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1970 WORLD POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS PROGRAMMES

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the reports of the thirteenth sessions of the Population Commission⁶ and the Statistical Commission,⁷

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1710 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 on the United Nations Development Decade, which requests the Secretary-General to develop proposals for the intensification of action in the fields of economic and social development with particular reference to the need to review facilities for the collection, collation, analysis and dissemination of statistical and other information required for charting economic and social development and for providing a constant measurement of progress towards the objectives of the Decade,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the development of 1970 World Population and Housing Census Programmes;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to give assistance under the technical co-operation programme to countries which require technical advice and help in the conduct of their censuses;

3. *Recommends* that Member States undertake to carry out population and housing censuses during the period 1965-1974, and preferably around the year 1970, and that they take into account the international recommendations⁸ in order that the censuses may meet national requirements and facilitate the study of population and housing problems on a world-wide basis.

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1069 (XXXIX). Water desalination in developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling and reaffirming its resolution 1033 A (XXXVII) of 14 August 1964,

Having considered the report on water desalination in developing countries with special reference to costing procedures⁹ and having noted the supporting study prepared by the Secretariat¹⁰ and also the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,¹¹

Recognizing that wider dissemination of the increasing body of knowledge on the subject of water desalination,

⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 9 (E/4019).

⁷ See footnote 5.

⁸ *Official records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 13 (E/4045)*, paras. 138-148.

⁹ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 21, document E/4006.

¹⁰ *Water Desalination: Proposals for a Costing Procedure and Related Technical and Economic Considerations*, United Nations publication, Sales No.: 65.II.B.5.

¹¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (E/4026)*, paras. 28-36.

and on the use of nuclear and conventional power in the desalting process would be of benefit to all Member States concerned with desalination,

Appreciating the increased emphasis being given to desalination as a means of facilitating the process of economic development in water-short areas,

Noting with satisfaction the activities of the United Nations Secretariat, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency in the field of water desalination,

Taking into account the need to strengthen co-operation among the various agencies working on desalination problems and to stimulate the exchange of technical information as new developments occur,

1. *Draws the attention* of Member States to the above-mentioned report and study and to the usefulness of the latter as a tool for executives and engineers concerned with water desalination problems;

2. *Invites* the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development also to take this work into consideration;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To take the necessary steps to intensify the role of the Secretariat as a clearing-house for the exchange of information and as a focal point for co-operation in the broad field of desalination, while recognizing the specialized role of other organizations;

(b) To survey, and compile a report on, desalination studies and projects which have been or are being undertaken in the Member States, whether the project or study be governmental, international or private in origin;

(c) To submit the foregoing report for consideration at a future session of the Council and with a view to its subsequent circulation to Member States;

(d) To explore further possibilities, in consultation with the specialized agencies concerned and the International Atomic Energy Agency, for accelerating progress in the overall water desalination effort and its practical application in water-short areas, and to report thereon to the Council.

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1079 (XXXIX). Economic planning and projections

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1708 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 on planning for economic development, and Council resolution 979 (XXXVI) of 1 August 1963 on economic planning and projections,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 1939 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 on planning for economic development, which recommends that the exchange of experience in economic planning and projections should be intensified between countries already widely experienced in these matters and developing countries,

Recognizing that, in the general debate on the United Nations Development Decade, stress was laid on the