

programme will play a significant role in the preparation of projects and programmes related to the International Youth Year, 1985, and requests the United Nations Volunteers in so doing to take fully into account the technical competence of the relevant specialized agencies and the need for full co-operation and consultation with such agencies which operate core activities directly related to youth, and to report on those preparations to the Governing Council at its twenty-eighth session;

5. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Council at its twenty-eighth session proposals for adequate staffing of the United Nations Volunteers, taking into account the expansion of the programme;

6. Requests the Administrator, after consultation with delegations, to recommend to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, that the title of the post of Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme should be more appropriately named to reflect the responsibilities and functions of the post;

7. Reiterates its invitation to all member Governments to contribute or increase their contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund to enable the United Nations Volunteers programme to continue to expand its activities and more effectively carry out its mandate.

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80/42. United Nations technical co-operation activities

The Governing Council

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities (DP/RP/21 and Add.1, DP/RP/22) and welcomes their increased coverage;

2. Endorses the proposals for the future orientation of the work of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the Secretariat and the proposed guidelines for the use of the United Nations regular programme of technical co-operation for the benefit of the least developed countries and for the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries;

3. Invites the Administrator to take fully into account the special competence, experience and expertise of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development in the designation of executing agencies for the implementation of UNDP-supported projects in the Department's fields of specialization;

4. Endorses the use of such experience or expertise in support of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration through 1981 pending the outcome of the review by the Governing Council and the Economic and Social Council, and invites the Administrator to take maximum advantage, as may be appropriate, of the Department's experience and expertise with respect to other funds and/or activities that relate to the competence already available in the Department;

5. Endorses the Department's proposals on the linkages between pre-investment and investment and, in the context of Council decision 80/23, recommends that the Department and UNDP should consider consultative arrangements similar to those between UNDP and FAO and that the Department should explore the possibility of closer links with the World Bank and other financial institutions in pre-investment activities within its areas of competence.

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80/43. Report of the Administrator for 1979

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator for 1979 (DP/460 and Corr.1), its supporting statistical documentation (DP/461, DP/462, DP/463 and Corr.1) and the views expressed thereon by Council members and observers,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the continuing increase in Programme delivery and commends the Administrator for the steps which he has taken further to improve Programme quality as well as the rate of implementation and for the measures initiated to promote proper harmonization and complementarity in the technical co-operation activities of the organizations of the United Nations system;

2. Stresses the importance of technical co-operation in the development process, in particular its catalytic ability to increase efficiency in the use of human and financial resources, including external capital assistance;

3. Reiterates in this connexion the importance of the UNDP country programming process, which facilitates the selection by recipient Governments of priority areas for assistance from the United Nations system and its proper co-ordination at the implementation stage;

4. Invites the Economic and Social Council to give due attention to the ways and means of ensuring the speedy implementation by all organizations concerned of the provisions of paragraph 33 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the use of the UNDP country programming process as a frame of reference for the operational activities carried out and financed by the organizations of the United Nations system from their own resources;

5. Appeals to all Governments to renew their efforts to provide the United Nations Development Programme with the necessary resources to enable it to achieve the target set for the 1977-1981 development cycle, which is predicated on an annual growth rate of 14 per cent, thereby providing a sound financial basis for the planning of third cycle activities and strengthening the role of UNDP as the central funding and co-ordinating organization for multilateral technical co-operation within the United Nations system.

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