

programmes authorized by the Council at its twenty-second session ;

4. *Recommends* that the International Labour Organisation and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations should continue to carry out studies on the methods which experience in developed and under-developed countries has shown to be most effective in the various specific fields in which co-operatives can

most usefully contribute to the promotion of modern techniques, especially in agriculture and fisheries ;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its twenty-ninth session on the implementation of the above recommendations.

971st plenary meeting,
2 May 1957.

Social questions

638 (XXIII). United Nations Children's Fund

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.¹⁶

965th plenary meeting,
24 April 1957.

642 (XXIII). Report of the Population Commission (ninth session)

A

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Population Commission (ninth session).¹⁷

967th plenary meeting,
25 April 1957.

B

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that there is a direct relationship between the problems of population and economic and social development,

Considering that after the establishment of demographic training and research centres in Latin America and in Asia and the Far East, the time has come to focus attention on demographic problems in Africa,

Considering further that the existence of new States in Africa justifies increased attention to these problems,

Noting the useful work done by the African Seminar on Vital and Health Statistics sponsored jointly by the Commission for Technical Co-operation in Africa South of the Sahara and the World Health Organization, held at Brazzaville, French Equatorial Africa, in November 1956,

Considering the desirability of making as much preparation as possible for deriving maximum results from the forthcoming population censuses in Africa,

¹⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/2937).*

¹⁷ *Ibid., Supplement No. 4 (E/2957/Rev.1).*

Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Governments concerned, specialized agencies and other appropriate international agencies, to study the possibilities of encouraging wider co-operation in demographic studies and in the improvement of census and vital statistics in Africa and explore the desirability and feasibility of the early establishment of demographic training and research centres in Africa, and to report as appropriate to the Population Commission at its tenth session.

967th plenary meeting,
25 April 1957.

C

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the importance of technical assistance in the demographic field for the economic and social development of under-developed countries,

Recalling the request made to the Secretary-General, in Council resolution 471 C (XV) of 14 April 1953, to give, within the limits of the resources available and in accordance with the work priorities, appropriate technical assistance to those Governments requesting aid in order to help them carry out analytical studies of their census results,

Considering the small number of experts available in this field in most countries and the difficulties which have been experienced in recruiting qualified experts for demographic missions,

1. *Recommends* that Governments interested in obtaining technical assistance in the demographic field make their requests as early as possible ;

2. *Urges* Governments to assist the United Nations in its efforts to recruit demographic experts for technical assistance missions by making such experts available to the greatest extent possible ;

3. *Invites* the specialized agencies, particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to collaborate with the United Nations in this field, in view of their contacts with non-governmental organizations and institutions which have consultative status or maintain relations with these specialized agencies.

967th plenary meeting,
25 April 1957.