

## 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.

*1526th plenary meeting,  
28 May 1968.*

## 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.

are incorporated and implemented in national development plans,

1. *Calls upon* the Committee for Development Planning to take into account the following considerations among others in formulating its proposals for the goals and programmes of the next decade:

(a) Social as well as economic goals should be formulated, taking into account the close relationship and interaction between the economic and social aspects of development and the need for coherent and integrated national development policies;

(b) Goals should reflect the varying needs and conditions of different regions, urban and rural areas, and groups of countries within a region;

(c) Goals should take into account the need to provide equitably for various regions and population groups within a country;

(d) Programmes should take into account the importance of rates of population growth and patterns of distribution consistent with each country's goals for social progress;

(e) Programmes should give particular attention to the necessity of structural and institutional changes, including land reform; to the significance of equitable distribution of income and the widespread availability in rural and urban areas of education, health, housing, community development, social welfare and other services; to the training of cadres including social planning, research and operational personnel; to the encouragement of local participation and to means of implementing national plans;

(f) Goals should reflect the role of international assistance in accelerating the economic and social progress of developing countries;

(g) Programmes shall take into consideration the urgent necessity of encouraging increased international assistance needed to reverse the trend of—and eventually to bridge—the widening economic gap between developed and developing countries;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission for Social Development at its twentieth session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

*1530th plenary meeting,  
31 May 1968.*

### **1321 (XLIV). Work programme of the Commission for Social Development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* that the regular programme of technical assistance has, since its establishment in 1946, provided an effective means of initiating operational activities in the social field, and that its flexibility has permitted new and urgent needs of Governments for technical assistance to be met,

*Taking into account* that the regular programme of technical assistance has been a main link between the regional economic commissions and the countries they serve, as well as an important instrument for assisting Governments in the implementation of social policies recommended by the competent United Nations organs,

*Noting further* the importance that the Commission for Social Development places on the role of the regular programme in enabling the United Nations to respond quickly and effectively to urgent needs and also in preparing the way for comprehensive and longer-term projects eligible for assistance under the United Nations Development Programme,

*Aware of the fact* that the Secretary-General intends to submit to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its seventh session a study of the purpose and objectives of the regular programme and its relationship to other programmes of the United Nations Development Programme, together with any recommendation he may deem appropriate,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the above-mentioned study on the regular programme, to give particular attention to the role of this programme in promoting social development and in helping to ensure an adequate increase in, and the maximum effectiveness of, the United Nations technical co-operation services as a whole, in terms of their ability to meet the needs for assistance in the social field;

2. *Urges* Governments to make effective use for social development purposes of the resources of the United Nations Development Programme;

3. *Calls upon* Governments to continue to improve their planning methods and machinery in order to facilitate the formulation, whenever appropriate, of integrated requests to the United Nations Development Programme in which the social, economic and administrative aspects are taken fully into account.

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### **1322 (XLIV). Social policy and the distribution of national income**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1086 D (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965 on the distribution of income in the nation,

*Reaffirming* its interest in the question of social policy and the distribution of national income,

*Taking note* of the discussion on this subject at the nineteenth session of the Commission for Social Development,

*Taking note* of the report of the Group of Experts on Social Policy and the Distribution of Income in the Nation<sup>39</sup> and expressing approval of the general lines of the Secretary-General's proposals for a programme of work in this field,<sup>40</sup>

1. *Decides* to include in the agenda of one of its forthcoming sessions, as a separate item, the question of social policy and the just and equitable distribution of national income, and to consider this question in the light of the above-mentioned report and the Secretary-General's proposals for the work programme;

2. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to report periodically to the Economic and Social Council on the progress of its work in this field.

*1530th plenary meeting,  
31 May 1968.*

<sup>39</sup> E/CN.5/420/Add.1.

<sup>40</sup> E/CN.5/420.