

bands for space radio communication purposes which is due to open in Geneva on 7 October 1963;

3. *Commends* the report of the International Telecommunication Union to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* that the International Telecommunication Union include in its annual report to the Council a section presenting information on the development of its activities relating to the peaceful uses of outer space.

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1 August 1963.*

II

World Meteorological Organization

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the second report ⁴¹ on the Advancement of Atmospheric Sciences and their Application in the Light of Developments in Outer Space, prepared by the World Meteorological Organization in response to General Assembly resolution 1721 C (XVI) of 20 December 1961 and 1802 (XVII) of 14 December 1962,

⁴¹ E/3794 (publication of the secretariat of the World Meteorological Organization, Geneva, 1963).

Noting that the report describes the progressive steps taken by the World Meteorological Organization to apply developments in meteorological satellite technology to advancement in the atmospheric sciences,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the World Meteorological Organization for its prompt and thorough planning to make maximum use of the opportunities offered by the availability of data from meteorological satellites;

2. *Notes with approval* the action taken by the World Meteorological Organization to assist its members in establishment of the World Weather Watch;

3. *Calls the attention* of all Member States of the United Nations to the importance of fulfilling their responsibilities in the World Weather Watch;

4. *Commends* the report to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and to the General Assembly;

5. *Requests* that the World Meteorological Organization include in its annual report to the Council a section presenting information on the development and implementation of its plans relating to the peaceful uses of outer space.

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1 August 1963.*

SOCIAL QUESTIONS

975 (XXXVI). World social trends and report of the Social Commission

A

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Social Commission (fifteenth session) ⁴² and endorses the work programme and priorities contained therein.

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1 August 1963.*

B

REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the *Report on the World Social Situation, 1963*, ⁴³

Noting with concern that, despite the social progress made during the last ten years, particularly in the fields of health and education, the social situation in many countries of the world remains extremely unsatisfactory

and that in some aspects of economic and social development the gap between the industrialized countries and the developing countries is widening,

Believing that further concerted efforts on the part of the United Nations and the related agencies, the industrialized and developing States are necessary in order to enable developing countries to adopt measures which will accelerate their social progress,

1. *Appeals* to the industrialized and developing countries to intensify their joint efforts to accelerate industrial and agricultural development essential for social progress and in particular to make it possible to train industrial and agricultural cadres, skilled workers and, above all, teachers, instructors and trainers who can carry on such training in the countries concerned;

2. *Invites* all the international organizations which take part in technical assistance, including the regional economic commissions which have a special role to play under Council resolution 955 (XXXVI) of 5 July 1963, to take account, in carrying out their programmes, of the importance of developing human resources, including the training of national cadres, by means of appropriate programmes in the fields of education and vocational training, nutrition, public health, public administration, housing and urban and rural development.

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⁴² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 12* (E/3769).

⁴³ United Nations publication, Sales No. 63.IV.4.

C

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS ⁴⁴

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 830 H (XXXII) of 2 August 1961 concerning balanced and co-ordinated economic and social development, and General Assembly resolution 1518 (XV) of 15 December 1960 on decentralization of the United Nations economic and social activities and strengthening of the regional economic commissions,

Noting with satisfaction that the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, and the Economic Commission for Latin America continue to give attention to the interrelationships between social and economic development,

Believing that there is a need for further improvement in these interrelationships between the social and economic programmes of the regional economic commissions,

1. *Urges* these commissions to pay special attention to arranging for participation of both social and economic experts in development project planning and execution;

2. *Recommends* that these commissions prepare their work programmes and determine their priorities in such a way as to encourage in their respective regions the inclusion of social and economic projects that contribute to economic development, immediate social objectives, and fundamental social institutional changes;

3. *Recommends further* that these commissions study and analyse further their respective regional chapters in the 1963 *Report on the World Social Situation* ⁴⁵ with a view to drawing conclusions therefrom and make all necessary provision for effectively discharging their responsibilities in the social field, as well as those in the economic field.

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1 August 1963.*

D

LAND REFORM ⁴⁶

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1828 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 and Council resolution 887 (XXXIV) of 24 July 1962,

Noting the integral relationship between land reform and social development in general and, accordingly, the need for a comprehensive approach which takes into account the various economic, social and administrative measures necessary to support land reform,

⁴⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/3769), para. 29.*

⁴⁵ United Nations publication, Sales No. 63.IV.4.

⁴⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/3769), para. 43.*

Recognizing the substantial achievements of some developing countries as a result of the measures adopted in the field of land reform and their impact on the economic and social development of their peoples as well as the wide experience gained from the adoption and application of such measures,

1. *Calls the attention* of the Governments of Member States to:

(a) The importance of carrying out comprehensive land reform programmes, where the need exists, in conjunction with adequate measures for community development and, where appropriate, speeding up the implementation of such programmes;

(b) The need for systematic planning and evaluation of the effectiveness of such programmes in relation to the economic and social conditions in the respective countries;

(c) The value of exchange of information in the field of land reform, drawing particularly on the experience of countries which have obtained positive results through the application of comprehensive measures in that field and their impact on economic and social development;

2. *Further calls the attention* of the Governments of Member States to the availability of international resources, particularly through the United Nations, including the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, including the agrarian research and training institutes, the International Labour Organisation and the World Food Programme for assistance in the planning and implementation of land reform programmes and the evaluation of their impact on social economic development;

3. *Recommends* the use, whenever feasible and at the request of the Governments concerned, of joint field missions and joint seminars and the joint arrangement of other field activities by the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other agencies concerned;

4. *Further recommends* that due priority in the work programme of the United Nations, including the regional economic commissions and the regional development planning institutes, be given to studies in the field of land reform with particular reference to: (a) over-all development planning and the impact of land reform on social development; (b) fiscal and financial questions; (c) community development;

5. *Suggests* to the specialized agencies concerned, especially the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Labour Organisation, that efforts be made to accelerate research in their respective technical fields of land reform, including problems of employment in rural areas;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the fourth report on progress in land reform, to devote particular attention to the role of land reform measures in national development plans and to the implementation of such measures.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE
UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE ⁴⁷

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 916 (XXXIV) of 3 August 1962 calling upon Governments to give particular consideration during the United Nations Development Decade to the development of human resources, including community development and land reform,

Noting the rapid growth of community development programmes in Asia, Africa and Latin America,

Having considered the comments of the Social Commission on the report of the *ad hoc* Group of Experts on Community Development ⁴⁸ and the report of the Secretary-General on the evaluation of United Nations technical assistance activities in the field of rural community development, ⁴⁹

1. *Draws the attention* of Governments of Member States to the report of the *ad hoc* Group of Experts on Community Development and in particular to the analyses and recommendations contained in that report concerning:

(a) The relationships between community development and national planning and land reform, co-operatives and rural credit;

(b) The role of local government and other local organizations in community development programmes and of the financial and technical support given to those programmes by governmental authorities, at the regional and central levels;

(c) Appropriate measures for research and the training of technicians and of the staff required for community development at all levels in order to strengthen the economic and social impact of community development;

2. *Expresses the hope* that the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies will co-operate to increase the effectiveness of technical assistance in that field in the light of the evaluation made during 1962;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Managing Director of the Special Fund, the Technical Assistance Board, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme, to examine the possibility of making more effective, within the totals at their disposal, their assistance in the field of training and practical research, and for all other kinds of assistance in organizing community development and land reform programmes adapted to national development plans.

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⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, E/3769, para. 63.

⁴⁸ E/CN.5/379 and Corr.1.

⁴⁹ E/CN.5/373.

HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING ⁵⁰

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind the urgency of the housing, building and planning needs in the developing countries and the unprecedented rates of increase in the population of many of these countries,

Considering the grave effects which ill-considered attempts to deal with large-scale immediate housing needs might have on the continued application of long-term plans for well-ordered development in all the related important physical and social sectors,

Taking note of the recommendations contained in the report and the work programme of its Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, ⁵¹

Recognizing that the effective meeting of housing needs requires the establishment in each country of long-range over-all plans for the co-ordination of the many services involved in a comprehensive programme of action,

1. *Affirms* that within the general framework of such plans urgent attention should be devoted to the preparation of specific plans designed to deal with the immediate pressing situations in housing and building which will take into account the available financial and industrial resources as well as the need for their expansion, the best methods of providing low-cost housing and the recruitment and training of essential personnel;

2. *Requests* the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning to consider, at its second session, as a matter of urgency, in what ways the resources available to the United Nations can be directed so as to have the maximum practical impact on present housing situations, and for this purpose to prepare:

(a) A concise statement of experience and findings which may serve as a guide on housing, building and planning policies, taking into account especially the problems of developing countries, to be made available to all States Members of the United Nations;

(b) A short list of priorities, specific in character, designed to direct attention and action by United Nations organs to the most urgent needs in housing, building and planning to be met in the United Nations Development Decade, taking into account the paramount importance of the social implications of short-term housing programmes to meet pressing needs and bearing in mind the recommendations of the Committee at its first session on such questions as:

(i) Housing for lower-income groups;

(ii) The planning of short-term housing programmes, including essential community facilities, in rapidly growing urban areas and in rural areas;

⁵⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/3769), para. 89.*

⁵¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 13 (E/3719/Rev.1).

- (iii) The initiation and execution of pilot projects;
- (iv) The dissemination of information on essential matters;
- (v) The training of personnel required for emergency action;
- (vi) The necessary research into and evaluation of such action programmes.

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G

SOCIAL WELFARE AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE ⁵²

The Economic and Social Council,

Having studied the analysis of ten years of social service and social security contained in the *Report on the World Social Situation 1963* ⁵³ and the comments of the Social Commission thereon,

Considering that the *Report* furnishes a new perspective for the United Nations in its work with Governments of Member States in strengthening their social welfare programmes to meet urgent social conditions associated with rapid urbanization and industrial development,

Recognizing that these new insights not only set clear social objectives for Member States of the United Nations, but place increasing responsibility on the Secretary-General and the Social Commission to co-operate with Member States of the United Nations in achieving these goals,

1. *Invites* States members, current and newly elected, of the Social Commission to add, if necessary, and in consultation with the Secretary-General, by 1 November 1963, to their representatives to the Social Commission, experts in international and national social welfare programmes to serve on an *ad hoc* working group on social welfare to meet immediately prior to the sixteenth session of the Social Commission;

2. *Decides* to elect at its resumed thirty-sixth session ten States members of the Commission to serve on the group, with a view to achieving as far as possible adequate geographic representation and balanced coverage of required expertise in social welfare, planning, training and social services in urban development;

3. *Authorizes* representatives of other interested current and newly elected members of the Commission to take part in the meetings of the group;

4. *Requests* the International Labour Organisation to assist the group by providing the required expertise in social security;

5. *Decides* that, having in mind the role of social service in meeting problems faced by countries engaged

in rapid industrialization and urbanization, the working group will:

(a) Review the findings of the interrelated United Nations reports on social services being prepared for the consideration of the sixteenth session of the Social Commission, specifically the reappraisal of the United Nations social services, the Fourth International Survey on Training for Social Work, and the studies on family, youth and child welfare, and the relationship between social security and social services;

(b) Review the social service research and publications programme of the United Nations;

(c) Give special consideration to the training needed in the expansion of social services and to recommend the scope of the next international training survey;

(d) Report to the Social Commission at its sixteenth session its findings as to specific ways in which the United Nations social service programme should be organized and strengthened to make a maximum contribution to the mobilization of human resources during the United Nations Development Decade.

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H

ADVISORY SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES ⁵⁴

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 418 (V) of 1 December 1950, which authorizes the provision of advisory social welfare services and requests the Social Commission to formulate recommendations concerning the continued action required to carry on the programme,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General ⁵⁵ and the opinion expressed by the Social Commission at its fifteenth session concerning the essential role of this technical assistance programme in the work of the United Nations,

1. *Supports* the Social Commission's view that the advisory social welfare services are the United Nations principal instrument for putting its social policy into effect and achieving its social objectives;

2. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the use which has been made of these services, particularly in order to train basic personnel for development programmes and to establish training centres in Member States of the United Nations;

3. *Reaffirms its approval* of the current programme evolution plan, under which the Social Commission studies the policy and operation of the advisory social welfare services sector by sector every two years;

⁵² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (E/3769), para. 114.

⁵³ United Nations publication, Sales No. 63.IV.4.

⁵⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/3769), para. 115.*

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, E/3769, para. 90.

4. *Urges* the General Assembly, when it considers what funds should be allocated under the regular budget for the advisory social welfare services and reviews all the priorities in the 1964 programme, to give due consideration to the urgent needs created by the existence of a greater number of countries entitled to such advisory services, the expansion of regional activities and requests for assistance by Governments for social development plans at the national level, the training of personnel and the establishment of community services.

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976 (XXXVI). Report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning

A

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning (first session).⁵⁶

*1301st plenary meeting,
1 August 1963.*

B

HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING IN THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 1710 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, adopted by the General Assembly to designate the decade 1960-1970 as the "United Nations Development Decade" and Council resolution 903 C (XXXIV) of 2 August 1962, establishing the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning,

Considering the urgency and magnitude of measures necessary to avoid any further deterioration of the world housing situation,

Considering the priority given to housing, building and planning in the international programme for the United Nations Development Decade⁵⁷ and the need, in these complex matters, to determine as exactly as possible the sequence of the phases required to ensure that these activities contribute effectively to the success of balanced general development,

Hoping that resources released by disarmament will make possible swifter progress in housing construction, urban renewal, slum clearance and rural development,

Recognizing that there is considerable scope for increasing fruitful co-operation both at the regional and international levels in studies and research and in exchange of experience and information on problems in the field of environmental planning and development including the social, economic, technical and administrative aspects of housing, building and physical planning,

Noting with satisfaction the trend in the United Nations to encourage and promote the establishment of regional and sub-regional centres with a view to more effective co-operation among countries and groups of countries,

Noting further with satisfaction that the report and the work programme of its Committee on Housing, Building and Planning provides for an expansion of United Nations activities in this field involving training and education, research and studies, pilot and demonstration projects, evaluation and dissemination of information,

1. *Recommends* that the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies should formulate along lines set out in the annex to this resolution and in the Secretary-General's report on Housing, Building and Planning in the United Nations Development Decade,⁵⁸ national policies and programmes in: housing, urban and regional development and building, land use and tenure, financing of housing and buildings, training for management and labour, research and standardization, productivity in the building and building-materials industries, and that they establish an adequate institutional framework for the planning and execution of these programmes within the framework of national development plans;

2. *Recommends also* that the regional economic commissions:

(a) *Initiate, and where appropriate intensify,* regional studies including pilot projects and exchange of experience and information on problems of environmental planning and development, including the social, economic, technological and administrative aspects of housing, building and physical planning;

(b) *Examine their present programme in this field in the light of the report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning with a view to indicating their present and potential contribution to the over-all United Nations objectives and action programmes in this field;*

3. *Notes* that, for each of these purposes, international assistance will have to be intensified, whether through bilateral co-operation between States or through assistance from the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

4. *Draws the attention* of the Technical Assistance Board, the Special Fund and the World Food Programme:

(a) *To the effective use that can be made of the facilities, direct contacts and first-hand knowledge provided by*

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 13 (E/3769/Rev.1).

⁵⁷ *The United Nations Development Decade: Proposals for action*, United Nations publication, Sales No. 62.II.B.2.

⁵⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes, Supplement No. 13 (E/3719/Rev.1), chap. II.*