

I

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF NARCOTICS CONTROL

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁴⁵ presented in accordance with its resolution 688 (XXVI) of 28 July 1958, and the sections of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fourteenth session⁴⁶ concerning technical assistance in the field of narcotics control,

Recognizing the desirability of facilitating increased co-operation on a regional level for narcotics control,

Noting that in spite of extensive efforts on the part of Governments and other authorities concerned, illicit traffic in drugs remains at a high level, and that in many cases narcotics control projects would benefit the international community as much as or more than the country receiving technical assistance,

1. *Approves* the recommendation of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs that a continuing programme for technical assistance in narcotics control should be established within the regular budget of the United Nations;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly adopt the following draft resolution :

The General Assembly,

Considering that under Chapter IX of the Charter and under the international narcotic treaties the United Nations exercises responsibilities in the field of narcotic drugs,

Considering that technical assistance is a means by which countries may be helped to increase the effectiveness of their measures to control the production, distribution and use of narcotic drugs, to reduce and eliminate drug addiction, and to combat the illicit traffic,

Recognizing the particular usefulness of technical assistance for those countries which have an important problem of drug addiction or illicit traffic, or both,

Taking account of the arrangements previously established by the Assembly concerning the regular technical assistance programmes and the advisory services of the United Nations, and concerning the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

Noting that in many cases narcotics control projects would benefit the international community as much or more than the country receiving technical assistance; and that the effectiveness of the control system embodied in the international narcotic treaties would be increased if technical assistance were available to countries which require it,

Noting that the specialized agencies concerned, the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, are rendering

⁴⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes, agenda item 14, document E/3268.*

⁴⁶ *Ibid., Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3254).*

valuable services to their members in matters within their competence touching questions of narcotics control,

1. *Decides* to establish a continuing programme of technical assistance in narcotics control with the regular budget of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide technical assistance in its various forms in the field of narcotics control, subject to the direction of the Economic and Social Council and in accordance with approved policies in so far as they are applicable; and at the request of and in agreement with Governments; and with the co-operation of the specialized agencies, where appropriate, and without duplication of their existing activities;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to take into account the programme established by the present resolution in preparing the budgetary estimates of the United Nations;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies concerned, the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to continue to maintain and develop their technical assistance activities touching the field of narcotics control;

5. *Expresses the hope* that non-governmental organizations, including foundations and universities, will also give assistance in this respect within their fields of interest;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report regularly to the Economic and Social Council and to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on technical assistance in the field of narcotics control, including action taken under this and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

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A

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Social Commission (twelfth session)⁴⁷ and endorses the work programme and priorities contained therein.

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B

LONG-RANGE PROGRAMME OF CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL ACTION IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Annex A I to its resolution 664 (XXIV) of 1 August 1957, and its resolution 694 C (XXVI) of 31 July 1958 concerning the drawing up of a long-

⁴⁷ *Ibid., Supplement No. 11 (E/3265/Rev.1).*

C

INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF PROGRAMMES OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

*Taking note of the second International Survey of Programmes of Social Development,*⁴⁹

Considering it necessary to take further action to prepare and carry out measures for exploring new possibilities of assisting under-developed countries in developing their social services,

Requests the Secretary-General :

(a) To ask the Governments of States Members of the United Nations to include in the information furnished by them for the purpose of future reports in this series, all information as to experience gained, difficulties encountered, and lessons learned in the field of social development which would be of assistance to under-developed countries in planning and carrying out programmes of social development;

(b) To utilize this material, in consultation with the specialized agencies concerned, for inclusion as appropriate in future reports in this series, including also his own suggestions and recommendations on the subject, for consideration by the Social Commission and the Council.

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D

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Economic and Social Council,

*Having considered the observations and conclusions of the Social Commission on the needs in the field of social service as reflected in its report,*⁵⁰

Noting especially the growing impact of social and economic change on the welfare of the family and the importance of extending social service for the protection and strengthening of family life,

Recognizing that further progress in raising family levels of living in many countries will be favourably influenced by the establishment of social service programmes planned in relation to other aspects of social policy and economic development,

1. *Expresses its appreciation to the group of experts for its report on national social service programmes*⁵¹ *considering the great importance of its conclusions;*

2. *Expresses its thanks to those concerned in the preparation of the publication entitled Training for Social Work : Third International Survey;*⁵²

3. *Proposes that, in preparing the work programme, the United Nations should give particular attention to*

⁴⁹ United Nations publication, Sales No. : 59.IV.2.

⁵⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/3265/Rev.1), chap. IV.*

⁵¹ E/CN.5/333.

⁵² United Nations publication, Sales No. : 59.IV.1.

range programme of international action in the field of housing and related community facilities,

Noting that the supply of housing at costs attainable within the reach of low-income families continues to be inadequate, and that high building costs and lack of resources for housing point towards a growing deficit in dwellings,

Recognizing the significant role of Governments in the planning, financing and execution of programmes for low-cost housing and community facilities, and the important relation between such programmes and programmes in the fields of urbanization, industrialization and community development;

Recognizing further the need for intensive information and education for the promotion of better housing and community facilities,

1. *Notes and approves with satisfaction the principles and general lines of the long-range programme of concerted international action in the field of low-cost housing and related community facilities;*⁴⁸

2. *Requests the Secretary-General to circulate to Governments for comments and consideration the long-range programme of concerted international action together with the recommendations thereon of the Social Commission and the Council;*

3. *Invites the regional economic commissions, the specialized agencies and the regional housing centres concerned to review the long-range programme and to make provision for full participation in the proposed concerted action;*

4. *Recommends Governments :*

(a) *To institute or accelerate programmes for the extension of low-cost housing and community facilities and services as part of national programmes for housing, urban and rural development and general economic and social development;*

(b) *To facilitate a more intensive use within these programmes of efforts of individuals and groups (co-operatives, trade unions and other organizations) including self-help, mutual aid, co-operation and similar methods;*

5. *Recommends that the competent organs of central and local governments, and all in a position to influence public opinion in their respective countries, consider the possibility of undertaking further measures to increase joint efforts to solve this serious problem;*

6. *Recognizes that assistance by international organizations to Governments in the field of low-cost housing and related community facilities should be organized on a long-term basis;*

7. *Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its thirtieth session and to the Social Commission at its thirteenth session on specific joint and individual projects planned by the participating organizations on a long-term basis.*

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⁴⁸ E/CN.5/339.

assisting Members States at their request, in drawing up, organizing and administering national social service programmes and in training the necessary personnel;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the comments of States Members of the United Nations the specialized agencies concerned, and appropriate non-governmental organizations in consultative status on the following documents, taking into account the views of the members of the Social Commission on these documents :

(a) The report of the group of experts on national social service programmes;

(b) The observations of the Secretary-General thereon;

(c) The publication entitled *Training for Social Work: Third International Survey*;

5. *Requests further* that the Secretary-General present an analysis of the comments of Governments, the specialized agencies concerned and appropriate non-governmental organizations in consultative status, together with his comments thereon to the Social Commission at its thirteenth session;

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to convene an expert group of key national social welfare officials selected from among Member States at different stages of economic development and with different social structures, to analyse recent national experience and to identify underlying principles and effective methods, in the organization and administration of social services, taking into account the comments on this subject called for in paragraph 4 above.

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E

THE SUPPRESSION OF THE TRAFFIC IN PERSONS AND OF THE EXPLOITATION OF THE PROSTITUTION OF OTHERS

The Economic and Social Council,

Being of the opinion that the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 317 (IV) of 2 December 1949 is a valuable contribution to the combating of these social evils,

Taking note of the fact that thus far twenty-five countries have ratified the said Convention or have acceded to it,

Expressing the hope that the Governments of the remaining countries will ratify or accede to the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others or attempt to implement its principal provisions,

1. *Requests* Governments to take all appropriate measures for the elimination of the causes leading to the traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others through constant improvement of the social and economic living conditions of their peoples;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretariat of the United Nations for the report on the suppression

of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others,⁵³ prepared in accordance with the decision of the Social Commission at its eleventh session;⁵⁴

3. *Invites the attention* of Governments mentioned in article 23 of the Convention to this report, and in particular to the programme of action set out in chapter IX, and recommends them :

(a) To give consideration to the adoption of the measures proposed in this chapter of the report, as part of the development of effective policies directed to the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others;

(b) To inform the Secretary-General of the progress made in regard to the adoption of such measures by including information thereon in their reports submitted biennially to the Secretariat on the basis of the questionnaire on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others, approved by the Council in its resolution 390 A (XIII) of 9 August 1951;

(c) To bring the programme of action to the attention of the governmental agencies concerned and, so far as necessary or appropriate, to non-governmental organizations interested in this field;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to make arrangements for the publication, as appropriate, of the information received in pursuance of sub-paragraph 3 (b) above and to ask for supplementary information if necessary.

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F

FUTURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SOCIAL DEFENCE PROGRAMME

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that in its resolution 155 C (VII) of 13 August 1948 it stated that the United Nations should assume leadership in promoting international activity in the field of the prevention of crime and treatment of offenders and that the General Assembly, in its resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950, approved the transfer of the functions of the International Penal and Penitentiary Commission to the United Nations,

Considering that Governments attach great importance to the United Nations programming in the field of the prevention of crime and treatment of offenders and have indicated a desire that international action in this respect should continue,

Bearing in mind the difficulties encountered by the Secretary-General in the implementation of the United Nations programme of social defence and also the need to allow for organization of the work within the Secretariat while ensuring the continuity of the work pro-

⁵³ E/CN.5/338.

⁵⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3008), annex II.*

gramme in this field and the maximum co-ordination with the activities of the non-governmental organizations concerned,

1. *Believes* that the United Nations should retain leadership and responsibility in the matter of social defence and strengthen technical assistance in this field, particularly to the less developed countries;

2. *Considers* that the United Nations Secretariat should provide for the continuation of the direction and co-ordination of the social defence programme at Headquarters;

3. *Believes further* that with a view to achieving better co-ordination with the non-governmental organizations, the activities of the European Office of the United Nations in the field of the prevention of crime and treatment of offenders should be enlarged;

4. *Agrees* that in order to implement the aims stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the Secretary-General, as a matter within his competence, should assign to the European Office such staff as may be necessary to carry out the activities entrusted to it;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his consultation with the International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation and other non-governmental organizations with a view to finding the best arrangements for associating them more closely with the functions of the United Nations in the field of the prevention of crime and treatment of offenders;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the measures to bring into operation the regional institutes in Latin America and in Asia and the Far East.

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G

ADVISORY SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 418 (V) of 1 December 1950, on advisory social welfare services in which the Assembly requests that the Commission formulate recommendations from time to time concerning the continued action required to carry out essential United Nations advisory services in the field of social welfare,

Recalling further Council resolution 496 (XVI) of 31 July 1953 in which it requested the Secretary-General to give high priority to assisting Governments in the planning and administration of social programmes, the training of personnel at all levels for carrying out such programmes, and in the use of community development methods and techniques,

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of technical assistance to Governments for the achievement of their national goals in raising levels of living and in strengthening family and community life;

2. *Notes* the growing need for technical assistance in the social field as shown by the substantial increase in

requests received by the United Nations during 1957-1958, and the expansion of fields of activity in which assistance was provided;

3. *Notes further* the recommendation of the twelfth session of the Social Commission that the United Nations should give particular attention to assisting Member States at their request with national social service programmes and training of staff;

4. *Recognizes* that the accession of countries to independence means an increase in technical assistance needs in Africa where the establishment of the Economic Commission for Africa is expected to accelerate economic and social development for which technical assistance from the United Nations is essential;

5. *Recognizes* the additional technical assistance requirement arising from recent policy decisions of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund concerning aid by the United Nations Children's Fund for community development projects and, in particular, for social services for children;

6. *Expresses its concern* that the present allocation in the United Nations budget for advisory social welfare services does not permit the Secretary-General to meet, in many cases, urgent and valid requests from the newly developing countries, especially in Africa, in the fields covered by resolution 418 (V) of the General Assembly;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To study with the newly developing countries, at their request, to what extent existing technical assistance services in the social field extended through the United Nations suit their needs;

(b) To carry out pilot projects at the request of Governments designed to improve national social welfare programmes and to find new and more effective approaches to the training of social welfare personnel;

(c) To report to an early session of the Social Commission on the operation of existing programmes and to make recommendations to strengthen them, including recommendations on possible new forms of technical assistance;

8. *Requests* the General Assembly, when it considers the level of budgetary appropriations for 1960 and following years, to take into consideration the necessity for further development of the programme of advisory social welfare services and the desirability of increasing the relevant financial provision to this end.

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H

PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMMES FOR FAMILY AND CHILD WELFARE

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the need for improving and developing national social service programmes for children,

Recognizing the interest of the United Nations in supporting technical services required to plan and implement the aid to be given by the United Nations Children's Fund for social services for children,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General :

(a) To continue to give high priority to assisting Governments in the planning and implementation of national social services for family and child welfare, and particularly to co-operation with the United Nations Children's Fund in providing the technical services required for the planning and implementation of aid by the United Nations Children's Fund to social services for children and the social welfare aspects of other programmes aided by the United Nations Children's Fund;

(b) To take account of the additional budgetary provisions for adequate technical personnel and travel required for the technical planning and implementation of such aid by the United Nations Children's Fund;

2. *Invites* the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned to co-operate, in aspects of special interest to them in the supporting of technical services for aid by the United Nations Children's Fund to social services for children.

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I

THE POSSIBILITIES OF SUPPLYING DRUGS AND PREVENTIVE MEDICAL PREPARATIONS AT A COST WITHIN THE REACH OF LOW-INCOME GROUPS

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind that an important aspect of the raising of the living levels of nations and individuals is the raising of human health levels, which the United Nations is bound by article 55 (b) of the Charter to promote,

Observing that the cost of drugs and preventive medicines is an important element in efforts to raise the general standard of health, and has an essential bearing on the cost of medical services,

Noting that a number of new drugs and preparations needed for the prevention and cure of epidemic and other widespread diseases are still beyond the reach of large sections of the population owing to their high cost,

Considering that this is one of the international health problems the solution of which the Council is bound by article 55 (b) of the United Nations Charter to make every effort to promote,

Recalling that the General Assembly by adopting resolution 1283 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 concerning the International Health and Medical Research Year, has stressed the importance of health problems,

1. *Recommends* that the national and international services and organizations, including voluntary organizations, concerned with medical care, give special attention to the possibilities of supplying drugs and preventive medical preparations at a cost within the reach of low-income groups;

2. *Invites* the World Health Organization, on the basis of information collected, to give special attention to this question in the preparation of its second report on the world health situation.

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J

SOCIAL ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering it essential that further action be taken to stimulate and encourage greater attention to the social aspects of economic development,

Noting especially the recognition of the interdependence of social and economic planning and policies and the acceptance of the basic premise that the ultimate objective of social and economic development is the well-being of the individual,

Noting with concern the rapid increase in world population accompanied by the accelerated movement from rural to urban areas which results in severe burdens being placed on social welfare services and community and housing facilities in urban areas,

Recognizing the national responsibility for determining appropriate project priorities to achieve a proper programme balance in accordance with particular needs,

1. *Declares itself in favour* of greater national and international emphasis being placed on the social aspects inherent in the interrelated problems of population growth, urbanization and housing shortages;

2. *Expresses the hope* that special efforts will be devoted to the development of social programmes in these fields and that the resources of Member States, intergovernmental organizations, voluntary organizations, and individual citizens will be enlisted;

3. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations to consider the social implications at all stages of economic planning and development;

4. *Recommends* that States Members of the United Nations :

(a) Review in detail the situation with regard to the availability of trained social experts and social workers with an understanding of broad socio-economic problems;

(b) Consider plans, including maximum utilization of existing personnel, for overcoming any deficiencies that may be revealed;

5. *Emphasizes* the importance of the community development concept, especially the need for further exploration by Member States of its application to the problems of the mass movement of population to urban centres;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the specialized agencies concerned, to give special attention to the inclusion of social experts at appropriate stages, especially the initial stage, in the planning and implementation of economic development projects in order to ensure adequate consideration of the social implications.

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K

DECISIONS OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION CONCERNING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1283 (XIII) ENTITLED "INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH YEAR"

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the decisions⁵⁵ of the Twelfth World Health Assembly concerning the organization of an International Health and Medical Research Year, and transmits them to the General Assembly.

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⁵⁵ *Official Records of the World Health Organization, No. 95, resolution WHA, 12.28.*

QUESTIONS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS

722 (XXVIII). Report of the Commission on the Status of Women

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women (thirteenth session)⁵⁶ and endorses the work programme and priorities contained therein.

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14 July 1959.*

B

STATUS OF WOMEN IN PRIVATE LAW

AGE OF MARRIAGE, FREE CONSENT, AND REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 680 B (XXVI) of 10 July 1958 concerning a minimum age of marriage, the requirement of the free consent of both parties to the marriage, and the compulsory registration of marriages,

1. *Considers* that it may be appropriate to prescribe desirable standards in these fields by means of international instruments prepared under the auspices of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the fourteenth session of the Commission on the Status of Women a draft convention and a draft recommendation dealing with the three questions referred to above, including provisions for regular reporting by the Governments of Member States.

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⁵⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/3228).*

C

NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that, by its resolution 1040 (XI) of 29 January 1957, the General Assembly had adopted the Convention on the Nationality of Married Women and that, by 6 March 1959, the Convention had been signed, ratified and acceded to by sixteen countries,

Noting that the printed publication on the *Nationality of Married Women*⁵⁷ prepared by the Secretary-General for the ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is practically exhausted,

Noting also the subsequent reports⁵⁸ prepared annually by the Secretary-General for submission to the Commission on the Status of Women, containing changes in legislation affecting the nationality of married women and other valuable information,

Believing that a history of the Convention and a concise and objective commentary on its provisions should be made available to the public in the form of a printed publication similar to the successful publication on the *Convention on the Political Rights of Women*,⁵⁹

Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare a publication on the Convention on the Nationality of Married Women, containing a history of the Convention and a commentary on its provisions, and arrange for its issuance at an early date;

(b) To make preparations for a later publication bringing up to date the information contained in the publication prepared for the ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women and in subsequent reports.

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⁵⁷ United Nations publication, Sales No. : 1955. 14 July 1959.

⁵⁸ E/CN.6/254/Add.1 to 5.

⁵⁹ United Nations publication, Sales No. : 1955.IV.17.