general guidelines, to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council.

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37/229. United Nations Volunteers programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 and subsequent related resolutions, including resolution 36/198 of 17 December 1981,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-ninth session200 and Governing Council decision 82/21 of 18 June 1982201 on the United Nations Volunteers programme,

1. Notes with satisfaction the continued contribution of the United Nations Volunteers programme as a relevant and cost-effective instrument of international development cooperation, as well as the programme’s activities in support of youth and domestic development services;

2. Further notes the successful outcome of the first High-level Symposium on International Volunteer Service and Development, held at Sana’a, Yemen, in March 1982, and the ensuing recommendations contained in the Sana’a Declaration202 and endorsed by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in its decision 82/21 for follow-up action;

3. Stresses the importance of the contribution and activities of the United Nations Volunteers programme in support of the International Youth Year, particularly to operational and pilot activities to increase the participation of youth in development;

4. Expresses the hope that the organizations of the United Nations system and other international organizations involved in development activities will fully utilize the potential of the United Nations Volunteers programme in the execution of operational development activities, as well as in the implementation of field activities in the context of the International Youth Year;

5. Renews its appeal to Governments, organizations and individuals to contribute or to increase their contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers, and notes with appreciation that a substantial contribution has been made to the programme this year by one individual.

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37/230. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/177 of 21 December 1976, by which it approved the statute of the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries,


Bearing in mind resolution 123 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development203 and decisions 80/21 of 26 June 1980204 and 81/3 of 19 June 1981205 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,206

Recalling further the relevant paragraphs of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,207

Convinced that access to world markets at the least possible cost is an integral part of meaningful economic development of land-locked developing countries,

Bearing in mind that a large number of countries classified as least developed are land-locked developing countries,

Expressing deep concern at the consistently very low level of contributions that have been pledged to the Fund since its establishment,

Noting that, according to the report of the Secretary-General prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 34/207 of 19 December 1979, contributions to the Fund must increase significantly if it is to be effective in meeting the large requirements for reducing the real costs of transit for land-locked developing countries,208

Noting further that the demands for assistance from the Fund are additional to, and generally different from, the types of activities financed from other sources of the United Nations system,

1. Urges all Member States to give due consideration to the special constraints affecting the economic and social development of land-locked developing countries;

2. Appeals to all donor countries to review their position with respect to the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries, with a view to extending their greater support to it;

3. Also appeals to all Member States, in particular developed countries, and to multilateral and bilateral financing institutions to contribute significantly and generously to the Fund in order to implement the measures relating to land-locked developing countries provided for in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

4. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the executive heads of other related bodies, to continue to pursue action in favour of land-locked developing countries within the framework of the interim arrangements, bearing in mind that each country concerned should receive appropriate technical and financial assistance;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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201 Ibid., Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1), part three.
202 Ibid., Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1), annex 1.