

1969 reports, under article 19 of the ILO Constitution, on Recommendation No. 115 concerning Workers' Housing (1961),⁸¹

Bearing in mind the report and recommendations of the Interregional Seminar on Rural Housing and Community Facilities⁸² held in Venezuela in 1967, which suggested that greater attention should be given to rural housing in the work undertaken by the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning and the Centre for Housing, Building and Planning, since this was one of the greatest problems confronting the developing countries in the housing sector,

Taking account of the prevailing and continuing shortage of staff resources for the Centre for Housing, Building and Planning,

Adhering to the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies,⁸³ in so far as reduction of the volume of documentation is concerned,

1. *Requests* the General Assembly to reconsider the biennial reporting requirements specified in its resolution 2036 (XX) and to substitute a quinquennial housing survey of an analytical and comparative character;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To consult the International Labour Organisation in the endeavour to secure that Organization's co-operation with all other organs concerned in the United Nations family, and particularly the Centre for Housing, Building and Planning, to ensure that its proposed housing survey, to be issued in 1970, will be of benefit to all parties;

(b) To initiate the publication of a quinquennial housing survey in 1973, which will put equal emphasis upon the rural and urban sectors of housing, especially with reference to the developing countries, on the basis of data as current and comprehensive as possible, and with the co-operation of existing statistical offices and services of the United Nations family.

*1526th plenary meeting,
28 May 1968.*

1300 (XLIV). Campaign to focus world attention on housing

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning on its fifth session,⁸⁴

Noting in particular paragraphs 63 and 64 of the report,

Noting with appreciation the report prepared by the Secretary-General⁸⁵ in response to Economic and Social Council resolution 1223 (XLII) of 6 June 1967,

Noting with approval the interest of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning in this proposal for a campaign,

⁸¹ See International Labour Office, *Official Bulletin*, vol. XLIV (Geneva, 1961), No. 1, p. 4.

⁸² E/C.6/65.

⁸³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 80, document A/6343*.

⁸⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/4440)*.

⁸⁵ E/C.6/63

Recalling its resolution 1224 (XLII) of 6 June 1967 concerning the role of the regional economic commissions in housing and concerning the initiatives that might be taken to improve living conditions and to provide an adequate volume of proper housing for low-income families,

1. *Recommends* that the competent United Nations bodies should examine with the necessary attention the possibility of convening regional conferences, preferably at the ministerial level, and of initiating a programme of public information in this field, in conformity with the spirit of the report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning on its fifth session, within the context of the desirability of designating an international year for housing and urban and rural development during the forthcoming United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ascertain the views of Member States on these proposals and their willingness to initiate practical programmes in support thereof and, having obtained the advice of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to report, through the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, to the Economic and Social Council on his findings, on the basis of which the Council will determine what further action should be taken.

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1301 (XLIV). Establishment of a United Nations international institute for documentation on housing, building and planning

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1166 (XLI) of 5 August 1966, in which it approved in principle the establishment of a United Nations international institute for documentation on housing, building and planning at New Delhi,

Having considered the report⁸⁶ of an Expert Group appointed by the Secretary-General,

Commending the Expert Group for the quality of the report and the care that has gone into its production,

Requests the Secretary-General to take the following steps in connexion with the implementation of the decision to establish the institute at New Delhi:

(a) To approach Member States for funds with a view to undertaking the preparatory work necessary, *inter alia*, for the establishment of national and regional centres where necessary and requested by Governments and with a view to the subsequent establishment of the institute;

(b) As a first step, when funds are available, to establish an Advisory Board which will meet at least once a year and whose terms of reference will be in the first instance to define the functions of a working party charged with the responsibility for the detailed technical aspects of the preparatory phase described in subparagraph (d) below and, on completion of the tasks to be undertaken by the working party, to advise on the establishment of the institute, its annual report, its budget, its work programme and any other aspect of its work;

(c) To appoint the following as members of the

⁸⁶ E/C.6/78/Add.1.