

(f) Study of suitable procedures in each country for issuing bonds to finance housing, with adequate guarantees that they will be negotiable both at home and abroad;

(g) Maximum possible use of domestic materials and labour in order to economize foreign exchange and at the same time achieve full employment;

(h) Adoption of legal and administrative measures to prevent speculation in land suitable for housing of benefit to society and acquisition, as appropriate, of reserves of land;

(i) Organization of public administration to the extent necessary in order to obtain and make intelligent use of technical and financial assistance from public and private international institutions;

(j) Requests for international aid for housing and social overhead capital including community facilities, such as schools, health centres, commercial centres, community centres, parks and playing fields, which are essential for the over-all development of a neighbourhood;

2. *Notes* that the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning has requested the Secretary-General to prepare for consideration at its second session a report on the opportunities for and restrictions on the use of funds from abroad and on the criterion, priorities and practical measures which should be adopted in this field;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with international financial agencies on the policies and programmes on their activities in this field as seen by each individual agency and to include the results of these consultations in the report which he is to submit on the matter for consideration at the second session of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning;

4. *Recommends* that in connexion with any proposal for an increase in the supply of international aid and for the use of international financial resources made available by disarmament, due priority should be given to requirements for housing, related facilities, building and the building-materials industry;

5. *Recommends* that the Special Fund, in its work of pre-investment assistance and advice, give special attention to the financing of housing and urban development programmes.

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1 August 1963.*

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CO-ORDINATION AND ORGANIZATION OF EXISTING AND INCREASED INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that the work of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning can be effective only if the activities of the United Nations, its regional economic

commissions and the specialized agencies are efficiently organized and well co-ordinated,

Realizing that the activities of the United Nations, the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies in housing, building and planning are increasing and being intensified as a result of the recognition of housing and urban development as a sector of high priority in the United Nations Development Decade,

Taking into account the existing inter-secretariat arrangements for co-ordination and organization of activities in housing, building and planning,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning at its second session a comprehensive and systematic account of existing programmes in housing, building and planning according to agencies which expend funds in this field and the amount of such expenditure;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with the members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the administrative arrangements for an expanded and intensified programme of concerted action in this field and on how existing and future resources for international action in this field might be used most effectively;

3. *Suggests* that the Secretary-General might consider the advisability of obtaining on an *ex gratia* basis relevant independent expert advice on questions of management, organization and procedures to ensure efficient and effective organization and administration of the growing international operational programmes in housing, building and physical planning;

4. *Requests* that the Secretary-General submit a report to the second session of the Committee on the results of his consultation in accordance with this resolution.

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1 August 1963.*

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The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report entitled "World Campaign for Universal Literacy"⁶¹ submitted by the United Nations Scientific, Educational and Cultural Organization in response to the request in General Assembly resolution 1677 (XVI) of 18 December 1961;

2. *Transmits* the report to the General Assembly, together with the records⁶² of the discussion of this subject in the Council.

*1300th plenary meeting,
31 July 1963.*

⁶¹ E/3771.

⁶² E/SR.1298 and 1300.