

627 (XXII). Programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 585 H (XX) of 23 July 1955, which requested the Secretary-General to prepare "a report on the extent to which the priorities and programmes set forth in Council resolution 496 (XVI) on the programme of concerted practical action in the social field have been taken into account and implemented by the United Nations and the specialized agencies",

Recalling also its resolution 585 F (XX) on the maintenance of family levels of living,

1. Notes the report of the Secretary-General on the programme of concerted action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies,⁵⁴ and the progress it reflects, including the widening of the geographical scope of the programmes in independent countries and Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories;

2. Stresses the need for intensified and concerted international efforts in strengthening social programmes in independent countries and Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories, and the need for attention to the social aspects of economic development in the interests of integrated development;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to include in the special study being prepared in response to Council resolution 496 (XVI) of 31 July 1953 recommendations for concerted international action on a long-range basis for the promotion of community development, taking into account paragraph 5 of Council resolution 585 C (XX);

4. Requests its Social Commission to transmit to the Council, at its twenty-fourth session, its comments and recommendations on the study mentioned in paragraph 3 above;

5. Decides to consider at its twenty-fourth session, in connexion with the examination of the second *Report on the World Social Situation*, the problem of the improvement of information on social conditions;

6. Reaffirms its request to the Secretary-General in Council resolution 585 H (XX) to give special attention in the second *Report on the World Social Situation* "to the problems of peoples undergoing rapid transition especially through urbanization";

7. Expresses its interest in the study now being undertaken by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the possibility of concerting international action in connexion with the problems mentioned in paragraph 6 above;

8. Notes with satisfaction that, in drafting its proposals on the maintenance of family levels of living, the

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 10, document E/2890.

Working Group convened in pursuance of Council resolution 585 F (XX) is, in accordance with the terms of reference established for it, to give attention, among other factors which determine the level of living of the population, to such factors as housing, nutrition, education, employment and labour, and health;

9. Recommends that the Secretary-General prepare, as soon as possible, a preliminary study designed to assist in determining the feasibility and practical value of analysing the methods used and the nature of the problems encountered by countries in their attempts to integrate social and economic action to raise the level of living of their people.

947th plenary meeting,
2 August 1956.

628 (XXII). Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling with gratitude the work accomplished by Dr. G. J. van Heuven Goedhart as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Mindful of his devoted and untiring efforts to lead the nations to a final solution of the refugee problem,

Noting with satisfaction the Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,⁵⁵

1. Expresses its deep regret at his untimely passing;

2. Reaffirms its abiding interest in finding as quickly as possible permanent solutions to the refugee problem;

3. Urges all Governments to do everything in their power to support the work on behalf of refugees in the spirit in which it was carried forward by the late High Commissioner and, as a solemn tribute to his memory, to bring it to a successful conclusion.

933rd plenary meeting,
13 July 1956.

629 (XXII). Application from Morocco for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the application of Morocco⁵⁶ for admission to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, transmitted by that organization to the Council in accordance with article II of the

⁵⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/3123)*, transmitted to the Council under document E/2887, Corr.1 and Add.1.

⁵⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 22, document E/2902 and Add.1.*