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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the Second Committee (A/8937)]

2970 (XXVII). United Nations Volunteers programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, by which it established the United Nations Volunteers programme within the United Nations system, and its resolution 2810 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

Expressing its satisfaction with the efforts directed towards the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2659 (XXV),

Taking note of the decision adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-third session, 1/

Noting with appreciation the statement of the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme, 2/

Convinced that the United Nations Volunteers programme has the potential to render valuable service to the development needs of the developing countries, and particularly of the least developed among them,

Reaffirming that the involvement of youth in the collective efforts of the United Nations system will enhance international understanding and co-operation between nations,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Volunteers programme 3/ and expresses satisfaction with the progress of the programme;

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council. Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 1 (E/5209), Other decisions, p. 12.

2/ See A/C.2/SR.1478.

3/ E/5146.

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for the measures he is taking in providing volunteers through United Nations-assisted projects to the least developed countries free and without charge against their indicative planning figures.

3. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Governing Council of the Programme to continue to provide the United Nations Volunteers programme with every possible assistance to ensure its progressive integration into United Nations-assisted projects in order to make the programme fully operational;

4. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations concerned, as well as the resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme, to promote with the agreement of the countries concerned the use of United Nations volunteers in United Nations-assisted projects and to co-ordinate all voluntary activities within United Nations-assisted projects with the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme.

5. Requests Governments, international organizations and individuals to contribute in every way possible to the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers.

6. Requests the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme to make renewed efforts for recruitment of a larger proportion of volunteers from developing countries;

7. Requests the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report, through the Governing Council of the Programme and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the progress made in implementing the provisions of the present resolution.

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