

Believing that activities designed to achieve orderly implementation of development plans need to be strengthened and accelerated,

Believing further that proper channels for the exchange of experience and knowledge on development planning problems are essential for acquainting economic planners and policy-makers with technical developments that are continually being made,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of part one of the *World Economic Survey 1966* entitled "Implementation of Development Plans: Problems and Experience";⁷

2. *Expresses appreciation* to the Committee for Development Planning for its thorough and searching examination of the experience and problems in the implementation of development plans with special reference to Latin America and for its judicious recommendations designed to achieve improvements in planning and plan implementation;⁸

3. *Approves* the programme of future work recommended by the Committee for Development Planning in the field of economic planning and projections;

4. *Invites* Governments of the developing countries to consider, in the light of the recommendations made by the Committee for Development Planning and in accordance with the circumstances prevailing in their countries, the advisability of formulating concerted and vigorous development policies so as to bring about rapid improvements in mobilizing resources, in strengthening the machinery for plan formulation and plan implementation, and in initiating institutional changes which are essential for accelerating the process of economic development;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake the necessary action for the intensification of work on the studies with a practical orientation that have been recommended by the Committee for Development Planning, especially the studies on annual planning and implementation and on control and evaluation of plan progress, as well as for the early publication of a periodical containing articles and information for the use of planners and policy-makers in developing countries;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report on the progress of work in this field to the Council and to its Committee for Programme and Coordination.

*1505th plenary meeting,
3 August 1967.*

1260 (XLIII). United Nations Development Decade

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1152 (XLI) of 4 August 1966 which indicated the need for making preparations to further and to facilitate planning for concerted international action for the period after the present Development Decade,

⁷ United Nations publication (E/4363/Rev.1).

⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/4362), chap. I.*

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 2218 B (XXI) of 19 December 1966 which called for the preparation of a preliminary framework of international development strategy for the 1970's within which initial efforts could be concentrated on the elaboration of specific goals and targets for individual sectors and components,

Recognizing that considerable experience has been gained during the present Development Decade which should provide a suitable foundation for the design and implementation of activities for the next decade,

Recognizing further that the economies of developing countries should be better equipped than they were to overcome the obstacles existing in the beginning of the present Development Decade,

Believing that continuing international co-operation by developed and developing countries is needed in this field,

Considering that the achievement and maintenance of world peace is of primary importance to the success of United Nations development programmes,

1. *Takes note* of the Secretary-General's progress report⁹ and of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its second session;¹⁰

2. *Takes note with satisfaction*, in particular, that the Committee has given preliminary thought to the preparation of guidelines and proposals for the period after the present Development Decade;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the work, indicated in his progress report, to facilitate planning for concerted international action for the period after the present Development Decade, having regard to the experience gained during this Decade;

4. *Further requests* the Committee, in consultation with the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the observations made in the Council, to continue its work on guidelines and proposals for the period after the present Development Decade on the general lines which it has suggested.

*1505th plenary meeting,
3 August 1967.*

1261 (XLIII). Review of past experience and of possibilities for future action in the field of economic development

The Economic and Social Council,

Mindful that the economic development of the developing countries is of ever-increasing importance to the expansion of the world economy, to the well-being of peoples and to the maintenance of international peace and security,

Conscious that world concern with economic development in its various aspects has intensified particularly since the Second World War and that this concern has grown up in close relation to the objectives of the United Nations,

⁹ *Ibid.*, *Forty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/4376.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, *Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/4362).*