

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, 31/38 of 30 November 1976, 36/19 of 9 November 1981, 38/25 of 22 November 1983 and 40/23 of 29 November 1985, in which the Assembly reaffirmed the importance for every State to carry out fundamental social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress and the necessity of studying national experience in this field,

*Noting with concern* the findings on the economic and social situation in many parts of the world, contained in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Highlights of the world social situation 1987: recent developments and current issues",<sup>48</sup>

*Desirous* of securing a speedy and complete removal of major obstacles to the economic and social progress of peoples, as defined in the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,

*Noting* the proposal of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to act as host to the interregional seminar on the national experience of developing and developed countries in carrying out far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress called for in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 38/25,

1. *Reaffirms* that further exchange of national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress would contribute to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Notes* that the Secretary-General is making arrangements for holding in 1988 the interregional seminar called for in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 38/25, within the resources allotted to the programme for sectoral and regional advisory services;

3. *Invites* all States to submit to the Secretary-General national reports on their experience in carrying out far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with all States, a report on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress, taking into account the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 36/19, 38/25 and 40/23, and to submit it to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council;

5. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to consider at its thirty-first session the issue of national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress.

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## **1987/36. Use of science and technology in the interest of social and economic development**

### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* that scientific and technological progress is an important factor in the social and economic development of human society,

*Reaffirming* the objectives of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, by which States were called upon to aim for an

equitable sharing of scientific and technological advances by developed and developing countries and a steady increase in the use of science and technology for the benefit of the social development of society, as well as the intensification of international co-operation in this field,

*Reaffirming also* the provisions of the Declaration on the Use of Scientific and Technological Progress in the Interests of Peace and for the Benefit of Mankind, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 3384 (XXX) of 10 November 1975, by which all States were called upon to promote international co-operation, to ensure that the results of scientific and technological developments are used in the interests of strengthening international peace and security, freedom and independence, and also for the purpose of the economic and social development of peoples and the realization of human rights and freedoms in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

*Considering* that the implementation of the above-mentioned declarations will contribute towards promoting the social and economic development of peoples and international co-operation in the interest of scientific and technological progress and towards strengthening peace,

*Emphasizing* that international co-operation of States for the promotion of scientific and technological progress is in the interest of the social and economic development of all peoples and can contribute to development and the promotion of peace,

*Noting* that the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development is to be held in New York from 24 August to 11 September 1987,

*Convinced* that, at a time of rapid scientific and technological progress, the resources of humankind and the work of scientists should be used for the peaceful economic, social and cultural development of nations and for the improvement of the living standards of all peoples,

*Aware* that technical co-operation, including the possibility of transfer of technology, is one of the ways of achieving better social progress in developing countries,

*Recalling* its resolution 1985/21 of 29 May 1985, in which it specified that the next report on the world social situation should include a more thorough analysis of the impact of new and emerging technologies on socio-economic conditions, particularly in developing countries, and should analyse the progress made in the international diffusion of appropriate technology and application of technology in improving social conditions in developing countries,

1. *Calls upon* all States to promote co-operation to ensure scientific and technological progress for the welfare of their peoples, and of all humankind, as well as their social and economic development, and to contribute towards eliminating economic backwardness and grave social problems in the world, such as hunger, illiteracy, homelessness, unemployment and inadequate health protection;

2. *Stresses* the necessity of using scientific and technological progress for the implementation of the fundamental human rights in their entirety, including political, economic, social and cultural rights;

3. *Urges* all States to make every effort to utilize scientific and technological achievements for the promotion of peaceful social and economic development, and to prevent their misuse to the detriment of peoples;

4. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to consider the use of science and technology in the

<sup>48</sup> E/CN.5/1987/2.

interest of social development in connection with its review of the world social situation.

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### 1987/37. International Year of Shelter for the Homeless

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolution 37/221 of 20 December 1982, in which the Assembly proclaimed the year 1987 International Year of Shelter for the Homeless,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 41/146 of 4 December 1986 and Council resolution 1986/41 of 23 May 1986,

Recalling further that the objective of activities before and during the Year is to improve the shelter and neighbourhoods of some of the poor and disadvantaged by the end of 1987, according to national priorities, and to demonstrate by the year 2000 ways and means of improving the shelter and neighbourhoods of the poor and disadvantaged,

Recognizing with regret that a considerable part of the world's population does not have adequate shelter and lives in extremely unhealthy and unsanitary conditions,

Noting that the lack of adequate housing for millions of people constitutes a serious social problem requiring urgent action at both the national and international levels,

Taking note of the fact that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>5</sup> the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>1</sup> the Declaration on Social Progress and Development<sup>44</sup> and the Declaration on the Right to Development<sup>49</sup> provide that all persons have the right to an adequate standard of living, including adequate housing, and that States should take appropriate steps to ensure the realization of that right,

Recognizing that the provision of adequate shelter is essential for the promotion and achievement of national economic and social development and human health,

1. Calls upon all Governments and all institutions concerned, both national and international, to adopt decisive measures to achieve the objectives and goals of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless and to inform the Secretary-General thereon;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, when assessing the results of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, to pay due attention to the social and human aspects of housing for the poor and disadvantaged and, in this connection, to the practical follow-up to the Year through the Commission for Human Settlements;

3. Requests the Commission for Social Development to continue to pay attention to the problem of inadequate shelter in the context of the review of the world social situation.

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### 1987/38. Twentieth Anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development

*The Economic and Social Council*

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling the Declaration on Social Progress and Development based on the Charter of the United Nations and solemnly proclaimed on 11 December 1969 in its resolution 2542 (XXIV),

Recalling also its resolutions 2543 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, 32/117 of 16 December 1977, 34/59 of 29 November 1979 and 41/142 of 4 December 1986 on the implementation of the Declaration,

Convinced of the continuing need to achieve the full realization of the principles and objectives contained in the Declaration, which contribute to peaceful and friendly relations between nations,

Noting that the year 1989 will mark the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration,

1. Reaffirms the lasting validity and importance of the principles and objectives proclaimed in the Declaration on Social Progress and Development;

2. Decides to observe in 1989 the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration;

3. Invites all States, the specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to take appropriate measures, such as those set out in the annex to the present resolution, which are based on the measures recommended in General Assembly resolution 41/150 on the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and to support appropriate activities aimed at encouraging the promotion of human rights and social justice;

4. Invites all States to inform the Secretary-General of their views and comments concerning the impact of the Declaration, since its adoption, on the formulation and implementation of the national policies and measures of their Governments, as well as how the principles, objectives, and means and methods set out in the Declaration are taken into account in their policies, plans and programmes and in their bilateral and multilateral relations in the field of development;

5. Invites all States to convey to the Secretary-General their views and comments on possible ways and means of increasing the contribution of the appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to achieving the full realization of the principles and objectives contained in the Declaration;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to include the information received pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 5 above in the report requested in paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 41/142, to be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to observe the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration, bearing in mind the recommended possible measures contained in the annex to the present resolution, in order to draw attention to and emphasize the importance of the Declaration and the role played and the work done by the United Nations to ensure the effective fulfilment of the objectives of the Declaration;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fourth session an item entitled 'Twentieth Anniversary of the proclamation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development';

9. Also decides to devote one plenary meeting during its forty-fourth session to the observance of the

<sup>49</sup> General Assembly resolution 41/128, annex.