

1145 (XLI). Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund⁴⁵ on its session held at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May 1966, the first to be held in Africa by the Executive Board,

Recognizing the growing significance of United Nations Children's Fund aid in helping developing countries to initiate permanent health, nutrition, education and social welfare services for their children and to improve the quality and effectiveness of these services, all of which in turn contribute to economic and social development,

Welcoming the fact that national and regional training schemes related to the welfare and future development of children, carried out in close co-operation with the Bureau of Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and the specialized agencies concerned, are now a major feature of United Nations Children's Fund aid,

Noting with approval that the United Nations Children's Fund is paying special attention to the protection of children and youth, thereby also helping to prepare them more adequately to contribute to the economic and social progress of their countries, and that, as part of its activities towards this objective, regional conferences were held during the course of the year in Asia and Latin America, and a special three-day meeting in Africa,

Commending the continued close co-operation between the United Nations Children's Fund and the relevant specialized agencies in the United Nations family,

Deeply concerned, however, about the magnitude of the unmet needs of children and youth in the developing countries and the ever increasing demands on the resources of the United Nations Children's Fund,

Noting with approval the support in the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for an income goal of \$50 million to be reached by the end of 1969, at the close of the United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Endorses* the programmes and objectives of the United Nations Children's Fund ;

2. *Urges* Governments to increase their contributions to the United Nations Children's Fund and *calls upon* supporting organizations, groups and individuals to intensify their efforts so that the new income goal may be met.

*1441st plenary meeting,
2 August 1966.*

1166 (XLI). International institute for documentation on housing, building and planning

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 830 B (XXXII) of 2 August 1961 and 976 D (XXXVI) of 1 August 1963, concerning the possible need for establishing, under the auspices of the United Nations, an international institute for documentation on housing, building and planning,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General on this question,⁴⁶

Recognizing the particular need for locating the institute in a developing country where problems of housing, building and planning exist in an acute form,

1. *Welcomes* the generous offer of the Government of India to provide host facilities for the proposed institute for documentation on housing, building and planning ;

2. *Approves*, in principle, the establishment of such an institute in India as part of the United Nations system ;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to complete the necessary consultations and negotiations on the functions, organization, administrative arrangements and financing of the institute ;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the Council, at its resumed forty-first session, concerning the implementation of this resolution.

*1445th plenary meeting,
5 August 1966.*

1167 (XLI). Training of skilled cadres and personnel in the field of housing, building and planning

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that human resources constitute an essential factor in economic and social development, particularly in the developing countries,

Noting the importance of training skilled cadres and personnel in the field of economic and social development, especially in those countries,

Considering that increasing attention must be paid, by the Governments of Member States, to the housing, building and planning field, which represents an important sphere of activity for meeting urgent social conditions,

Taking into account the urgent need of developing countries for skilled cadres and personnel in the field of housing, building and planning,

Recognizing that housing is one of the problems requiring an urgent solution,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1515 (XV) of 15 December 1960 and 1824 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, and Council resolutions 797 (XXX) of 3 August 1960, 838 (XXXII) of 3 August 1961, 906 (XXXIV) of 2 August 1962 and 1029 (XXXVII) of 13 August 1964, in which the training of skilled cadres and personnel is considered to be a basic factor in the economic and social development of the developing countries, as well as Council resolution 1024 A (XXXVII) of 11 August 1964 recommending the elaboration and implementation of programmes on the training of architects, building engineers and skilled workers in sufficient number to implement the programmes of development in the field of housing, building and planning,

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 13 (E/4220/Rev.1).

⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 18, document E/4217.

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the agenda of the fourth session of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning an item entitled "Training of national cadres and skilled personnel in the field of housing, building and planning, particularly for the needs of developing countries";

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General:

(a) To recommend to the Governments of Member States that they continue to take the necessary measures to ensure the creation and strengthening of programmes for the training of adequate skilled personnel in the field of housing, building and planning, particularly for the needs of developing countries;

(b) To elaborate, for the fourth session of the Committee, in co-operation with the specialized agencies and the governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, a study on the needs for the training of national skilled cadres in the field of housing, building and planning, on the experience of various countries of this subject, and on the ways and means of training, using both domestic resources and large-scale international co-operation in this field;

3. *Invites* the specialized agencies concerned to facilitate the elaboration by the Secretary-General of the study mentioned in paragraph 2 (b) above.

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5 August 1966.*

1168 (XLI). Social aspects of housing and urban development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that social aspects of housing and urban development represent an important sphere of the activity designed to meet urgent social conditions all over the world,

Bearing in mind that the social aspects of housing and urban development constitute a component of the housing policy and programmes of the Governments of Member States,

Taking note of the recommendations regarding the social aspects of housing contained in the reports of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning on its first and second sessions,⁴⁷ as well as in the reports of the Social Commission on its fifteenth and sixteenth sessions,⁴⁸

Acknowledging the note of the Secretary-General on social aspects of housing and urban development⁴⁹ submitted to the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning at its third session,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to distribute widely the revised report on social aspects of housing and urban

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 13 (E/3719/Rev.1)* and *ibid.*, *Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/3858)*.

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/3769)* and *ibid.*, *Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/4061)*.

⁴⁹ E/C.6/35.

development,⁵⁰ after taking into account the comments of all Governments and specialized agencies;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To initiate, within the limits of the existing budget and in co-operation with the specialized agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, a study on the experience of countries which have made substantial progress in solving the social problems of housing and urban development, paying particular attention to such aspects as: an appropriate programme of economic development in urban and rural areas leading to an accelerated raising of the standard of living, the provision of appropriate dwellings for all, the initiation and construction of housing for low-income families, the keeping of rents within a reasonable share of family incomes, the improvement of existing housing and the clearance of slums;

(b) To intensify the international exchange of experience in this field through the Centre for Housing, Building and Planning, the committees for housing of the regional economic commissions and other international bodies;

3. *Requests further* the Secretary-General to inform the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, at its fourth session, of the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution;

4. *Recommends* that Governments of Member States take appropriate steps to deal with the most important social aspects of housing and urban development, such as those mentioned in paragraph 2 (a) of the present resolution.

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1169 (XLI). Report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning on its third session.⁵¹

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1170 (XLI). Financing of housing and community facilities

The Economic and Social Council,

Conscious of the economic and social impact of the acute deficiency of housing and community facilities in rapidly growing urban areas, particularly in the developing countries,

Considering the significance and importance, for the attainment of economic and social development objectives, of finding a solution to the problem of uncontrolled growth in the peripheral zones of many towns in developing countries,

Having regard to the acute shortage of capital available for investment in housing and community facilities, particularly in the developing countries,

⁵⁰ *Ibid.*, annex.

⁵¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/4124)*.