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DRAFT DECISION

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Administrator on the activities of the United Nations Volunteers Programme, and particularly the growth rate of the programme with some eight hundred volunteers now serving in eighty-two developing countries;
2. Recalls General Assembly resolution 31/131 which considered the United Nations Volunteers Programme to be a major operational unit in the United Nations for the execution of youth programmes;
3. Acknowledges the increasing role which the United Nations Volunteers Programme is playing by bringing a unique input into the technical co-operation process;
4. Expresses its expectation that the United Nations Volunteers Programme play a significant role in the preparation and implementation of operational development projects and programmes related to the International Youth Year (IYY) 1985 and requests United Nations Volunteers to take fully into account, in the discharge of its mandate, 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;
5. Requests the Administrator to present to the Council at its twenty-eighth session proposals for the strengthening of the staffing of United Nations Volunteers taking into account the expansion of the programme's activities and the desirability of providing adequate backstopping and support;
6. Requests further the Administrator to take in the interim appropriate measures with a view to strengthening the current staff to enable the growth and to maintain the quality of the Programme;

7. Recommends to the General Assembly, through ECOSOC, that the title of the post of Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers Programme be renamed as "Executive Director" of the United Nations Volunteers to reflect appropriately the responsibilities and functions of this post;
8. Reiterates its invitation to all member Governments to contribute or increase their contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund to enable United Nations Volunteers to continue to expand its activities and to more effectively carry out its mandate.