

corded under part I and part II, section C. Relevant provisions of part II, section A, shall likewise be applicable where their application may be conducive to the benefit of this special group of persons in custody, provided that no measures shall be taken implying that re-education or rehabilitation is in any way appropriate to persons not convicted of any criminal offence."

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**2077 (LXII). The elderly: progress report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3137 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having taken note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the question of the elderly and the aged,<sup>88</sup>

1. Approves the report of the Secretary-General;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to pursue, expand and consolidate his work on the status of the elderly, particularly with regard to research and exchanges of information, taking into account the views expressed during the debates which took place on the question at the twenty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development.

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**2078 (LXII). Youth in the contemporary world**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling the many previous resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on youth,

Wishing to improve and co-ordinate the efforts of the United Nations with regard to the participation of youth in achieving the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations,

Convinced of the imperative need to direct the energies, enthusiasm and creative abilities of young people to the task of nation building, to the economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples, the preservation of world peace, the protection and promotion of human rights and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

Aware of the continuing need to educate youth in the spirit of the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding between peoples and to foster among the young respect for all peoples, irrespective of nationality, race, sex or religion, regard for human values and devotion to the ideals of peace, freedom and progress and to the cause of human rights,

Bearing in mind the valuable contribution that youth can make to the evolution of co-operation among States on the basis of equality and justice and to the ushering in of a new international economic order,

Noting the views on the subject of youth expressed in the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-fifth session,<sup>89</sup>

<sup>88</sup> E/CN.5/531.

<sup>89</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5915), chap. IX.*

1. Requests the Secretary-General, in the course of preparing the reports and documents called for in General Assembly resolutions 31/129 and 31/130 of 16 December 1976, to submit to the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-sixth session, proposals for action-oriented guidelines which would help to identify the particular policies and actions required at national and international levels to bring about more effective and widespread youth participation;

2. Requests also the Secretary-General, in order to give effect to a co-ordinated and practical approach to youth policies and programmes, to establish an inter-agency task force drawn from the Secretariat of the United Nations and the specialized agencies directly concerned with youth policies and programmes, and to report on the work of this task force to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council;

3. Requests further the Secretary-General, in recruitment, to give consideration to increasing the proportion of staff members in the Professional category of the United Nations Secretariat under the age of 30, without prejudice to the principle of equitable geographical distribution;

4. Decides to bring to the attention of the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fourth session the reports of the Secretary-General on popular participation, women, youth and children<sup>90</sup> and on problems facing youth;<sup>91</sup>

5. Recommends to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session the adoption of the guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations contained in the annex to the present resolution.

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**ANNEX**

**Guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations**

*A. National*

1. The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme should be requested to continue exploring, in consultation with the Government concerned, ways to involve youth organizations in development activities of the United Nations at the national level.

2. The United Nations Office of Public Information should continue to work in close co-operation with the Joint United Nations Information Committee to provide information on the issues on which the United Nations is working in such a way as to attract young people, at the national level, and interest them in the ideals and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

3. Bearing in mind proposals contained in his note on the role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights,<sup>a</sup> the Secretary-General should explore, in consultation with Governments, the feasibility of identifying a national liaison and focal point on youth within each country, taking into consideration the networks of national correspondents which have been set up to facilitate communication between countries and with the United Nations in allied fields of social development.

<sup>a</sup> E/CN.5/528 and Corr.1.

<sup>90</sup> E/CN.5/549.

<sup>91</sup> E/CN.5/534.

## B. Regional

The regional commissions should be requested to pay special attention to the question of active participation of youth in the process of national development and to consider at their forthcoming sessions appropriate forms in which regional commissions can assist Governments in this field and establish contacts with youth and youth organizations.

## C. International

1. The scope of the quarterly *Youth Information Bulletin* should be extended and it should be published in French and Spanish in addition to English, within the existing budgetary allocations. Both governmental and non-governmental bodies dealing with youth should be encouraged to provide material for dissemination through the Bulletin and to assist in its distribution so that it may be made available to as many young people and youth organizations as possible.

2. The work of the United Nations Office of Public Information and the Centre for Economic and Social Information in the creation of suitable radio and television programmes about the United Nations and its activities should be intensified, within their existing budgetary allocations.

3. The Secretary-General may continue to utilize the existing channels of communication between the United Nations and international and regional non-governmental youth organizations.

## 2079 (LXII). Reinforcing the social development sector within the United Nations

### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966 in which it adopted the present mandate and present designation of the Commission for Social Development,

*Bearing in mind* that the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, is considering various proposals relating, *inter alia*, to the institutional and structural machinery for dealing with social development activities within the United Nations,

*Desiring* to ensure that the social development sector within the United Nations shall be accorded, on a continuing basis, the high priority it deserves considering the gravity and urgency of the problems in this sector,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 31/182 of 21 December 1976 on preparations for a new international development strategy,

*Mindful* of the need to incorporate the social aspects of development in the formulation of a new international development strategy, taking fully into account the resolutions on the establishment of the new international economic order,

1. *Recommends* that the President of the Economic and Social Council should appoint an *ad hoc* working group composed of ten experts from Member States, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical distribution, to study, bearing in mind the work under way on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, and to make appropriate recommendations for improvement, *inter alia*, with regard to:

(a) The operational effectiveness of social development activities within the United Nations;

(b) The effectiveness of existing United Nations co-ordination machinery with respect to such activities;

(c) The future role of the social development component within the United Nations with a view to strengthening the social development input in the preparation of a new development strategy;

2. *Recommends also* that the Secretary-General should transmit the report of the working group to the members of the Commission for Social Development for comments and that the report, together with those comments, should be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-fourth session taking into account the decision of the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the subject of preparations for a new international development strategy;

3. *Recommends* that the Commission for Social Development, at its twenty-sixth session, should give the report of the working group priority consideration in its agenda.

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## 2080 (LXII). Training for social development

### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* that many of the objectives defined in its resolutions and those of the Commission for Social Development concerning such topics of social development as programmes and policies for youth, the improvement of the situation of the aged and the disabled, the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders and, in general, the promotion of the developmental objectives of social welfare, depend for their successful realization not only on material resources but also on the skills and capacities of those responsible for planning and implementing, administratively and practically, national social welfare programmes,

*Conscious* that such skills and capacities can be elicited, stimulated and improved by training suitably adapted to the level and type of workers involved, including in particular para-professional workers and volunteer workers required to provide services on the scale needed in many developing countries,

*Aware* that the shortage of workers with the necessary levels of knowledge and skill still constitutes a major constraint to the successful accomplishment of social welfare programmes in many countries,

*Welcoming* the proposals for training contained in the programme objectives for the period 1978-1981, in particular the improvement of training opportunities for youth workers and the studies leading to the production of a report on innovative approaches to the training of trainers, supervisors and field workers in social welfare,

1. *Calls upon* Governments, professional institutions and associations and other non-governmental organizations to intensify their efforts in the field of training for social development;

2. *Invites* Governments and intergovernmental and other bodies which are in a position to provide financial and material assistance for such purposes, to provide support for the establishment, maintenance and expansion of research and training centres for social development at the regional level, especially in those regions which do not yet have them;

3. *Urges* all regional training centres in social development established in collaboration with the United