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United Nations Volunteers programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2659 (XXI) of 7 December 1970 and 33/84 of 15 December 1978,

Noting with appreciation the positive remarks by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme regarding the satisfactory progress of activities of the United Nations Volunteer programme, which currently has over 500 volunteers serving in some 60 developing countries,

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 resolution 79/24 of the United Nations Development Programme Governing Council which recommended the expansion of the United Nations Volunteers programme to a level of 1,000 field volunteers by 1983,

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

1. Endorses an increase in the number of volunteers in service to a level of 1,000 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 to undertake appropriate administrative 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. Renews 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 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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