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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM  
IN THE AGENDA OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE: SOCIAL POLICY  
AND PLANNING IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Letter dated 13 August 1970 from the Acting Permanent Representative  
of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On the instructions from my Government and referring to Economic and Social Council resolution 1494 (XLVIII), operative paragraph 8, I have the honour to request you to include in the agenda of the twenty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly an item entitled "Second United Nations Development Decade: social policy and planning in national development". It is suggested that the General Assembly may wish to consider this item in connexion with item 43 of the provisional agenda.

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I attach an explanatory memorandum.

(Signed) Torsten ÖRN  
Acting Permanent Representative  
of Sweden to the United Nations

\* The request for inclusion was received within the time-limit prescribed by rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Its publication has been delayed for technical reasons.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. During the preparations for the strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, the interrelationship between economic and social factors in development and the importance of planning for a unified approach to development has been widely recognized (see, inter alia, the report of the meeting of experts on social policy and planning in national development,<sup>1/</sup> the report on the twenty-first session of the Commission for Social Development<sup>2/</sup> and the report on the sixth session of the Committee for Development Planning.<sup>3/</sup> In its resolution 1494 (XLVIII) of 26 May 1970, the Economic and Social Council stressed the necessity for progressive integration of social and economic goals and programmes in the context of the strategy for the Second Development Decade and endorsed the principle of the unified approach, in this respect envisaged by the draft strategy. Furthermore, in operative paragraph 8 of the same resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General to include in the agenda of the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly an item entitled "Second United Nations Development Decade: social policy and planning in national development".

2. With reference to the above, the Swedish Government requests the inscription of this item on the agenda. In view of the need for a unified approach stressed in the same resolution of the Council, it furthermore suggests that the General Assembly should consider this matter in connexion with item 43 of the provisional agenda.

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1/ E/CN.5/445 and Corr.1.

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/4809 and Corr.1-3).

3/ Ibid., Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/4776).