

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,<sup>29</sup>

*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

<sup>29</sup> E/CN.5/415 and Corr.1.