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Working paper by the Chairman of the Working Group

ADDENDUM

As indicated in paragraph 4 of DP/1982/WG/L.1, the Chairman of the Working Group is circulating, in the Annex to this document, further texts for consideration by the Working Group as a possible basis for draft decisions.
Agenda item 6 (c)

Draft Decision on United Nations Volunteers

The Governing Council,

Having considered the reports of the Administrator, DP/1982/34 and DP/1982/37, and the views expressed thereon at the twenty-ninth session of the Governing Council,

Noting the outcome of the first High-Level Symposium on International Volunteer Service and Development, organized in 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, 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, United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office and other activities related to IPF financed activities,

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, as well as 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 short-term service to qualified professional men and women of these countries,

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

2. 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;

3. Agrees to postpone its review of the question of support cost reimbursement until its thirtieth session;
4. **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 **appeals** to Governments, organizations and individuals to start or 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.