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UNIFIED APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS AND PLANNING

Report of the Second Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 2353rd plenary meeting on 19 September 1975, allocated to the Second Committee agenda item 82, entitled "Unified approach to development analysis and planning".
2. The Committee considered this item in connexion with its general debate at its 1656th to 1660th meetings, between 26 September and 6 October 1975. The Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 1702nd meeting on 21 November. An account of the discussions of the Committee on the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/SR.1656 to 1660 and 1702).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council, 1/ as well as a note by the Secretary-General on a unified approach to development analysis and planning (A/10167).
4. At the 1702nd meeting, on 21 November, the representative of the German Democratic Republic, on behalf of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Finland, the German Democratic Republic, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, the Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Mali, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1462).
5. At the same meeting, after hearing a statement by the Secretary of the Committee on the administrative and financial implications, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 7 below).

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/10003), chap. V, sect. A.

6. Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Germany (Federal Republic of), Honduras, Peru, Singapore, the United States of America and Uruguay.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Unified approach to development analysis and planning

The General Assembly,

Taking into account the importance of the aims and policies recommended in its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, 3202 (S-VI) of 5 May 1974, containing, respectively, 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, concerning development and international economic co-operation,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 1747 (LIV) of 16 May 1973, which contains recommendations concerning the unified approach to the analysis and planning of development by the Governments of various countries,

Taking note of the report of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development transmitted by the Secretary-General, 2/ containing a definition of a unified approach to development analysis and planning, and of the report by the Joint Inspection Unit 3/ on the feasibility of applying a unified approach in the work of the regional commissions,

Believing that unified planning at the national level is one of the most effective tools to promote economic, social and human development and to provide increasing opportunities to all people for a better life,

Reaffirming that each State has the sovereign and inalienable right to choose its economic and social system in accordance with the will of its people without outside interference,

2/ E/CN.5/519.

3/ E/5430.

1. Considers it appropriate to regard a unified approach to the analysis and planning of development at the national level covering all sectors of the national economy, public and private, as a means for the attainment of balanced social, economic and human development;
2. Believes that the application of a unified approach is connected with carrying out basic social and economic structural changes;
3. Recognizes that, among other measures, strengthening of the public sector will contribute to effective national planning;
4. Invites Governments to take account of the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1747 (LIV) in the application of a unified approach to the analysis and planning of development;
5. Endorses the application of a unified approach to the analysis and planning of development in the regional commissions and other United Nations bodies concerned;
6. Commends the Secretary-General for his efforts to integrate the activities related to the social and economic aspects of development within the Secretariat;
7. Requests the Secretary-General:
 - (a) To continue to study the question of a unified approach to the analysis and planning of development with a view to preparing proposals for action-oriented guidelines thereon;
 - (b) To prepare a report on the application by Governments of a unified approach to the analysis and planning of development in conjunction with the preparation of a report by the Secretary-General for the next biennial review and appraisal of progress of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade as provided in General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV), taking into account the contributions made in this regard by recent major United Nations conferences;
 - (c) To submit this report to the Commission on Social Development at its twenty-fifth session and to the Committee for Development Planning at its thirteenth session for their analysis and appropriate recommendations;
8. Requests that the report mentioned in paragraph 7 (b) and (c) above be fully taken into account in carrying out the biennial review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy;
9. Invites the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with the Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, suggestions for pilot projects on the practical application of a unified

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approach to development, taking into account the reports mentioned in the third preambular paragraph and to submit these suggestions to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-first session;

10. Requests the Economic and Social Council to analyse and appraise the progress made in this field in conjunction with its review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy at its sixty-third session;

11. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session a separate item entitled "Unified approach to the analysis and planning of development" with a view to considering the economic as well as social aspects of that question.
