

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

*Bearing in mind* the report and recommendations of the Interregional Seminar on Rural Housing and Community Facilities<sup>82</sup> 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,<sup>83</sup> 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,<sup>84</sup>

*Noting in particular* paragraphs 63 and 64 of the report,

*Noting with appreciation* the report prepared by the Secretary-General<sup>85</sup> 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,

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

<sup>82</sup> E/C.6/65.

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

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

<sup>85</sup> 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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28 May 1968.*

### **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 report<sup>86</sup> 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

<sup>86</sup> E/C.6/78/Add.1.

## Advisory Board:

The Director of the United Nations Centre for Housing, Building and Planning (Chairman);

The Chairman of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning;

A representative of the Government of India whose responsibilities will relate to administrative aspects concerning the institute;

A representative of each of the regional economic commissions;

A representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

A representative of the International Labour Organisation or the World Health Organization, each to serve in alternate years;

A representative of a non-governmental organization specializing in the field of documentation on housing, building and planning may, at the instance of the Board, attend its meetings in a consultative capacity; the Advisory Board may invite experts to participate in its meetings in a consultative capacity, bearing in mind the need to select such experts on the basis of equitable geographical distribution;

(d) To establish at Geneva, as soon as adequate funds are available and for a period of two or three years, a working party consisting primarily of documentation experts selected on the basis of equitable geographical representation, whose task would be:

(i) To maintain, preferably by written papers, contact with the Advisory Board;

(ii) To draw up a list of the existing national, regional and international centres and to advise on, and when requested to facilitate the establishment of, national, regional and other centres;

(iii) To establish a network of documentary exchange between the aforementioned centres and the institute;

(iv) To arrange for basic documentation of the more important literature pertaining to housing, building and planning to be undertaken in the various centres and for its transmission, on a basis unified as to methodology and terminology, to the institute, thus enabling it to play its part as a world clearing house of knowledge in this field;

No more than five members of the working party selected from the various geographic regions shall be financed by the funds referred to in sub-paragraph (a) above.

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## 1319 (XLIV). Report of the Commission for Social Development

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its nineteenth session.<sup>87</sup>*

*1530th plenary meeting,  
31 May 1968.*

<sup>87</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/4467/Rev.1).

## 1320 (XLIV). World social situation

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note of the Report on the World Social Situation, 1967,<sup>38</sup>*

*Noting with deep concern that, despite the efforts made by the United Nations family of organizations and Member States towards the fulfilment of the goals of the United Nations Development Decade, the world social situation remains unsatisfactory and the economic gap between the developed and developing countries continues to widen,*

*Underlining the findings in the report that in many developing countries levels of food consumption, nutrition and housing have declined, the incidence of unemployment and under-employment has increased, disparities of income and wealth remain wide, and population increases negate the impact of economic growth,*

*Recalling its resolutions 1152 (XLI) of 4 August 1966 and 1260 (XLIII) of 3 August 1967 concerning the work of the Secretary-General and the Committee for Development Planning on the planning of concerted international action and the guide-lines and proposals for the period following the present United Nations Development Decade,*

*Recalling also its resolution 1227 (XLII) of 6 June 1967, in which the Commission for Social Development was invited to make recommendations on ways of strengthening the operational programmes of the United Nations system in the social field, so as to enable those programmes to play their full role in promoting social development in the immediate years ahead and during the forthcoming decade,*

*Recalling further General Assembly resolution 2293 (XXII) of 11 December 1967 on the world social situation in which the Assembly calls upon the Economic and Social Council to request the Committee for Development Planning to take fully into account the role of social development in accelerating the development of nations, particularly in the context of the preparations for the decade following the current United Nations Development Decade,*

*Taking note of General Assembly resolutions 2035 (XX) of 7 December 1965 on the world social situation and 2305 (XXII) of 13 December 1967 on the United Nations Development Decade,*

*Convinced that the objectives of social development, as set forth in Economic and Social Council resolution 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966, and the effectiveness of operational programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the social field in raising levels of living, particularly in developing countries, could be greatly enhanced if social factors were properly integrated in the formulation of goals and methods for the next decade,*

*Convinced also that the equitable distribution of income and the wide dissemination of social services in a country promote national development as well as equality of opportunity, social justice and the elimination of poverty,*

*Recognizing the urgent necessity of closing the economic gap between the developed and developing countries,*

*Recognizing further that the success of the next decade will depend on the degree to which its goals*

<sup>38</sup> ST/SOA/84.