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ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The attention of the General Assembly is invited to chapter X, section B, of the report of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session,^{1/} which reflects the deliberations of the Council on chapters VI and IX of the respective reports of the seventh and eighth sessions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,^{2/} dealing with technical co-operation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General.

2. Attention is also drawn to the following actions taken by the Economic and Social Council relating to these activities:

(a) In resolution 1431 (XLVII) the Council took note of the reports of the Governing Council of UNDP on its seventh and eighth sessions.

(b) In resolution 1434 (XLVII) the Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption at its twenty-fourth session of the following programming and budgetary procedures for part V (Technical programmes) of the United Nations budget, by which: (i) the Secretary-General would frame his **annual** budget estimates for part V, taking into account the expressed needs of the developing

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7603).

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-seventh Session, E/4609 and E/4706.

countries and regions together with the recommendations of the various programme-formulating bodies of the United Nations, including the Governing Council of UNDP and the Industrial Development Board; (ii) the current system of separate section appropriations requested under part V would be replaced by chapters reflecting targets to be applied to the major fields of activity: economic development, industrial development, social development, public administration, human rights advisory services and narcotic drugs control; (iii) the Secretary-General would approve individual projects based on government requests to be financed under the regular programme; and (iv) annual reports on the programme and projects implemented would be submitted as appropriate to the Governing Council of UNDP and the Industrial Development Board.

(c) In resolution 1435 (XLVII), the Economic and Social Council noted that the Governing Council had approved the 1970 regular programme of technical co-operation (exclusive of industrial development) valued at \$5,408,600 and recommended that that sum be appropriated by the General Assembly.

(d) The Industrial Development Board at its third session (resolution 13 (III)) recommended that the General Assembly appropriate for 1970 the sum of \$1.5 million in respect of a separate section under part V of the United Nations budget for industrial development. This recommendation of the Board for an appropriation under a separate section of part V is in agreement with General Assembly resolution 2298 (XXII) which provides for a separate section under part V for the programme of technical co-operation in the field of industrial development.

3. In view of the decisions taken by the Governing Council of UNDP, the Industrial Development Board and the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General is requested to prepare the programme and budget for technical co-operation activities in accordance with conflicting procedures. The Governing Council and the Economic and Social Council have endorsed a system of appropriating all technical co-operation funds under the regular budget by chapters while the Industrial Development Board has endorsed appropriating funds for industrial development activities in a separate section. Accordingly, it is necessary that the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session resolve the question of whether technical co-operation funds provided under the regular

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budget are to be appropriated for 1970 by separate chapters or by separate sections and whether the programming and budgetary procedures for part V (Technical programmes), as recommended to the General Assembly by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1434 (XLVII), are to be implemented for 1971 and thereafter.

4. In its resolution 2460 (XXIII) on human resources for development, the General Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council to study the feasibility of creating an international corps of volunteers for development and to include in its annual report to the twenty-fourth session of the Assembly, if possible, appropriate conclusions and recommendations deriving from its study. In accordance with this request the Secretary-General submitted a note to the Council at its forty-seventh session^{3/} which presented some background information and indicated some of the considerations which the Council might wish to keep in mind during its discussion of the question. The Council subsequently adopted resolution 1444 (XLVII) in which it invited the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Administrator of UNDP and in consultation with the heads of those other organizations in the United Nations system particularly concerned with volunteers and with the further assistance of such expert consultants as he might deem necessary, to study the constitutional, administrative and financial arrangements for the creation of a volunteer corps and to submit his report and recommendations to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-ninth session through the Governing Council of UNDP. The resolution also sets forth certain general principles with respect to the use of volunteers which the Council recommended that the Secretary-General take into account in his study. The Council further decided to submit its final recommendations on the question to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session. In paragraphs 345, 355 and 356 of its report to the General Assembly, the Council reviews the action it has taken so far on the matter of the use of volunteers in United Nations development projects.^{4/}

^{3/} E/4663.

^{4/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7603).