

to this matter, and endorsing the recommendations of the Conference,

*Recognizing* that social security, which has a significant relationship to social welfare, is an important means of improving popular living standards and must be provided to all segments of the population as an inalienable right and under conditions of complete equality,

*Believing* that social security must become an integral part of the economic and social development of every country,

*Expressing the hope* that the question of social security will occupy an appropriate place in the work programme of the Commission for Social Development in close collaboration with the International Labour Organisation,

1. *Considers* social security to be an important integral part of the over-all measures taken by the State with a view to achieving higher living standards for the people;

2. *Recommends* that Governments should:

(a) Recognize the right of every individual to social security and adopt legislative measures, progressively and as national circumstances permit, designed to extend social security to all segments of the population, including peasants and agricultural workers, under conditions of complete equality;

(b) Increase the responsibility of the State for social security where this is required and ensure its development within the framework of over-all national socio-economic planning;

(c) Endeavour to change over to a State system of social security and social insurance for the working population;

3. *Recommends* the Commission for Social Development to include in its long-term work programme for 1969-1973 questions relating to social security and requests, in this connexion, the Secretary-General to consult with the International Labour Organisation regarding the preparation of a comparative study of social security systems, social security planning, and the role and responsibility of the State in this matter.

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5 June 1969.*

#### **1406 (XLVI). Report of the International Conference of Ministers Responsible for Social Welfare**

*The Economic and Social Council.*

*Having considered with appreciation* the report of the International Conference of Ministers Responsible for Social Welfare, held at United Nations Headquarters from 3 to 12 September 1968,<sup>15</sup>

*Noting* that the recommendations of the Conference developed by Ministers representing a large number of countries in varying stages of development and with different socio-economic systems, confirm the universal concern for social welfare and the expectation for further progress through national efforts and international co-operation,

*Recognizing* the importance of social welfare as an integral component of broad development policies and the major contribution of social welfare programmes

to the society's total effort towards higher levels of living, social justice and a better quality of life for all,

*Welcoming* the new orientation of social welfare programmes in an increasing number of countries towards preventive and developmental tasks, and the recognition of the important role of social welfare in the context of a clearly enunciated social development policy,

*Affirming* the primary responsibility of Governments for developing effective social welfare programmes through a concerted effort involving national and local authorities, appropriate organizations and the people themselves,

*Emphasizing* the essential role of the United Nations in international co-operation in the social welfare field and the need for such a role to be strengthened,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2436 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968 on the world social situation calling upon the economically advanced Member States which have not yet reached the target fixed in decision 27 (II) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, of 28 March 1968, on the aid volume target,<sup>16</sup> to make every effort to reach it as soon as possible, so that the problems of social development can be dealt with appropriately in co-ordination with the solution of the problems of economic development,

*Being convinced* of the fact that social development and social welfare activities cannot be divorced from the general economic situation of a country, as many of the social problems arise from a weak economic base,

*Deeply concerned* about the slow pace of growth of social welfare activities, particularly in the developing countries, mainly due to general paucity of financial resources available for such activities,

*Recognizing* the need to ensure maximum possible clarity and effectiveness in social development and social welfare efforts, both at the national and international levels,

*Further recognizing* the need to strengthen social development and social welfare activities at the regional level,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the International Conference of Ministers Responsible for Social Welfare contained in its report;

2. *Recommends* Governments:

(a) To give due attention to the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Conference;

(b) To assist both the developing countries and the United Nations by increasing their financial and technical assistance for social development and social welfare programmes in developing countries; and

(c) To consider pursuing appropriate trade and aid policies which critically influence the availability of resources in the developing countries, to fulfil their social welfare objectives;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward the report of the International Conference of Ministers Responsible for Social Welfare to the responsible policy-making bodies of the United Nations family in the economic and social fields so that due considerations should be given to its findings, conclusions and

<sup>16</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Second Session*, vol. I and Corr.1 and Add.1. *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.II.D.14), p. 38.

<sup>15</sup> See foot-note 13.

recommendations in the preparation of an international development strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and to submit to the Council at its forty-eighth session, through the Commission for Social Development, a brief report on the progress made on the subject;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General and the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions as well as the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to consult with the Governments of Member States:

(a) On the establishment of regional social welfare research and training centres for advanced training (including training of teachers), comparative studies and assistance in the production of indigenous training materials;

(b) On research at the regional level directed towards the formulation of appropriate social welfare standards that could be useful to countries with comparable socio-economic conditions; and

(c) On other ways and means of pursuing the recommendations made by the International Conference from the point of view of the countries in the regions concerned;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after due consultations with the regional economic commissions, to prepare a report on the ways and means to further strengthen social development and social welfare activities at the regional level and to submit the report to the Council at its forty-eighth session through the Commission for Social Development;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to review, in the light of the relevant recommendations of the International Conference and the requirements of the Second United Nations Development Decade, the existing methods of international co-operation and the use of available resources for technical co-operation, with a view to giving due attention to social welfare activities in the over-all programme of the United Nations in the field of social and economic development, and to report back to the Commission for Social Development;

7. *Recommends* that particular attention be given in the above review to the need for:

(a) Increasing the effectiveness of assistance to Governments in planning for social welfare in the larger context of social development and in developing their administrative capacities, manpower policies and training programmes in the social welfare field;

(b) Intensifying research in the social welfare and community development field at the international and regional levels for the further development of policy and standards, planning and evaluation methods and practical action in the social welfare field;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to associate the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, among others, in developing international social welfare research directly relevant to practical action at the country levels and in formulating effective methods for the dissemination of the results;

9. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development, in accordance with the provisions of Council resolution 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966, to obtain, whenever it is useful, and for those matters designated by the Commission, the advice of qualified experts in the field of social welfare.

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## **1407 (XLVI). Long-term policies and programmes for youth in national development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that the young generation is called upon to play an important role in the process of social, economic and spiritual development in which mankind is engaged,

*Conscious* of the new generation's aspirations and legitimate desire to be useful to society and to participate actively in the continuous effort to accelerate national development,

*Reaffirming* the principles embodied in the international documents adopted by the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other international bodies concerning the pursuit of better conditions for the development, education and vocational training of the young generation,

*Taking note* of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples,<sup>17</sup> proclaimed by the General Assembly on 7 December 1965, and of Assembly resolution 2447 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968 on education of youth in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2083 (XX) of 20 December 1965, Economic and Social Council resolutions 1090 A (XXXIX) of 31 July 1965 and 1274 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967, and Commission for Social Development resolution I (XIX) of 19 February 1968<sup>18</sup> concerning the development and utilization of human resources, as well as Council resolutions 1353 (XLV) and 1354 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 entitled, respectively, "Youth participation in international co-operation" and "Programmes of international action relating to youth",

*Considering* that the unprecedented development of science and technology offers undeniable opportunities for the younger generation and contributes to the advancement of society as a whole,

*Convinced* that the active participation of the young generation in all aspects of social life constitutes an important factor in ensuring the increased effectiveness of collective efforts which is necessary for a better society,

*Conscious* of the role which the United Nations and the specialized agencies are called upon to play in the formulation of activities and programmes concerning both the training and education of youth and its participation in the development process,

1. *Calls upon* Member States to intensify their efforts to implement the principles and recommendations embodied in the international instruments adopted thus far which are aimed at creating better conditions for the education of the young generation and at ensuring that that generation plays an increasingly important role in the life of society;

2. *Recommends* that Governments:

(a) Take account, in their over-all economic and social policies and in their development plans and programmes, of the needs of youth in all fields, including the problems of adapting the content, structure and

<sup>17</sup> General Assembly resolution 2037 (XX).

<sup>18</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/4467)*, para. 51.