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1618 (LI). United Nations Volunteers programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling with appreciation the initiative taken by the Government of Iran for the creation of an international corps of volunteers,

Further recalling General Assembly resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, which established the United Nations Volunteers programme,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General (E/5028),

Welcoming the appointment of the Co-ordinator for the United Nations Volunteer programme,

Regretting that so far no substantial contributions to the Special Fund for United Nations Volunteers, established under operative paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 2659 (XXV), have been received,

1. Commends the efforts of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteer programme in initiating the programme.

2. Requests 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 Volunteer programme.

3. Urges Governments, international organizations and voluntary agencies, especially those who are in a position to do so, to contribute to the Special Fund for United Nations Volunteers, in order to meet the external costs of volunteers from developing countries and to make the programme truly universal in scope.

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