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Committee: United Nations Volunteers Partnership Forum

Topic: Systematic Volunteerism in Peace and Development Interventions

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United Nations Volunteers Partnerships Forum,

Deeply Convinced that the global volunteerism should further develop in a systematic and structural method,

Recalling the valuable contribution of UN bodies, NGOs, relevant regional and subregional organizations and approaches to develop the current existing volunteering system as well as promoting further volunteerism growth and commending in this regard the convention documents signed on the Partnership Forum,

Noting that the first United Nations Volunteers Partnerships Forum was held on 30 September 2014, of which contributed much to finding innovate ideas on volunteerism,

Revising the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 2015 (A/RES/70/1),

Welcoming all countries to actively join the role of developing volunteerism by all sorts,

Fully aware that the further development of volunteerism is of great importance to all member states,

To act under the guidance of United Nations, as well as implementing the Sustainable Development Goals,

PART I Definition of Essential Components of Volunteerism

1. *Have noticed* that the precise and detailed definition of certain essential elements of volunteerism is being neglected or misunderstood in the current state, by respective aspects of volunteers, organizations and relevant stakeholders, bringing obstacles on the path of promoting the implementation of volunteerism;
2. *Have noticed* the lack of definition on the fundamental rights of volunteers, including the following rights of freedom, personal dignity, rest and labour;
3. *Have noticed* the unavailability of recognizing the major differences existing between online and onsite volunteerism;

PART II Recruitment of Volunteers

1. *Have noticed* the absence of a qualified supervision system, resulting in possible uncertainties of volunteer identity, credibility;
2. *Have noticed* the inefficiency in resource distribution, volunteers allocation and timeliness deficiency due to the primary reason of unstable supplies of volunteers;
3. *Have noticed* that the refinement and unification of different standards have not come up to the expectations and practice level of United Nations Volunteers, United Nations Entities and member states;
4. *Have noticed* that predicament of constrained recruitment scope and monotonous form of publicity, particularly in remote regions with limited supplies of information, has thereby immensely hindering the undertaking of volunteering activities;
5. *Have noticed* the inadequacy of attention during the recruitment on marginalized groups particularly women;