

4. *Commends* the increased emphasis which the United Nations Children's Fund in collaboration with the technical agencies concerned proposes to place on the training of national personnel within the field of its interests;

5. *Commends* to Governments continued and increasing support for the United Nations Children's Fund in order more fully to meet the needs of children in less developed countries.

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A

REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1392 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 on the inter-relationship of the economic and social factors of development,

Noting the observations of the Social Commission on the 1961 *Report on the World Social Situation*,³¹

Commending the skilful analysis of the problem of balanced social and economic development in the 1961 *Report on the World Social Situation* and in the case studies for certain countries, which have great potential importance not only for the integration of social policy, but also for the co-ordination of social and economic development programmes,

Recognizing the importance this and subsequent reports may have, particularly to the developing countries for guidance in policy development,

Recognizing also the urgent need for the extension and improvement of information on social conditions and on expenditures for social purposes,

Recognizing the importance of refining the concepts and techniques of measuring social development,

1. *Recommends* that the report be referred to Member States for their interim use and guidance in policy development and that Governments take such measures as they deem appropriate to bring the report to the attention of agencies concerned with various phases of development planning;

2. *Draws the attention* of Governments of Member States to the availability and great value of assistance, through the United Nations and the specialized agencies, to developing countries in carrying out social surveys basic to determining their development needs and in training personnel qualified to further national development programmes in both social and economic fields;

3. *Approves* the work programme in this field, including the various types of studies on a global, regional and national basis, both substantive and methodological, that are suggested in the Note by the Secretary-General;³²

³¹ United Nations publication, Sales No. 61.IV.4.

³² E/CN.5/361.

4. *Decides* that an analytic *Report on the World Social Situation* be issued biennially, beginning in 1963, covering in alternate editions, social conditions and social programmes, on the one hand, and urgent comprehensive social problems selected in the light of recommendations and decisions of the Social Commission, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, on the other.

*1179th plenary meeting,
2 August 1961.*

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URBANIZATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the growing concentration of population in urban areas, and the nature and scope of social and economic problems which accompany urbanization and industrialization as defined in reports on the world social situation,

Recalling resolution 792 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 concerning the preparation of a programme of concerted international action in the field of urbanization, and bearing in mind the relationship and co-ordination of this programme with the long-range programmes of concerted action in the fields of community development, of low-cost housing and related community facilities and of industrialization, as well as with the studies of migration between rural and urban areas mentioned in resolution 721 C (XXVII) of 24 April 1959,

Convinced that the proposed programme will help Governments in their efforts to reduce certain adverse consequences of urbanization affecting the community and the new city dwellers alike,

Aware of the important role of central and local governments in the planning, organization, financing and execution of urban development programmes,

Recognizing that institutional arrangements at the national level to deal with problems of urbanization and to carry out the required fact-finding activities are often insufficient,

Convinced that the effectiveness of measures adopted by Governments to cope with these problems will greatly depend on the technical assistance provided at the request of Governments, the availability of trained personnel in the different disciplines involved and the adequacy of basic data, surveys and other information, including a comparative review and evaluation of practical experiences,

1. *Approves* the proposals for concerted international action in the field of urbanization and the methods suggested for the implementation of the long-range programme;³³

2. *Invites* the United Nations, including the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies concerned, to strengthen their work on various aspects of urbanization and to make the necessary provisions for full participation in the concerted programme of international action in this field;

³³ E/CN.5/351.