-operation among States on the basis of equality and justice and to the ushering in of the new international economic order,

Appreciating the active participation of youth in the global movement to promote peace, disarmament and national liberation and in the struggle against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, foreign domination and alien occupation,

Recalling the provisions of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965,

1. *Considers* that the development process as well as the promotion of international peace and security would benefit greatly by the integration and involvement of youth in all related activities;

2. *Considers it necessary* to disseminate among youth, through appropriate education, ideas of peace, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, human solidarity and dedication to the objectives of progress and development;

3. *Urges* all States, to that end, to undertake such further steps as may be necessary and appropriate to ensure the full and effective participation of youth in the process of development and co-operation;

4. *Invites* all relevant organizations within the United Nations system to give special attention to programmes connected with education and the participation of youth in development;

5. *Invites* States to promote international exchanges between youth and youth organizations of their respective countries;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to collect from the Governments of Member States and relevant organizations in the United Nations system the latest information concerning the present and future role and the participation of youth in the development and nation-building process, as well as in the promotion of international co-operation and understanding, and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session a preliminary report for further consideration of the role of youth in promoting the objectives of the United Nations.

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31/131. United Nations Volunteers programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2497 (XXIV) of 28 October 1969, 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, 2770 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971, 3022 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 3125 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973 and 3140 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1966 (LIX) of 30 July 1975 on youth policies

⁵⁸ E/CN.5/503, paras. 5-12.