

## 1985/6. Status and role of women and population

*The Economic and Social Council.*

Considering that the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace is scheduled to be held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985,

Recalling that the International Conference on Population, in its recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action,<sup>13</sup> identified the role and status of women as an area of priority action in the field of population,

Recalling also that the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development<sup>14</sup> emphasized the fact that the improvement of the status of women and the enhancement of their role were important goals in themselves and that the achievement of those goals would influence family life and size in a positive way,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 39/228 of 18 December 1984, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, reaffirmed the importance attached to the formulation and implementation of concrete policies which would enhance the status and role of women in the area of population policies and programmes,

1. Urges all Governments participating in the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to incorporate fully into the forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women for the period up to the year 2000 those aspects of the Mexico City Declaration on Population and Development and the recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action which relate to the status and role of women in the context of population;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in the framework of the ongoing monitoring, review and appraisal of progress made towards the implementation of the recommendations of the World Population Plan of Action, to focus periodically on those recommendations which make special reference to the relation between the role and status of women and population, and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council, through the Population Commission.

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## 1985/7. International economic classifications

*The Economic and Social Council.*

Recalling its resolution 299 B (XI) of 12 July 1950,

Considering:

(a) The marked improvement in the international comparability of external trade statistics which has resulted since 1976 from the implementation by Governments and international agencies of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), Revision 2,

(b) The action taken by the Customs Co-operation Council to maintain the correspondence of the Customs Co-operation Council Nomenclature (CCCN) with SITC Revision 2,

(c) The action taken by the Customs Co-operation Council to revise the CCCN and group the headings

<sup>13</sup> Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I, sect. B

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. I, sect. A.

thereof under a detailed Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS),

(d) The proposed revision of SITC Revision 2,<sup>15</sup> as described in the report of the Secretary-General on the harmonization of international economic classifications,<sup>16</sup> to be known as the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3,

1. Recommends that Member States should report internationally data on external trade statistics according to the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3, as far and as soon as possible, it being understood that Member States may not wish to make the change until they would in any case be reviewing their customs nomenclature;

2. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To publish SITC Revision 3, together with commodity indexes and correlation codes between SITC Revision 3, the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System and the Customs Co-operation Council Nomenclature and between SITC Revision 3 and the Classification by Broad Economic Categories;<sup>17</sup>

(b) To continue and complete, as a matter of priority, the development of the convertibility indexes between SITC Revision 2 and the Standard Foreign Trade Classification used for external trade by States members of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, and to establish similar convertibility indexes in respect of SITC Revision 3 and the Standard Foreign Trade Classification;

(c) To arrange that, beginning not later than with data for the full year 1988, the publication of SITC data by United Nations bodies should be, as far as possible, in the form of SITC Revision 3.

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## 1985/8. 1990 World Population and Housing Census Programme

*The Economic and Social Council.*

Having examined the report of the Statistical Commission on its twenty-third session,<sup>18</sup>

Recalling its resolution 1947 (LVIII) of 7 May 1975, in which it endorsed the development of the 1980 World Population and Housing Census Programme and recommended that States Members of the United Nations should take into account international recommendations relating to population and housing censuses when undertaking national censuses during the period 1975-1984, as well as its earlier resolutions endorsing previous decennial programmes,

Noting with satisfaction the unprecedented efforts made by States Members of the United Nations, in all regions, to carry out population and housing censuses as part of the 1980 World Population and Housing Census Programme and also the activities of the Secretary-General in support of national efforts in this regard,

Further recalling the importance placed on population censuses in the World Population Plan of Action adopted by the World Population Conference held in 1974<sup>19</sup> and

<sup>15</sup> PROVISIONAL SE/FSA/STAT/SER/M/34/Rev. 3 (second draft) and Corr. 1.

<sup>16</sup> E/CN.3/1985/7.

<sup>17</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.XVII.7.

<sup>18</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 6 (E/1985/26).

<sup>19</sup> Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

reaffirmed by the International Conference on Population held in 1984,<sup>20</sup>

*Takes note*, in particular, of recommendation 65 adopted by the International Conference on Population, by which all countries were required to participate in the 1990 World Population and Housing Census Programme in order to assist, *inter alia*, in the evaluation of population and development trends at all levels,<sup>21</sup>

*Convinced* that periodic population and housing censuses, since they provide comparable information for a country as a whole and for each administrative area therein, are one of the primary sources of data needed for effective development planning, monitoring of population trends and policies and the sound administration of national and local activities aimed at fostering the improvement of living standards,

*Stressing* that population and housing censuses should provide valuable statistics and indicators for assessing the situation of various special population groups, such as women, children, youth, the elderly, refugees and the homeless, and changes therein,

*Recognizing* that population and housing censuses place heavy demands on the statistical and administrative resources of countries, and that careful preparatory work is essential for maximizing the usefulness and efficiency of census activities,

*Further recognizing* that census methodology is constantly advancing and that an exchange of national experience and know-how will significantly contribute to the quality and timeliness of census results and the efficiency and effectiveness of census operations,

1. *Recommends* that States Members of the United Nations should undertake to carry out population and housing censuses during the period 1985-1994, taking into account international and regional recommendations relating to population and housing censuses and giving particular attention to the timely publication of census results so that the censuses meet national data requirements;

2. *Requests* the States Members of the United Nations, in carrying out population and housing censuses, to continue to provide basic census results to the United Nations and other appropriate intergovernmental organizations to assist in the study of global and regional issues;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the development of a 1990 World Population and Housing Census Programme, to be carried out during the period 1985-1994, and to make all necessary preparations with a view to assisting interested Member States to plan and carry out improved censuses during this period.

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## 1985/9. Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 468 G (XV) of 15 April 1953, 645 G (XXIII) of 26 April 1957, 994 (XXXVI) of 16 December 1963, 1110 (XL) of 7 March 1966, 1488 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970, 1744 (LIV) of 4 May 1973, 1973 (LIX) and 1974 (LIX) of 30 July 1975, 2050 (LXII) of 5 May 1977, 1979/42 of 11 May 1979, 1981/3 of 4 May 1981 and 1983/7 of 26 May 1983,

*Noting* the ever-increasing volume of dangerous goods in world-wide commerce and the rapid expansion of technology and innovation,

*Bearing in mind* the constant need to meet the growing concern for the protection of life and property through the safe transport of dangerous goods, while at the same time facilitating trade,

*Aware* that in order to achieve internationally harmonized laws, complete reliance is placed on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods by the specialized agencies and other international organizations and by interested Member States which are committed to taking the recommendations of the Committee as a basis for the formulation of their requirements and regulations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in the biennium 1983-1984<sup>22</sup> and of the new and amended recommendations approved by the Committee for inclusion in its existing recommendations;<sup>23</sup>

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To incorporate in the existing recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods all of the new and amended recommendations approved by the Committee at its thirteenth session;

(b) To publish the new and amended recommendations in all the official languages of the United Nations, in the most cost-effective manner, before the end of 1985 at the latest;

(c) To circulate the new and amended recommendations immediately after their publication to the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other international organizations concerned;

3. *Invites* all Governments, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other international organizations concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General their views on the Committee's work, together with any comments they may wish to make on the amended recommendations;

4. *Invites* all interested Governments and the international organizations concerned, when developing appropriate codes and regulations, to take full account of the recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods;

5. *Recommends* that, in view of the increasing concern being expressed in many international and regional bodies about environmental considerations in respect of the transport of dangerous substances, in particular hazardous wastes, transport requirements concerning the protection of the environment should take into account, *inter alia*, the recommendations of the Committee of Experts;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to make available, within existing resources, the staff necessary for the adequate servicing of the Committee of Experts, recalling that the request made by the Council in this regard in resolution 1983/7 has not yet been implemented;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report, as requested by the Council in resolution 1983/7, for submission to the Council at its second regular session of 1986, on the participation of Member States, particularly developing countries, in the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, taking into account, *inter alia*, the desirability of appointing observers as full members in view of their active participa-

<sup>20</sup> See *Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda).

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. I, sect. B, para. 33

<sup>22</sup> E/1985/21 and Corr.

<sup>23</sup> ST/SG/AC.10/10 and Add.1-8.