

1982

82/21. United Nations Volunteers

The Governing Council,

Having considered the reports of the Administrator on the United Nations Volunteers Programme and operational policy matters (DP/1982/34 and DP/1982/37), and the views expressed thereon at its twenty-ninth session,

Noting with satisfaction the outcome of the first High-Level Symposium on International Volunteer Service and Development, held at Sana'a Yemen Arab Republic, in March 1982 and the adoption by consensus of the Sana'a Declaration,

Further noting, as reflected in the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, the foreseeable increase in demand for middle-level technicians in the least developed countries, where more than 50 per cent of United Nations Volunteers are already serving, including assignments in support of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office and other activities related to activities financed by indicative planning figures,

Recognizing that the United Nations Volunteers programme offers a source of cost-effective utilization of resources and appropriate operational expertise, which can be made available to developing countries through integration in the country programme process and directly to Governments in furtherance of their development objectives,

Noting that the United Nations Volunteers programme contributes substantially to technical co-operation among developing countries by providing opportunities for service to qualified professional men and women of these countries,

Bearing in mind that the United Nations Volunteers programme contributes in an important manner to increasing the understanding of the principles and objectives of international development co-operation,

1. Requests the Administrator to take account of the recommendations contained in the Sana'a Declaration and to take appropriate follow-up action;

2. Requests the Executive Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers to continue his commendable efforts to recruit more women for the United Nations Volunteers;

3. Also requests the Executive Co-ordinator to continue his efforts to promote the concept of volunteer service in international co-operation with a view to enhancing the utilization and integration of United Nations Volunteers within technical co-operation activities under United Nations auspices;

4. Notes with appreciation the important donation made recently by one individual to the Special Voluntary Fund and encourages the Executive Co-ordinator to continue his efforts to attract similar future contributions;

5. Agrees to postpone its review of the question of support cost reimbursement until its thirtieth session;

6. Expresses concern about the deteriorating financial situation of the Special Voluntary Fund, notes the provisional measures proposed by the Administrator for dealing with the resulting constraints and strongly appeals to Governments, organizations and individuals to contribute or to increase their contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund, in the hope that such contributions will obviate the need for burdening recipient countries with any additional charges to their indicative planning figures with respect to the utilization of United Nations Volunteers.

38th meeting
18 June 1982

82/22. United Nations Capital Development Fund

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator for 1981 on the United Nations Capital Development Fund and the report of the Administrator on the implementation of the partial funding system (DP/1982/38 and DP/1982/39),

Recognizing the central role of the United Nations Development Programme in providing unified management and administration to the United Nations Capital Development Fund,

Also taking note of the results achieved by the Fund in 1981 in terms of programme delivery, the level of new commitments and the further increase in the volume of activities projected for 1982,

Expressing its appreciation to Governments and other donor organizations for their contributions to the Fund's general resources, particularly to those countries which have made special and additional contributions as a result of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries held in Paris in 1981,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 36/196 of 17 December 1981 which endorsed Governing Council decision 81/2 of 19 June 1981 to the effect that the Capital Development Fund should play a direct role in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,

Endorsing the orientation of the Fund's activities, including its emphasis on small-scale development projects,

1. Requests the Administrator to take measures to strengthen the complementarity between the capital assistance provided by the Fund and the other types of assistance administered by UNDP;
2. Also requests the Administrator to ensure that the United Nations Capital Development Fund will be fully associated with the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, including participation in the round-table meetings organized by UNDP for that purpose;
3. Decides that the Fund should continue its operations under the partial funding system and requests the Administrator to include in his annual report on the Fund a chapter related to the operation of the partial funding system;