

3. *Considers* that an adequate follow-up to the International Youth Year should take place in order to maintain the momentum achieved during its preparation and observance, within the mandate of the Commission for Social Development;

4. *Considers* it appropriate for the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, within existing resources:

(a) To review continuously the situation of youth;

(b) To provide an overall assessment of ongoing activities on the basis of results from national committees;

(c) To evaluate the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth;

(d) To consider ways and means to further develop co-operation in the field of youth;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-first session an interim report on the stage of implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth, so that the Commission may adopt action-oriented recommendations;

6. *Decides* that the Commission for Social Development, at its thirty-first session, shall discuss the question of youth in the contemporary world as part of the review of the follow-up of the International Youth Year.

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1987/46. National policies for families

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that the Declaration on Social Progress and Development⁴⁴ recognized the value of the family as a basic unit of society and the natural environment for the growth and well-being of all its members,

Recalling its resolutions 1983/23 of 26 May 1983 on the role of the family in the development process and 1985/29 of 29 May 1985 on the family,

Taking note of the fact that the Secretary-General is conducting a survey of national policies for families,

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on developments concerning national family policies,⁶⁰

Affirming the importance of the family as a basic unit of society,

Aware of the need for co-ordination of the range of activities carried out within the United Nations system on behalf of families,

Recalling chapter II of the 1982 *Report on the World Social Situation*⁶¹ on the family,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake discussions within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the family-related activities of the other organizations in the United Nations system, within available resources;

2. *Invites* Member States to respond to the best of their ability to the survey of national policies for families;

3. *Welcomes* the proposal contained in paragraph 111 of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Highlights of the world social situation 1987: recent

⁶⁰ E/1987/6.

⁶¹ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.IV.2 and Corr.1 and 2.

developments and current issues"⁴⁸ to include a section in the 1989 report on the world social situation on recent views and trends concerning the family, making use of the survey of national policies for families;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-first session on the results of the survey of national policies for families.

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1987/47. National experience in promoting the co-operative movement

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2459 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, 31/37 of 30 November 1976, 33/47 of 14 December 1978 and 36/18 of 9 November 1981, and Council resolutions 1983/15 of 26 May 1983 and 1985/22 of 29 May 1985.

Desiring to promote the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁴²

Bearing in mind the importance of the establishment and growth of co-operatives as a democratic instrument for the full economic, social and cultural development of all members of society.

Reaffirming the important role played by co-operatives in the socio-economic development of developing countries,

Recognizing the necessity of training and educational programmes at various levels for the growth, diversification and professionalization of the management of co-operatives.

Convinced that the exchange between countries of national experience relating to the co-operative movement plays an essential role in strengthening co-operatives for the benefit of their members and in overcoming difficulties in the development of various co-operatives,

Noting with satisfaction the offer of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to act as host to a seminar on the role of government in promoting the co-operative movement, to be held in May 1987,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement;⁶²

2. *Invites* the regional commissions and specialized agencies concerned to make further efforts to promote the co-operative movement as an effective instrument for the improvement of the well-being of all people;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to include pertinent information and data on the co-operative movement in developing and developed countries in relevant periodic United Nations publications;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, with particular attention to developing countries, in consultation with Member States, appropriate organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations, and drawing on the work already in progress elsewhere in the United Nations system, a comprehensive report on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement, paying special attention, *inter alia*, to the following aspects of the question:

⁶² A/42/56-E/1987/