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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Note by the Secretary-General

A. UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 1240 (XIII) of 14 October 1958, the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on its eleventh and twelfth sessions^{1/} are before the General Assembly.

2. The Economic and Social Council considered the reports at its fifty-first session and took note of them in resolution 1613 (LI). An account of the discussion in the Council will be found in chapter VIII, section A, of its report to the General Assembly.^{2/}

3. The Economic and Social Council adopted the following resolutions concerning the United Nations Development Programme:

(a) Resolution 1615 (LI) on the financial contributions to UNDP, in which the Economic and Social Council requested the Governing Council of UNDP to review at the first possible opportunity the planning estimates on which the indicative planning figures, as approved by it, were based, and urged Governments to increase their financial contributions to the Programme;

(b) Resolution 1616 (LI) on special natural resources advisory services, in which the Economic and Social Council welcomed both the joint report by the

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4954 and Corr.1) and Supplement No. 6 A (E/5043).

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8403).

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Secretary-General and the Administrator of UNDP on the arrangements between the United Nations and the Programme concerning the special natural resources advisory services and the proposal of the Governing Council for another joint study on short-term special advisory services in other fields or on various separate advisory services;

(c) Resolution 1617 (LI) on projects in the field of industrial development, in which the Economic and Social Council requested the Governing Council of UNDP to instruct the Administrator to give, in accordance with the priorities assigned by the developing countries, special attention to requests submitted to the Programme in the field of industrial development and to present annually to the Governing Council a comprehensive progress report on the projects in the field of industrial development. The Governing Council was requested to give due consideration to these reports.

4. At its twenty-fifth session, the General Assembly, in resolution 2688 (XXV) on the capacity of the United Nations development system, had requested the Governing Council to prepare for consideration by the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session, if possible, a draft omnibus statute for the Programme. At its twelfth session, the Governing Council had before it two reports by the Administrator concerning the possible form and content of an omnibus statute, which it noted with appreciation. The Governing Council requested the Administrator to complete the reports and to transmit them for comments to all participating States of the Programme and to the participating and executing agencies. The Administrator was requested to submit these comments to the Governing Council at its thirteenth session early next year.

5. The Administrator's budget estimates of the Programme for 1971 (DP/L.156 and Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/8268), were before the Governing Council at its eleventh session. The Governing Council approved the estimates submitted by the Administrator, but reduced to the level of \$29,500,000. It decided that the Administrator may transfer credits between sections of the budget only with the authorization of the Governing Council. *

B. UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

6. By resolution 2690 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, the General Assembly reaffirmed its resolution 2525 (XXIV) and requested the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider all possibilities for reaching the objectives of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, including the desirability and feasibility of providing follow-up in investment projects of the Fund in country programmes. The General Assembly also decided to preserve the original functions of the United Nations Capital Development Fund until 31 December 1971, in accordance with the measures set forth in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 2321 (XXII).

7. Under the terms of resolution 2321 (XXII), the Administrator of UNDP administers the Fund and the Governing Council of UNDP performs, as appropriate, the functions of the Executive Board of the Fund.

8. The reports of the Governing Council of UNDP on its eleventh and twelfth sessions, which include its reports on the United Nations Capital Development Fund,^{3/} were considered by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-first session. An account of the discussion of the question in the Council is contained in chapter VIII, section B, of its report to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session.^{4/}

C. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

9. The attention of the General Assembly is drawn to chapter VIII, section C, of the report of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session,^{4/} which reflects the deliberations of the Council on chapters VII and VIII of the respective reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its eleventh and twelfth sessions,^{3/} which dealt with the technical co-operation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General.

^{3/} Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4954 and Corr.1) and Supplement No. 6 A (E/5043).

^{4/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8403).

10. Attention is also drawn to part VI (Technical programmes) of the budget estimates for the financial year 1972,^{5/} which sets forth the Secretary-General's budget estimates for technical co-operation activities in the fields of economic development, social development, public administration, human rights advisory services, narcotic drugs control, and industrial development.
11. The Council also adopted resolution 1601 (LI) on regional and subregional advisory services, in which it recommended that the General Assembly establish a separate section in the United Nations regular budget to make provision for a unified system of regional and subregional services. The Secretary-General will present a separate note (A/C.2/265) on this matter, which will be considered under item 12 of the agenda, "Report of the Economic and Social Council".

D. UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS PROGRAMME

12. The General Assembly, in its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, decided to establish within the existing framework of the United Nations system, with effect from 1 January 1971, a United Nations Volunteers programme and requested the Secretary-General to designate the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme as the Administrator of the United Nations Volunteers. The General Assembly also requested the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session, through the Governing Council of the Programme and the Economic and Social Council, on the experience gained from the operation of the United Nations Volunteers programme in implementing General Assembly resolution 2659 (XXV) and to make such proposals as they deemed advisable to enable the United Nations Volunteers to serve better the aims and ends in view.
13. The report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Volunteer programme (E/5028) was considered by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-first session. The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme had presented a similar report to the Governing Council. An account of the discussions of the Governing Council will be found in chapter IV and chapter III, respectively,

^{5/} Ibid. Supplement No. 6 (A/8406), vol. II, part VI.

of the reports of the Governing Council on its eleventh and twelfth sessions:^{6/}
and an account of the discussion in the Economic and Social Council will be found
in chapter VIII, section D, of the report of the Council to the General Assembly.^{7/}
14. The Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1614 (LI) took note of the
report of the Secretary-General and transmitted it to the General Assembly at its
twenty-sixth session.

15. The Council also adopted resolution 1618 (LI) by which it commended the
efforts of the Administrator of UNDP and the Co-ordinator of the United Nations
Volunteers; requested all the specialized agencies and volunteer organizations
concerned to co-ordinate all volunteer activities within the United Nations-
assisted projects with the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers; and urged
Governments, international organizations and voluntary agencies, especially those
that were in a position to do so, to contribute to the Special Voluntary Fund for
the United Nations Volunteers, in order to meet the external costs of the
Volunteers from developing countries and to make the programme truly universal
in scope.

^{6/} Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session,
Supplement No. 6 (E/4954 and Corr.1) and Supplement No. 6 A (E/5043).

^{7/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session,
Supplement No. 3 (A/8403).