

4. *Commends* the increased emphasis which the United Nations Children's Fund in collaboration with the technical agencies concerned proposes to place on the training of national personnel within the field of its interests;

5. *Commends* to Governments continued and increasing support for the United Nations Children's Fund in order more fully to meet the needs of children in less developed countries.

*1175th plenary meeting,
28 July 1961.*

830 (XXXII). World social situation

A

REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1392 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 on the inter-relationship of the economic and social factors of development,

Noting the observations of the Social Commission on the 1961 *Report on the World Social Situation*,³¹

Commending the skilful analysis of the problem of balanced social and economic development in the 1961 *Report on the World Social Situation* and in the case studies for certain countries, which have great potential importance not only for the integration of social policy, but also for the co-ordination of social and economic development programmes,

Recognizing the importance this and subsequent reports may have, particularly to the developing countries for guidance in policy development,

Recognizing also the urgent need for the extension and improvement of information on social conditions and on expenditures for social purposes,

Recognizing the importance of refining the concepts and techniques of measuring social development,

1. *Recommends* that the report be referred to Member States for their interim use and guidance in policy development and that Governments take such measures as they deem appropriate to bring the report to the attention of agencies concerned with various phases of development planning;

2. *Draws the attention* of Governments of Member States to the availability and great value of assistance, through the United Nations and the specialized agencies, to developing countries in carrying out social surveys basic to determining their development needs and in training personnel qualified to further national development programmes in both social and economic fields;

3. *Approves* the work programme in this field, including the various types of studies on a global, regional and national basis, both substantive and methodological, that are suggested in the Note by the Secretary-General;³²

³¹ United Nations publication, Sales No. 61.IV.4.

³² E/CN.5/361.

4. *Decides* that an analytic *Report on the World Social Situation* be issued biennially, beginning in 1963, covering in alternate editions, social conditions and social programmes, on the one hand, and urgent comprehensive social problems selected in the light of recommendations and decisions of the Social Commission, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, on the other.

*1179th plenary meeting,
2 August 1961.*

B

URBANIZATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the growing concentration of population in urban areas, and the nature and scope of social and economic problems which accompany urbanization and industrialization as defined in reports on the world social situation,

Recalling resolution 792 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 concerning the preparation of a programme of concerted international action in the field of urbanization, and bearing in mind the relationship and co-ordination of this programme with the long-range programmes of concerted action in the fields of community development, of low-cost housing and related community facilities and of industrialization, as well as with the studies of migration between rural and urban areas mentioned in resolution 721 C (XXVII) of 24 April 1959,

Convinced that the proposed programme will help Governments in their efforts to reduce certain adverse consequences of urbanization affecting the community and the new city dwellers alike,

Aware of the important role of central and local governments in the planning, organization, financing and execution of urban development programmes,

Recognizing that institutional arrangements at the national level to deal with problems of urbanization and to carry out the required fact-finding activities are often insufficient,

Convinced that the effectiveness of measures adopted by Governments to cope with these problems will greatly depend on the technical assistance provided at the request of Governments, the availability of trained personnel in the different disciplines involved and the adequacy of basic data, surveys and other information, including a comparative review and evaluation of practical experiences,

1. *Approves* the proposals for concerted international action in the field of urbanization and the methods suggested for the implementation of the long-range programme;³³

2. *Invites* the United Nations, including the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies concerned, to strengthen their work on various aspects of urbanization and to make the necessary provisions for full participation in the concerted programme of international action in this field;

³³ E/CN.5/351.

3. *Recommends* that Governments, in consultation, as appropriate, with the United Nations, including the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies concerned, consider formulating a national policy on urbanization within the context of over-all development plans and, as appropriate, designating existing, or establishing new, organizations as national centres with the following functions:

(a) To review and evaluate existing programmes in the fields having a bearing on urbanization in their respective geographical areas of operation;

(b) To recommend appropriate action programmes together with adequate methods for their co-ordination and financing at the municipal, regional and central levels;

(c) To provide extension or advisory services to interested communities in connexion with surveys and programmes dealing with the different aspects of urbanization;

(d) To promote the training of technical and administrative personnel required for the planning, organization and execution of programmes in this field;

(e) To organize, undertake or sponsor, as required, research and surveys covering the different aspects of urbanization and their relationship to national, regional and local development;

(f) To serve as clearing houses for information on practical experience, research and the results achieved in dealing with various aspects of urbanization, including new towns and industrial centres;

(g) To make available to the United Nations, the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies concerned, reports, studies and information on various aspects of urbanization in their respective areas of responsibility;

4. *Considers* that exchange of experience among States with the assistance of the United Nations may play an important role in helping Governments find solutions to urbanization problems and that participation in United Nations seminars on this subject should be as broad as possible;

5. *Recommends* that these centres maintain liaison with other national and/or regional institutions already established or assisted by the United Nations and the specialized agencies operating in similar and connected fields;

6. *Recommends further* that special attention be given to the problems and needs of the developing and the newly independent countries in the field of urbanization and urban development.

*1179th plenary meeting,
2 August 1961.*

C

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted the progress report on the implementation of the long-range programme of concerted inter-

national action in the field of housing and related community facilities³⁴ and a proposal to convene a group of experts in this field.³⁵

Having approved the long-range programme of concerted international action in the field of urbanization and the proposed methods for its implementation³⁶ as well as the proposals for implementing General Assembly resolutions 1393 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 and 1508 (XV) of 12 December 1960.³⁷

Considering that sustained efforts of central and local governments and citizen groups and individuals, as well as considerable public and private investment in urban and rural development and housing, will be required to cope adequately with the social, economic and physical problems of urbanization and industrialization, including the problems of migration, even temporary, of workers.

1. *Decides* to convene an *ad hoc* group of experts on housing and urban development to advise the Social Commission on:

(a) The place of programmes for the extension of housing and basic community facilities within national development programmes, and the relationship between these programmes and national programmes and policies for urban development and regional planning;

(b) The successful techniques for mobilizing national resources for the extension of low-cost housing and urban development, as well as the appropriate methods for expanding and effectively utilizing international resources which may become available for the extension of housing and related community facilities;

2. *Decides* that the *ad hoc* group of experts shall consist of ten members appointed by the Secretary-General in consultation with Governments, due consideration being given to geographical distribution, to distribution as between developing and industrialized countries, and to a balanced coverage of required disciplines through the participation of high-level experts in housing, urban development, building and economic and social planning;

3. *Requests* that the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies concerned be invited to participate in the work of the *ad hoc* group of experts and that the appropriate non-governmental organizations which have consultative status and are interested be invited to make specific suggestions and that appropriate administrative and financial arrangements be made to enable the group to meet in 1962 in time to forward its report together with the comments of the specialized agencies to the Social Commission for consideration at its fourteenth session.

*1179th plenary meeting,
2 August 1961.*

³⁴ E/CN.5/354.

³⁵ E/CN.5/355.

³⁶ E/CN.5/351.

³⁷ E/CN.5/355.

D

SOCIAL DEFENCE

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Second United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders on the following items:

(a) New forms of juvenile delinquency: their origin, prevention and treatment;

(b) Special police services for the prevention of juvenile delinquency;

(c) Prevention of types of criminality resulting from social changes and accompanying economic development in less developed countries;

(d) Short-term imprisonment;

(e) The integration of prison labour with the national economy, including the remuneration of prisoners; and

(f) Pre-release treatment and after-care, as well as assistance to dependants of prisoners;

2. *Draws the attention* of Governments to these conclusions and recommendations;

3. *Stresses* the particular seriousness of the problem of juvenile delinquency and of the prevention of crime in all countries;

4. *Recommends* that Governments take the conclusions and recommendations into consideration as fully as possible in the formulation of policies for the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders and give them the widest publicity possible;

5. *Draws attention* to the possibilities of obtaining technical assistance in the field of social defence as set forth in Economic and Social Council resolution 731 F (XXVIII) of 30 July 1960;

6. *Stresses* the necessity of maintaining United Nations leadership and activities in the field of social defence, maintaining the services necessary for this purpose, and co-ordinating, as appropriate, the social defence programme with the other activities in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

*1179th plenary meeting,
2 August 1961.*

E

EVALUATION OF UNITED NATIONS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN THE SOCIAL FIELD

The Economic and Social Council.

Having reviewed the observations of the Social Commission on the report on the evaluation of selected aspects of United Nations technical assistance activities in the social field,³⁸

Considering the importance of the operational activities of the United Nations in the social field and their contribution to over-all social and economic development,

³⁸ E/CN.5/350.

1. *Endorses* the view expressed in the report on the need for a greater concentration and integration of technical assistance in the economic and social fields and urges still closer co-operation among all United Nations agencies and the Governments in this respect;

2. *Emphasizes* the need for improved methods of planning and co-ordination including assistance to Governments in the formulation of their technical assistance requests and the development of prior studies and surveys to assist new countries;

3. *Recommends* that technical assistance missions, including experts in both the social and economic fields, selected for their competence and on a broad geographical basis, be undertaken as requested by Governments as a basis for planning assistance in broad programmes of national development;

4. *Agrees* that the fellowship programme should continue as a major part of the technical co-operation services and approves the extension suggested in the report into new types of training placements;

5. *Recognizes* the value of technical assistance for schemes to train national personnel within their own countries;

6. *Recognizes also* the continuing value of regional projects, especially as they contribute to improvements in national services;

7. *Recommends* that the Special European Advisory Social Welfare Programme should be continued and strengthened in view of its contribution to European co-operation and to the study of social problems of direct concern to the other rapidly urbanizing and industrializing regions of the world;

8. *Recommends* that evaluation should be a permanent feature of technical co-operation programmes in the social field and that a report should be submitted to the Social Commission every two years on specific aspects of the programme;

9. *Requests* the appropriate authorities to keep under review the resources available under the Advisory Social Welfare Services Programme in relation to the urgent needs of the greater number of countries within the scope of the programme as well as to the additional fields of activity now covered;

10. *Requests* that this report be distributed to Member States, specialized agencies and interested non-governmental organizations for their information.

*1179th plenary meeting,
2 August 1961.*

F

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council.

Noting that ten years have passed since the Social Commission recommended the first exploratory missions to analyse community development experience and studies of self-help approaches to development,

Noting that several countries with nation-wide community development programmes have requested United Nations assistance in the evaluation of their programmes,

Noting the recommendations of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East that Governments take full advantage of community development as an instrument for promoting economic and social progress,³⁹

Mindful of its recommendation in resolution 663 D (XXIV) of 31 July 1957 of further study of the essential elements of the community development process and of the prerequisites of a well-balanced community development programme,

1. *Decides* in principle to convene at the earliest possible date an *ad hoc* group of experts so selected as to reflect the experience of different geographical and cultural areas, to advise the Social Commission and the Council on the relation of community development programmes to national development programmes including land reform, on ways of increasing the economic and social impact of such programmes, and on effective organizational and administrative arrangements to carry out such programmes in countries of differing economic and administrative systems;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with the specialized agencies co-operating in the community development programme, on the convening of such an *ad hoc* group of experts, including terms of reference and agenda, and through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to advise the Social Commission at its next session on these questions;

3. *Requests* the Social Commission to make final recommendations on the terms of reference and types of experts required at its next session.

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2 August 1961.

G

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the importance and urgent need, particularly in newly developing countries for the extension and improvement of social services especially for family, children and youth,

Having considered the recommendations of the Social Commission on increased assistance to developing countries in carrying out social surveys to determine development needs,

1. *Notes* the increasing opportunities for co-operation between the Bureau of Social Affairs and the United Nations Children's Fund as well as the specialized agencies, and the importance of technical advice from the Bureau of Social Affairs in order to make effective use of their aid for the development of national social service programmes and training of personnel;

³⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 2, (E/3466), part III, resolution 34 (XVII).*

2. *Recognizes* the need for the Bureau of Social Affairs to continue to give technical advice in planning and implementing social service projects;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions and with due regard to the role of the United Nations Children's Fund, to give full consideration to the importance of assisting Governments in newly developing countries in the establishment, extension and improvement of social service programmes, and to the contribution and active role of social services in broad programmes of international action in the social and economic fields;

4. *Recommends* that a report be submitted to the Social Commission, in 1963, on developments in the training of personnel in the social service field including recommendations on practical approaches to meeting the urgent needs for social service personnel in the newly developing countries.

1179th plenary meeting,
2 August 1961.

H

BALANCED AND CO-ORDINATED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the work accomplished lately by some organs of the United Nations in the study of balanced and co-ordinated economic and social development, including the useful work of the regional economic commissions,

Considering that further study of this problem may be of particular interest to economically less developed countries,

Bearing in mind that the experience acquired by a number of countries demonstrates the importance of planning for co-ordinated economic and social development,

1. *Decides* to continue study of the problem of balanced and co-ordinated economic and social development;

2. *Recommends* that the regional economic commissions of the United Nations, the Committee for Industrial Development and the Social Commission should continue to pay special attention to problems of balanced economic and social development with due regard to the study and utilization of all useful experience of countries in this field;

3. *Expresses the hope* that all these activities may promote the social and economic development of countries and that the States concerned will pay, in their activities, due attention to the planning of economic and social development.

1179th plenary meeting,
2 August 1961.

I

CO-OPERATIVES IN AGRICULTURE

The Economic and Social Council,

*Having considered the Report on the World Social Situation,*⁴⁰

Noting that the serious backwardness of agriculture may retard the economic development of the less developed countries, and that according to the report it has been found difficult to raise agricultural commodity production in those countries,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 649 C (XXIII) of 2 May 1957 and 760 (XXIX) of 21 August 1960 on the use of co-operatives as a development technique having important social as well as economic benefits,

Considering that the co-operatives have demonstrated the value of their work, co-ordinating the activities and interests of individual farmers, enabling isolated small-scale farmers to employ newly perfected methods of farming, and promoting an increase in the income of farmers,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 1426 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 and 1526 (XV) of 15 December 1960,

1. *Invites the Governments of Member States to give appropriate support to the development, on a voluntary basis, of co-operatives among farmers;*

2. *Requests the Governments of Member States to supply the latest information on their experience of the co-operative movement in agriculture;*

3. *Invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations, having due regard to the comments of Governments and in co-operation with the specialized agencies concerned, to give special attention in his reports on the results and progress of land reform, to the development of co-operatives and also of other means of raising agricultural output and improving the social condition of the rural population.*

*1179th plenary meeting,
2 August 1961.*

J

STRENGTHENING OF THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE SOCIAL FIELD

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁴¹ presented in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1392 (XIV) of 20 November 1959, and the recommendations set forth in Social Commission resolution 6 (XIII),⁴²

Noting with satisfaction the action of the Economic Commissions for Africa, Asia and the Far East and

⁴⁰ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 61. IV. 4.

⁴¹ E/CN.5/357.

⁴² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/3489), para 118.*

Latin America in including consideration of the social aspects of economic development in their activities,

Recognizing the need for more continuity at the inter-governmental level in the planning and co-ordination of social policies and programmes,

Noting the strong support given by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund to the strengthening of the United Nations Secretariat in connexion with UNICEF-assisted projects in the field of social services for children,⁴³

Considering it essential that further action be taken to strengthen the work of the United Nations in the social field and the Social Commission's role in the fields of broad social policy development, social research and work programmes designed to promote social progress,

1. *Endorses the decision of the Social Commission that it should, in accordance with its terms of reference and taking account of the activities of other organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies:*

(a) *Advise the Council on social policies of a general character and give particular attention to policies designed to promote social progress, to the establishment of social objectives and programme priorities and social research in areas affecting social and economic development;*

(b) *Advise the Council on practical measures that may be needed in the social field, including questions of social welfare, community development, urbanization, housing and social defence;*

2. *Agrees that the biennial meetings of the Commission should be changed to annual meetings;*

3. *Requests that the Social Commission at its next session reappraise the basic direction of its activities with a view to giving increased attention to questions of social policy, proposing amendments to its terms of reference, if required, and discussing the allocation and rotation of items at future sessions of the Commission consequent upon the change in periodicity of meetings;*

4. *Expresses the hope that all necessary provision will be made to enable the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to discharge effectively its responsibilities in the social field, in particular those relating to research, operational programmes, United Nations Children's Fund projects concerned with social services for children and those arising from the increased activities in the social field of the regional economic commissions.*

*1179th plenary meeting,
2 August 1961.*

K

COMBINED DEBATE ON WORLD ECONOMIC TRENDS AND THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the importance of the world social situation reports and the world economic surveys in the deliberations of the Council,

⁴³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 13 B (E/3525).

Noting the value of these reports as a useful reference for all countries,

Accepting the principle that economic and social matters are basically interrelated and cannot be fully considered independently from one another,

Recognizing, however, that there are special social and economic subjects requiring separate study and consideration,

1. Requests that the Secretary-General consider ways by which an appropriate relationship may be established between the world social situation reports and the world economic surveys and report to the thirty-third session of the Economic and Social Council on action he has taken to achieve this objective;

2. Believes it desirable that the Council, at its thirty-third session, give consideration to having a combined plenary debate on world economic trends and the world social situation at its thirty-fourth session.

1179th plenary meeting,
2 August 1961.

L

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Social Commission (thirteenth session)⁴⁴ and endorses the work programme and priorities contained therein.

1179th plenary meeting,
2 August 1961.

833 (XXXII). International control of narcotic drugs

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (sixteenth session).⁴⁵

1180th plenary meeting,
3 August 1961.

⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (E/3489).

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 9 (E/3512).

B

THE SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with satisfaction that the Plenipotentiary Conference for the Adoption of a Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, called under the terms of Council resolution 689 J (XXVI) of 28 July 1958, has adopted such a treaty,⁴⁶

Considering that this Convention when in force will in particular codify the multilateral treaty law in this field and simplify the international control machinery,

Desirous that the international society of States should benefit from these new provisions as soon as may be possible,

Desirous also that the transitional period of simultaneous existence of the old and new treaty system should be shortened to the greatest possible extent,

Noting that under the terms of the new Convention the ratification and accession of forty States will be necessary for its coming into force,

Invites all Members of the United Nations and all non-member States which are Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice or members of a specialized agency, to study, as expeditiously as possible, the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, opened for signature at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 30 March 1961, with a view to signing and ratifying, or acceding to, the Convention.

1180th plenary meeting,
3 August 1961.

C

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT CENTRAL OPIUM BOARD

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Permanent Central Opium Board on its activities in 1960.⁴⁷

1180th plenary meeting,
3 August 1961.

⁴⁶ E/CONF.34/22.

⁴⁷ E/OB/16 and E/OB/16/Addendum (United Nations publications, Sales No.: 60.XI.3 and 60.XI.3 Addendum).