

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.

*1445th plenary meeting,
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)*.

Recalling Council resolutions 975 F (XXXVI) of 1 August 1963 and 1024 A (XXXVII) of 11 August 1964 and General Assembly resolutions 1917 (XVIII) of 5 December 1963 and 2036 (XX) of 7 December 1965, in which the Council and the Assembly placed the highest priority on the need for appropriate emergency action in this field during the second half of the United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling further the statement by the Secretary-General, in his interim report on the United Nations Development Decade,⁵² that the United Nations will attempt to provide a new type of international assistance in housing and urban development to countries faced with problems of large-scale, rapid transition from rural-agricultural to urban-industrial societies, requiring more large-scale operational projects with substantial capital outlays than have been possible in the past,

Taking note further of the views expressed on this subject by the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning at its third session, in its discussions and in chapter III of its report,⁵³

Taking into account the fact that a considerable number of developing countries have economic and social development plans and programmes in which high priority has generally been given to the problem of housing,

1. Calls upon States Members of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to continue, particularly in developing countries, to give attention to the need to increase the flow of domestic and external funds into the financing of housing and community facilities ;

2. Requests international and regional development

⁵² *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 5, document E/4196, paras. 257-259.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 9 (E/4124).

finance institutions to continue to make special efforts to respond to requests for assistance in financing housing and community development projects, including the financing of more efficient building material industries, and of research and experimental institutions responsible for finding systems and standards for the attainment of greater productivity in the building industry in general and a better utilization of suitable local materials, especially for the construction of low-cost housing ;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General :

(a) To formulate, with the advice of the regional economic commission secretariats, the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut and of such additional consultant services as he deems necessary, and after consultation with the international agencies concerned, specific proposals for :

(i) New approaches, methods, forms and institutional facilities that would serve to increase the volume and effectiveness of the flow of domestic and external, public and private funds applied to programmes in housing and community facilities ;

(ii) Concerted action on the part of the United Nations, including the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development, the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut and other international agencies concerned, which would serve to facilitate the speedy and effective implementation of these proposals and of the over-all programme for accelerating the financing of housing and community facilities ;

(b) To report his findings to the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning as soon as possible.

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5 August 1966.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS

1123 (XLI). Advisory services in the field of human rights: regional seminar on the effective realization of human rights at the national level

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that a regional seminar on the effective realization of human rights at the national level is being organized in Jamaica in 1967 for countries and territories within the Western Hemisphere,⁵⁴

Believing that the discussion of this subject will be significantly assisted by the personal attendance and participation of expert representatives from a few countries which have distinct institutions for guaranteeing human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Requests the Secretary-General to make arrangements, in consultation with the host Government, for the attend-

ance of not more than four such participants from countries and territories outside the Western Hemisphere.

1439th plenary meeting,
26 July 1966.

1124 (XLI). Advisory services in the field of human rights: seminar on the civic and political education of women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 926 (X) of 14 December 1955 and Council resolutions 605 (XXI) of 3 May 1956 and 1017 (XXXVII) of 30 July 1964,

Recalling also Council resolution 1067 A (XXXIX) of 16 July 1965, under which a new series of annual seminars on the civic and political education of women was initiated,

⁵⁴ E/CN.4/896-E/CN.6/452, para. 16 and annex.