

solution 1170 (XLI) of 5 August 1966, recommendations on the most appropriate means:

(a) To focus world-wide attention on the acute social and economic problems associated with the lack of adequate housing and community facilities, and the difficulties of rational development of rural and urban communities, particularly in the developing countries;

(b) To mobilize world-wide action in the form of specific programmes designed to lead the way to practical plans for the development of housing and community facilities, particularly for those sectors of the population whose need is greatest, and to improve the general quality of human settlement;

(c) To encourage Governments to give still greater attention and support to this sector in the formulation and implementation of their national development programmes;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present his report, together with any proposals for action, to the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning at its fifth session and subsequently to the Commission for Social Development;

3. *Requests* the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, in considering the means to implement the Secretary-General's report, to consider the advisability of proclaiming an international housing year, and to submit its recommendations to the Commission for Social Development at its nineteenth session and to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-fourth session.

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6 June 1967.

1224 (XLII). Work programme of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with satisfaction the progress made by the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning in the development of an effective work programme concentrated on key issues in the field of housing, building and planning,

Recognizing, however, that insufficient attention has been given by the Governments of many Member States and by the United Nations bodies concerned to housing and related community facilities for low-income families,

Mindful of the decision of the Economic and Social Council expressed in its resolution 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966, which stated that the work of the Commission for Social Development should concentrate, *inter alia*, on the improvement of housing conditions and community services, especially for persons in low-income groups, urban development and planning for future growth, and also mindful of the concern expressed by the Commission at its eighteenth session for the welfare of low-income families,

Reaffirming the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 1508 (XV) of 12 December 1960 and 2036 (XX) of 7 December 1965,

Recalling that the General Assembly in its resolution 1508 (XV) requested the development and initiation of pilot projects in low-cost housing and related community facilities and services in the rapidly urbanizing areas of developing countries,

Noting with approval the preliminary consideration given by the Committee on Housing, Building and

Planning at its fourth session to the possible initiation of pilot demonstration projects and its decision to give further attention to the matter at its fifth session,

Convinced of the need for further action by the United Nations and the appropriate specialized agencies and by Governments of Member States to promote additional housing and related community facilities for low-income families, including those in the rapidly growing squatter settlements or slums of urban and rural areas,

1. *Approves* the report of the Committee on Housing Building and Planning on its fourth session;²⁸

2. *Urges* Governments of Member States to increase their efforts to meet the original goal of the United Nations Development Decade, namely, the annual construction of ten dwelling units per 1,000 of population, with particular attention to the needs of low-income families;

3. *Requests* the regional economic commissions to give a higher priority to programmes in housing, building and planning;

4. *Requests* the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning to give increased attention to problems of housing and related community facilities for low-income families, particularly in the developing countries, and to possible methods and programmes for improvement of the conditions in this field, especially pilot programmes of a regional character;

5. *Further requests* the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, in its consideration of initiatives to improve living conditions and to provide an adequate volume of proper housing for low-income families, to give appropriate attention to such means as self-help, co-operatives, rental housing and government subsidies, financing and other forms of activity of Governments for the provision of low-cost housing and to the development and implementation of appropriate standards for housing and related facilities for low-income families;

6. *Urges* Member States, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and the United Nations agencies concerned, to undertake practical pilot programmes adapted to the needs of developing countries and directed at the improvement of living conditions in squatter settlements or slums of urban and rural areas through a simultaneous attack on the social, economic and physical conditions in such areas, gaining the participation of the citizens concerned and creating, where feasible, institutions and organizations which will promote or support self-improvement;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with Governments of Member States, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the specialized agencies and other appropriate international agencies in order to determine the possibilities of obtaining financial, technical and material support for such pilot programmes, and to provide the general direction for any pilot programme which may be initiated, giving appropriate attention to the co-ordination of the various United Nations bodies concerned and to the initiation of such research and evaluation as may be appropriate, in order that all Member States may benefit from the experience gained in these pilot programmes;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to inform the Economic and Social Council at its forty-fourth

²⁸ *Ibid.*

session of the progress being made toward the objectives of the present resolution, including in his report the views or comments of the Commission for Social Development, the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, and the regional economic commissions.

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1226 (XLII). Social questions relating to the extension of health services

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with satisfaction the report of the World Health Organization on social questions relating to the extension of health services,²⁹

Expressing the hope that co-operation with the World Health Organization will have a productive effect on the work of the Commission for Social Development in this area,

Noting that, despite the great progress made by medical science during recent decades, the populations of many countries still fail to enjoy the full benefits of this progress and have only limited access to health and medical services, owing to a number of factors, including lack of financial resources and qualified personnel, and the unequal distribution of such services and their high cost,

Noting further that the Commission wishes to continue the study of the social aspects of the problem not only in developing but also in developed countries,

Invites the World Health Organization to prepare, if possible for the nineteenth session of the Commission for Social Development, a study, based on existing information, on the differing extent to which basic health and medical services are available in selected representative groups of countries at different stages of development with respect to the provision of such services, and employing different means for their provision, with reference, wherever relevant, to the question of the costs of such services, and giving due attention to the social factors influencing the availability and utilization of health services.

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1227 (XLII). Review of technical co-operation activities in social development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966 on the reappraisal of the role of the Social Commission and the emphasis placed therein on technical co-operation services as a means of providing practical assistance to Governments in the social field,

Having in mind General Assembly resolution 2035 (XX) of 7 December 1965 on the world social situation, which requested, *inter alia*, that the Economic and Social Council submit to the Assembly proposals in respect of vital social problems on which the Assembly might appropriately take action,

Having in mind also the decision of the General Assembly in its resolution 2188 (XXI) of 13 December 1966 to undertake a general review and assessment of the operational and research activities of the United

Nations family of organizations in the field of economic and social development,

Noting with concern the inadequacy of funds and the declining proportion of United Nations resources available for technical co-operation to meet the growing needs of developing countries for technical assistance in the social field,

Noting further that studies are being undertaken, under the auspices of the United Nations Development Programme, of the needs for United Nations technical and pre-investment assistance over the next ten years, on which preliminary work has begun in the form of an analysis of needs in the next three years,

Considering that the terms of reference of the United Nations Development Programme permit financing of projects in the social and human resources development field,

Believing that every effort should be made to maintain the dynamism and flexibility of the operational programmes and thus to ensure their ability to respond quickly and effectively to the rapidly changing conditions and needs of developing countries,

Believing further that the integrated character of the development process and the interdependence of action in the economic and social sectors call for continuing improvements and innovations in methods of providing assistance to Governments, including assessment of needs and priorities, project preparation and implementation, with a view to ensuring that international assistance is concentrated systematically on the priority development needs of recipient countries as part of a co-ordinated programme of the United Nations family of organizations for each country,

1. *Invites* the Commission for Social Development to make recommendations not later than at its twentieth session on ways of strengthening the operational programmes of the United Nations system in the social field in order to enable these programmes to play their full role in promoting social development in the immediate years ahead and during the forthcoming decade;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to designate, for a period of not more than two years, on the basis of their individual capacities, five Special Rapporteurs, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution according to the groupings set out in paragraph 1 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1147 (XLI) of 4 August 1966, from amongst the States members of the Commission for Social Development, to undertake an examination and assessment of the different programmes and methods used by the United Nations family in the social field of technical assistance for the developing countries, through consultations with Governments of Member States and with the organizations and commissions referred to in paragraph 3 below, and to make the necessary recommendations to the Commission not later than at its twentieth session;

3. *Invites* Member States, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the specialized agencies concerned with social development, and the regional economic commissions to co-operate with the Special Rapporteurs and the Commission for Social Development in carrying out this task;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary facilities to the Special Rapporteurs and to issue to the countries in the developing regions and to

²⁹ E/CN.5/415 and Corr.1.