

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.

1445th plenary meeting,
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.