

(a) Programmes for the development of their national information media as part of their planning for economic and social development;

(b) The establishment of national committees to assist in formulating and carrying out programmes for the development of information media;

(c) The inclusion of appropriate mass communication development projects in their technical assistance programmes and in bilateral and multilateral aid programmes for economic and social development;

(d) The establishment of national training programmes for professional and technical personnel and research in the use of information media;

(e) The consideration of their present and future needs for information media in planning their communication and transport services;

(f) The examination of the possibility of concluding bilateral and multilateral agreements and of the desirability of adopting fiscal, tariff and other measures designed to facilitate the development of national information media and the free flow of accurate and undistorted information within and between countries in the light of the over-all financial and material resources;

(g) The establishment or extension of national professional associations as essential elements in their mass media programmes;

5. *Recommends* that the Governments of the more developed countries co-operate with less developed countries with a view to meeting the urgent needs of the less developed countries in the development of independent national information media, with due regard for the culture of each country;

6. *Invites* the Technical Assistance Board, the Special Fund, the specialized agencies concerned, the regional economic commissions and other public and private agencies and institutions to assist, as appropriate, the less developed countries in developing and strengthening their national information media;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to prepare, in consultation with the United Nations and other specialized agencies concerned, a further report containing specific recommendations to the Commission on Human Rights on additional concrete measures that might be undertaken through international co-operation to meet the difficulties with which less developed countries are confronted, taking into account the results of the regional meeting held at Santiago in February 1961 and the one to be held at Addis Ababa in 1962.

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28 April 1961.*

B

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report on the developments in the field of freedom of information since 1954,¹¹

1. *Notes* the importance of the findings and conclusions contained in the report;

2. *Notes further* that a relatively small number of countries and non-governmental organizations contributed information for the report;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate the report to States Members of the United Nations, to the interested specialized agencies and to the non-governmental organizations in consultative status for their comments and any additional information which they may consider pertinent;

4. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights at its eighteenth session to consider the report together with the comments submitted in response to the present resolution.

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¹¹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 10 (part II), document E/3443.

SOCIAL QUESTIONS

820 (XXXI). Report of the Population Commission

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Population Commission (eleventh session)¹³ and endorses the work programme and priorities contained therein.

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B

1960 WORLD POPULATION CENSUS PROGRAMME

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of that part of the report of the Population Commission (eleventh session)¹³ which deals with the 1960 World Population Census Programme, with special reference to the evaluation, analysis and utilization of the results of the censuses,

¹³ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 3* (E/3451 and Corr.1).

Having in mind the necessity of ensuring a rapid rate of growth of employment and production, particularly in economically less developed areas,

Considering that adequate information on population trends and characteristics and their interrelations with economic and social factors in each country form a necessary part of the basis for constructing sound national policies and programmes of action for developing and utilizing human resources and satisfying the needs of the people,

Emphasizing the value of the information relevant to these questions which can be obtained from appropriate studies of the results of national censuses taken in connexion with the 1960 World Population Census Programme,

1. *Invites* Governments of Member States taking part in this programme to consider the utility of making whatever arrangements may be necessary and practicable in each country to ensure that essential analyses of the census results will be carried out, particularly as they relate to important national problems of economic and social development and to questions of national demographic, economic and social policy;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To intensify, during the next few years, efforts to ensure international co-operation in the evaluation, analysis and utilization of population census results and related data, especially in less developed countries:

- (i) By expanding and diversifying existing internationally sponsored facilities for demographic training and research;
- (ii) By developing such facilities in regions where they do not yet exist, especially in Africa;
- (iii) By making available to Governments of under-developed countries, at their request, the services of expert consultants to advise and assist in national projects of evaluation, analysis and utilization of census results and related data, and in national or sub-regional seminars for the discussion of relevant problems of research;
- (iv) By assisting such Governments, at their request, to establish continuing, institutionalized programmes of demographic research in the government services or in research institutions or universities;

(b) To explore the possibilities of increasing the amounts of technical assistance funds which may be made available for activities of the types listed above, and the possibilities of obtaining supplementary funds from other sources;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Population Commission, at its twelfth session, on the progress of the activities of the United Nations and the Governments of Member States along the lines indicated above.

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C

WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that a World Population Conference was held in Rome in 1954 under the auspices of the United Nations, as approved by the Council in its resolutions 435 (XIV) of 10 June 1952 and 471 E (XV) of 14 April 1953,

Noting the views expressed by the Population Commission at its eleventh session with regard to the proposal that another such conference should be held,

Considering that the exchange of ideas and experience among the experts attending the World Population Conference in 1954 aided the advancement of scientific knowledge relating to population problems of interest to the United Nations and to Member States,

Noting that the censuses of population taken in 1960 or to be taken in 1961 in many countries will furnish much new information which should be utilized for further studies of these problems, particularly those relating to the interrelationships between economic and social conditions and demographic trends in the economically less developed countries,

Having regard to the rules for the calling of non-governmental conferences by the Council approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 479 (V) of 12 December 1950,

1. *Approves* the holding in 1964 or 1965, under the auspices of the United Nations, of a second world population conference of experts, in close collaboration with the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population and interested specialized agencies;

2. *Decides* that the conference shall be devoted to the exchange of ideas and experience on population matters among experts in the relevant fields;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore the financial arrangements for the conference and in particular the possibility of obtaining the participation in its financing of any interested specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and foundations;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, in association with the executive heads of interested specialized agencies and with the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, to establish a small preparatory committee to assist him in formulating an agenda based on the suggestions of the Population Commission as set forth in its report¹⁴ and in making the necessary arrangements for the conference;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite, in their individual capacity, experts nominated by: (a) Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, (b) interested non-governmental scientific organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, or (c) the specialized agencies and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs;

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, paras. 100-109.

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General in consultation with the Interim Committee on Programme of Conferences of the Economic and Social Council to convene the conference during 1964 or 1965;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the Population Commission at its twelfth session, for trans-

mission with its comments to the Economic and Social Council, a report on the action taken pursuant to the present resolution.

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28 April 1961.*

OTHER QUESTIONS

810 (XXXI). Establishment by the Secretary-General of a list of national parks and equivalent reserves

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report entitled "List of national parks and equivalent reserves"¹⁶ prepared by the Secretary-General in response to Council resolution 713 (XXVII) of 22 April 1959, and his recommendations for maintaining and developing the list on a current basis,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that fifty-five Governments have already submitted replies to the Secretary-General's memorandum of inquiry inviting them to furnish information about national parks and equivalent reserves, and that further replies are expected;

2. *Commends* the Secretary-General for the thoroughness of the report;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for their co-operation and collaboration in the preparation of the report;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* that the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources has played a major role in the preparation of the report and has agreed to undertake the preparation of part II and subsequent additions thereto;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, to this end, to transmit the documentation to the International Union and to undertake the necessary consultations with the Union;

6. *Reiterates* its belief that national parks and equivalent reserves contribute to the inspiration, culture and welfare of mankind and are valuable for economic and scientific reasons;

7. *Urges* the Members of the United Nations or members of its related agencies, and the interested specialized agencies to continue to co-operate with the International Union in this respect;

8. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General, Governments of Member States and the International Union take the steps necessary to bring this report, together with part II of it, to the attention of the proposed World Conference on National Parks to be convened in 1962 by the Union.

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24 April 1961.*

¹⁶ E/3436.

811 (XXXI). Non-governmental organizations : applications and re-applications for consultative status

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations,¹⁸

1. *Decides* to grant the request of the following organizations for category B consultative status:

Credit Union National Association, Inc.;

International Federation of Women in Legal Careers;

Union of International Fairs;

2. *Requests:*

(a) The Secretary-General to communicate once again with the General Union of Workers of Black Africa, inviting the organization to supply the additional information requested by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations;¹⁷

(b) The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to reconsider the application of the Union at the first session of the year following the receipt of such information.

*1141st plenary meeting,
24 April 1961.*

814 (XXXI). International co-operation in the standardization of geographical names

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Group of Experts on Geographical Names,¹⁸

Recognizing the continuing need for international co-operation in the standardization of geographical names and noting the recommendations contained in the report,

1. *Commends* the Group of Experts on Geographical Names for an excellent report on a complex problem;

2. *Recommends* that the Governments of Member States:

(a) Adopt as appropriate the recommendations of the Group of Experts and take steps for their early implementation;

(b) Give emphasis to field investigation and checking with local authorities in standardizing place names, to the determination of the accurate latitude and longitude of these places and to showing them on maps;

¹⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 14, document E/3449.*

¹⁷ See E/C.2/SR.184.

¹⁸ E/3441 and Corr.1.