

721 (XXVII). Report of the Population Commission

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Population Commission (tenth session)¹⁶ and endorses the work programme and priorities contained therein.

*1066th plenary meeting,
24 April 1959.*

B

DEMOGRAPHIC PILOT STUDIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the section of the report of the Population Commission (tenth session) on demographic pilot studies,¹⁷

Reaffirming that it is essential to take demographic factors into account in planning economic and social development programmes, particularly in under-developed countries,

Recalling the importance attached by the Council to surveys of human and material resources and needs, with a view to facilitating the planning of economic development programmes for the under-developed countries, in accordance with its resolution 614 C (XXII) of 9 August 1956,

Bearing in mind the fact that many countries will be carrying out population censuses during 1960 and 1961, and the importance of utilizing the results of these censuses to facilitate the planning of development programmes for the under-developed countries, as well as for other purposes,

Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To take the necessary steps, as soon as possible, to publish a report on the demographic pilot study carried out in co-operation with the Government of the Philippines;

(b) To put at the disposal of the Governments of under-developed countries which may request it the co-operation of the United Nations in carrying out, over the next few years, a limited number of demographic pilot studies or other projects calculated to demonstrate the value of utilizing demographic data, and especially the results of censuses, in preparing and implementing development programmes; such studies, carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Population Commission, would also enable the methods of obtaining the data to be made known and perfected;

(c) To obtain, in so far as this is desirable and feasible, the collaboration in such projects of the specialized agencies and other bodies concerned;

¹⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/3207/Rev.1).*

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, paras. 33-36.

(d) To report regularly to the Population Commission the progress made in these studies.

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C

DEMOGRAPHIC ASPECTS OF URBANIZATION AND INDUSTRIALIZATION WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE STUDY OF INTERNAL MIGRATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the section of the report of the Population Commission (tenth session) on possibilities of international co-operation in studies of internal migration in the less developed countries in the process of industrialization,¹⁸

Recognizing the importance of studies of internal migration in relation to economic and social development, especially in the countries in the process of industrialization,

Recalling that, in its resolution 618 (XXII) of 6 August 1956 and 694 C (XXVI) of 31 July 1958, it had requested the Secretary-General to explore the possibilities of concerting international action in connexion with problems of urbanization which should complement the programmes of industrialization,

Considering the lack of knowledge and the inadequacy of reliable data with which to measure the phenomena of rural to urban migration and the contrary movement,

Requests the Secretary-General to develop studies of internal migration in relation to economic and social development, along the following lines:

(a) To offer the co-operation of the United Nations to less developed countries in the process of industrialization which are desirous of undertaking studies of the magnitude and characteristics of internal migration, especially between rural and urban areas, as a part of the programme of demographic studies recommended by the Population Commission;

(b) In the development of these studies to take account of relevant social and economic changes associated with the processes of urbanization and industrialization, by observing conditions at first hand and with the co-operation of local organizations;

(c) To invite the co-operation of the interested specialized agencies in this work as a part of the proposed programmes of concerted action in the fields of urbanization and industrialization;

(d) To report to the Population Commission at its eleventh session on the progress made in implementing these requests.

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¹⁸ *Ibid.*, paras. 37-42.