

Reaffirming its conviction that the United Nations Volunteers programme is rendering a great service and has the potential to render even greater service, while simultaneously serving as a unique instrument for promoting technical co-operation among developing countries,

Having considered decision 79/24 of 29 June 1979 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,⁴⁴ in which the Governing Council recommended the expansion of the United Nations Volunteers programme to a level of one thousand field volunteers by 1983,

Acknowledging the increasing use being made by developing countries of the type of expertise provided through the United Nations Volunteers programme,

1. *Endorses* an increase in the number of volunteers in service to a level of one thousand by 1983 to meet the needs and requests of developing countries, subject to the availability of funds and with the understanding that the quality of the programme will not be adversely affected;

2. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to undertake appropriate actions to achieve the increase referred to in paragraph 1 above and to continue his efforts towards promoting the potential of the United Nations Volunteers programme and its various activities, including those in the field of youth and domestic development services;

3. *Reiterates* its appeal to Governments and other potential contributors to take into account the growing number and widening scope of the activities of the United Nations Volunteers programme and consequently to consider contributing, or increasing contributions, to the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers;

4. *Requests* the Administrator to keep the General Assembly informed, on a regular basis and through existing procedures, of progress made in implementing the present resolution.

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14 December 1979

34/108. Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1981-1982

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provision of paragraph 1 of its resolution 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965 to the effect that the World Food Programme is to be reviewed before each pledging conference,

Recalling also the provision of paragraph 4 of its resolution 32/112 of 15 December 1977 specifying that, subject to the review of the Programme provided for in resolution 2095 (XX), the next pledging conference should be convened at the latest early in 1980, at which time Governments should be invited to pledge contributions for 1981 and 1982, with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the General Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

Noting that the review of the Programme was undertaken by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and

⁴⁴ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40 and Corr.1), chap. XXI, sect. J.

Programmes at its seventh session and by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1979,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/55 of 2 August 1979 and the recommendations of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes contained in its fourth annual report,⁴⁵

Recognizing the value of multilateral food aid as furnished by the World Food Programme since its inception and the necessity for continuing its action both as a form of capital investment and as a means of meeting emergency food needs,

1. *Establishes* for the two years 1981 and 1982 a minimum target for voluntary contributions of \$1 billion, of which not less than one third should be in cash and/or services in aggregate, and expresses the hope that these resources will be augmented by substantial additional contributions from other sources, in recognition of the prospective volume of sound project requests and the capacity of the World Food Programme to operate at a higher level;

2. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to make every effort to ensure the full attainment of the target and to surpass it appropriately in the event of major increases in costs of commodities and transportation, or in food aid requirements, occurring before or during the biennium 1981-1982;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to convene a pledging conference for this purpose at United Nations Headquarters early in 1980;

4. *Decides* that, subject to the review provided for in its resolution 2095 (XX), the subsequent pledging conference, at which Governments should be invited to pledge contributions for 1983 and 1984 with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the General Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, should be convened at the latest early in 1982.

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34/109. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3167 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1762 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 on the establishment of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration,

Recalling also its resolution 33/194 of 29 January 1979 on multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources,

Emphasizing the importance of natural resources exploration and development to the economies of the developing countries,

Reaffirming the importance of the Fund as an instrument for assisting developing countries in developing their natural resources,

Recognizing the importance of the systematic undertaking of the exploration and survey of the natural resources of developing countries,

⁴⁵ See E/1979/78.