

the appointment of Mr. Joseph Dittert as Secretary of the Permanent Central Narcotics Board.

*1464th plenary meeting,  
16 May 1967.*

**1221 (XLII). Centre for Housing, Building and Planning: co-operation with regional economic commissions and international agencies, including non-governmental organizations**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* that housing, building and planning constitute an important element of economic and social development,

*Recognizing further* that, owing to the economic, social and climatic conditions in most countries, the solution of national problems in the field of housing, building and planning can be found only through the encouragement and development of the national housing, building and planning capabilities in each country,

*Convinced* that solutions to such problems within each country can be advanced by genuine efforts of international co-operation and that such co-operation could be improved if the regional economic commissions were to give greater attention to matters in the field of housing, building and planning,

*Recalling* that the tasks of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, under the terms of Economic and Social Council resolution 903 C (XXXIV) of 2 August 1962, include responsibility for recommendations to the Council for appropriate co-ordination of the programmes among the various United Nations bodies, including the regional economic commissions, and with other international agencies,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 1917 (XVIII) of 5 December 1963 and 2036 (XX) of 7 December 1965 and its own resolution 1024 (XXXVII) of 11 August 1964 emphasizing the necessity for co-operation in the field of housing, building and planning,

*Noting* recommendations concerning the necessity to strengthen co-operation between international organs in the field of housing, building and planning made at the third session of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning,

*Noting with satisfaction* the note of the Secretariat presented at the fourth session of the Committee,<sup>25</sup>

1. *Invites* the Centre for Housing, Building and Planning, the regional economic commissions, the specialized agencies, the regional housing centres and governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, to strengthen and increase their co-operation in the field of housing, building and planning;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning at each of its sessions, beginning at the fifth session, with a report covering the activities of the organizations of the United Nations family in the field of housing, building and planning;

3. *Further requests* that this report give special attention to the measures of co-operation taking place or to be undertaken among the United Nations agencies engaged in various activities in housing, building and planning.

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6 June 1967.*

<sup>25</sup> E/C.6/49/Add.2.

**1222 (XLII). Rehabilitation and reconstruction following natural disasters**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* the principles set forth in the report on rehabilitation and reconstruction following natural disasters<sup>26</sup> calling attention to the need to give disaster prevention high priority and to incorporate appropriate measures in the planning methods and the standards of the building of the structures to be erected in disaster-prone areas,

*Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To give the widest possible distribution to the report on rehabilitation and reconstruction following natural disasters;

(b) To compile a roster of experts who would be available on short notice to give advice and assistance in disaster areas;

(c) To undertake, as resources permit, in conjunction with other organizations concerned in this field, the preparation of manuals on disasters which should include disaster legislation, prevention in the case of disaster, administrative and technical arrangements, a manual on disaster-resistant housing, model building codes which would include recommendations for their implementation and enforcement and a manual on the application of physical planning techniques to disaster-prone areas;

(d) To give high priority to the provision of fellowships for architectural and engineering students to make special studies on design and construction aspects in connexion with pre-disaster and post-disaster questions, earthquake engineering and similar fields;

(e) To study the possibilities of introducing special administrative measures to speed up the technical assistance to be provided to countries which had suffered disaster.

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**1223 (XLII). Report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having* considered the report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning on its fourth session,<sup>27</sup>

*Noting with concern* the Committee's conclusion that achievements in this vitally important sector have fallen far short of the goals established for the United Nations Development Decade,

*Believing* that a continued deterioration of housing and human settlement can be avoided only by concerted action at the national and international level, in co-operation with the appropriate agencies concerned with social welfare,

*Supporting* the Committee's suggestion that it would be useful to undertake imaginative public information campaigns to direct greater attention to this sector,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of discussions held in the Commission for Social Development and in the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, to prepare, in the context of the report already requested by Economic and Social Council re-

<sup>26</sup> See E/C.6/52/Add.6 and 7.

<sup>27</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/4287).*