

being established by Governments in accordance with their general economic and social development planning ;

(b) That a larger share of the available resources of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should be devoted to operational activities, in order to meet the urgent needs of the developing countries ;

(c) That studies and research done by the United Nations and the specialized agencies should result in practical action ;

(d) That the Social Commission, in order to give the Economic and Social Council pertinent advice on social policies designed to establish social targets and priorities, should regularly receive reports prepared by the specialized agencies and the technical co-operation services of the United Nations on the results obtained and the difficulties encountered in the course of such assistance ;

III

Requests, for all these reasons :

(a) That representatives of the technical co-operation services of the United Nations and of the regional economic commissions should continue to be closely associated with the work of the Commission, in order that such work may bear on the real and current social problems of the developing countries ;

(b) That all international agencies participating in technical co-operation should give special priority to the use of human resources and to the training of national personnel of all categories in the developing countries ;

IV

1. *Decides* that the Social Commission shall retain its status as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council but shall be redesignated the Commission for Social Development, to clarify its role as a preparatory body of the Council in the whole range of social development policy ; the Member States elected to the Commission should nominate, to serve on the Commission for a period of three years, candidates who hold key positions in the planning or execution of national social development policies or other persons qualified to discuss the formulation of social policies in more than one sector of development ;

2. *Decides also* that the Commission for Social Development may establish such sub-committees as may be authorized by the Council in conformity with article 66 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council ;

3. *Further decides* that the Commission for Social Development shall advise the Council also on vital social problems in respect of which action or recommendations may be required either by the Council itself or by the General Assembly in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2035 (XX) ;

V

Requests the Secretary-General to make, in the light of the principles contained in this resolution, the appropriate adjustments in the five-year and two-year work programmes of the Commission for Social Development,

and to submit them to the Commission for consideration at its eighteenth session.

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29 July 1966.*

1140 (XLI). Proposed conference of ministers responsible for social welfare

The Economic and Social Council,

Having reviewed the report of the Secretary-General on the replies of Member States regarding a proposed conference of ministers responsible for social welfare³⁹ and the observations of the Social Committee thereon,⁴⁰

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with plans for convening in 1968, subject to the provisions of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 2116 (XX) of 21 December 1965, an international conference of ministers responsible for social welfare ;

2. *Decides* that the conference shall be devoted to an examination of the role of social welfare programmes in national development, identifying common elements in social welfare functions, with the following objectives :

(a) The formulation, for social welfare programmes and related aspects of social development activities at the local level, of principles based on an analysis of varying national experience ;

(b) The promotion of the training of manpower for social welfare ;

(c) The formulation of recommendations on further action by the United Nations in the social welfare field ;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a preparatory committee, composed of experts from States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency and selected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution and varying approaches to social welfare, which would meet in advance of the conference in order :

(a) To advise the Secretary-General on the organization, agenda and methods of work of the conference, including the review of the suggestions of Governments ;

(b) To make recommendations as to the use of United Nations studies and the preparation of specific working papers in order that the conference may be provided with the necessary background documentation ;

(c) To assist, in general, in substantive preparations, as appropriate, with a view to facilitating the work of the conference ;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to make arrangements for the specialized agencies concerned to participate in the work of the preparatory committee ;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to be represented by the minister

³⁹ E/CN.5/401 and Add.1.

⁴⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/4206, paras. 87-98).*

or other official responsible for social welfare, accompanied whenever possible by appropriate senior advisers ;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to invite the specialized agencies concerned, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme and the regional economic commissions to send representatives to participate in the conference, and the main non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and active in the social welfare field to send observers.

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1141 (XLI). Research-training programme on regional development in the social field

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1086 C (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965 entitled "Concerted practical action in the social field : research-training programme on regional development",

Noting the Secretary-General's report⁴¹ on progress made to date in the implementation of the above-mentioned resolution and his proposals for future action,

Noting in particular the hope expressed by the Secretary-General in his report that research and training projects on regional development can be financed through the United Nations Development Programme and other multilateral programmes, and that voluntary contributions may be obtained, as necessary, from governmental and non-governmental sources,

Considering that, as a next step, exploratory consultations should be held with interested countries in order to determine the feasibility of including their regional development projects in the programme,

1. *Notes with interest* the report of the Secretary-General ;

2. *Request* the Secretary-General :

(a) To make the necessary arrangements for consultations with interested countries ;

(b) To undertake the necessary consultations with the regional economic commissions, the specialized agencies, the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning and other appropriate United Nations bodies, in accordance with paragraph 2 (a) of Council resolution 1086 C (XXXIX) ;

(c) To report to the Commission for Social Development at its eighteenth session and to the Council at its forty-third session on progress made in this work.

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1143 (XLI). World social situation

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the 1965 *Report on the World Social Situation*,⁴²

⁴¹ E/CN.5/403.

⁴² E/CN.5/402 and Add.1.

Recognizing the importance of the question of popular participation in planning and implementation of development, including the question of incentives in industry and in agriculture, considered in that *Report*,

Bearing in mind the considerations set forth in part I of Council resolution 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966, in particular that concerning the role of the State and the public sector in the promotion of balanced and sound economic and social development and in the raising of the welfare of the population,

Noting the need for basic social reforms in order to provide incentives and opportunities for greater popular participation in development,

1. *Notes* the conclusions and recommendations of the 1965 *Report on the World Social Situation*, as incorporated in the report of the Social Commission ;⁴³

2. *Calls* the attention of the Committee for Development Planning to the *Report* ;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to disseminate the findings of the *Report*, together with the relevant views expressed at the seventeenth session of the Social Commission and at the forty-first session of the Economic and Social Council, through the appropriate operational channels of the United Nations and the Member States ;

4. *Invites* the Commission for Social Development to pursue its work in the field of popular participation in development, in the light of the programme in the social field approved in part I of Council resolution 1139 (XLI), in co-operation with the Committee for Development Planning, taking into account needs for reforms and reorientation of public administration for this purpose ;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in continuing his work on this subject, to draw, as appropriate, on the resources of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development ;

6. *Invites* the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other United Nations organizations concerned, to consider the possibility of intensifying their efforts to assist developing countries in building up incentives which would commit the labour force to higher productivity ;

7. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to consider the possibility of increasing its assistance to developing countries in reorienting their educational systems as a means of promoting desirable social change and greater participation in development.

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1144 (XLI). Report of the Social Commission

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Social Commission on its seventeenth session.⁴⁴

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⁴³ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/4206), para. 110.

⁴⁴ Ibid., Supplement No. 10 (E/4206).