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CHAPTER XIV

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

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1. The Economic and Social Council considered the question of international co-operation in the field of human settlements at its second regular session of 1980 under agenda item 8.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Council had before it the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its third session. 1/

3. At its 23rd meeting, on 2 May 1980, the Council allocated the item to the First (Economic) Committee, which considered it at the 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 15th and 17th meetings, on 7, 8, 10, 11, 15 and 16 July 1980. For the report of the Committee on this item, see document E/1980/92.

ACTION BY THE FIRST (ECONOMIC) COMMITTEE

International co-operation in the field of human settlements

4. At its 12th meeting, the Committee considered a draft resolution entitled "International co-operation in the field of human settlements", 2/ submitted by the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77. 3/

5. At its 15th meeting, the Committee considered a second draft resolution issued under the same title; 2/ which was submitted by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Mohan Prasad Lohani (Nepal), as a result of informal consultations, held under his chairmanship, on the basis of the draft resolution submitted by the Group of 77. The Chairman orally revised the draft resolution.

6. At its 17th meeting, the Committee considered the revised draft resolution.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution and submitted it to the Council. For action by the Council, see paragraphs 8 and 9 below.

ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

8. At its 43rd meeting, on 23 July 1980, the Council considered the draft resolution recommended by the Committee in its report (E/1980/92, para. 12).

9. The representative of Yugoslavia orally amended the draft resolution by replacing the words "through its Governing Council" with the words "through the

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/35/8).

2/ A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was circulated under the symbol E/1980/C.1/L.8.

3/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

Commission on Human Settlements" in the fifth line of operative paragraph 5. The Council then adopted the draft resolution, as amended. For the final text, see the annex below, Council resolution 1980/47.

10. A statement was made by the representative of Bulgaria, also on behalf of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (see E/1980/SR.43).

ANNEX

Resolution adopted by the Economic and
Social Council under agenda item 8 a/

Resolution 1980/47. International co-operation in the field
of human settlements

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements and 34/116 of 14 December 1979 on the strengthening of human settlements activities,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Affirming that human settlements development should be viewed in the context of national plans and priorities and the development objectives of all countries, in particular the developing countries,

Recognizing that the Commission on Human Settlements has addressed itself meaningfully to substantive issues in the field of human settlements which are of priority concern to Member States, particularly to developing countries,

Expressing its appreciation of the initiative taken by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) in providing direct technical assistance to a large number of developing countries,

Reaffirming the importance of consolidating the operations of the Centre at its headquarters at Nairobi and welcoming the steps taken by the Executive Director of the Centre in this regard,

Having considered the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its third session, b/

a/ A compilation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council in 1980 will be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement Nos. 1, 1A and 1B (E/1980/80 and Add.1 and 2).

b/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/35/8).

1. Takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its third session and decides to transmit it to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-fifth session;

2. Recommends to the General Assembly for its consideration those resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission that require action by the Assembly;

3. Expresses its concern at the inadequacy of the voluntary contributions so far made available in support of the activities of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and, while expressing appreciation to those Governments that have so far made financial contributions for the Centre's activities, urgently appeals to all States and appropriate financial institutions to respond favourably to the appeal of the Commission on Human Settlements for increased financial support to the work programme of the Centre, by making voluntary contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, if possible at or before the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, scheduled to be held in November 1980;

4. Welcomes the growing co-operation between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and invites both the Programme and the Centre to intensify that co-operation;

5. Calls upon the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), bearing in mind the importance of energy conservation in the area of human settlements, to elaborate specific proposals aimed at making an effective and meaningful contribution to the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, to be held in August 1981, and to report thereon, through the Commission on Human Settlements, to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981.

43rd plenary meeting
23 July 1980
