

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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6 June 1967.*

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.

the organizations, agencies and commissions referred to in paragraph 3 above a questionnaire designed to elicit the basic information needed for their task;

5. *Recommends* that Governments of Member States accord special consideration in the formulation of requests and in the allocation of resources for technical assistance to problems of social development;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund and the specialized agencies concerned to give favourable consideration to requests for assistance in all aspects of the social field.

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6 June 1967.*

1228 (XLII). Draft declaration on social development

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the recommendations of the Commission for Social Development regarding preparation of the draft declaration on social development, contained in paragraph 56 of the Commission's report,³⁰

³⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/4324 and Corr.1 and 2).*

Agrees that:

(a) The Working Party on the Draft Declaration on Social Development³¹ should meet ten to fourteen days before the nineteenth session of the Commission for Social Development to prepare a preliminary draft declaration for consideration by the Commission and through it by the Economic and Social Council in 1968;

(b) The Secretary-General should undertake consultations with the specialized agencies prior to the February 1968 session of the Working Party.

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6 June 1967.*

1229 (XLII). 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 eighteenth session³² and of the work programme contained therein.³³

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6 June 1967.*

³¹ *Ibid.*, paras. 44-56.

³² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5 (E/4324 and Corr. 1 and 2).

³³ *Ibid.*, annex I.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS

1206 (XLII). Draft declaration on the elimination of discrimination against women

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken note of resolution I (XX) of the Commission on the Status of Women relating to the draft declaration on the elimination of discrimination against women,³⁴

Submits to the General Assembly the revised text of the draft declaration annexed to the present resolution,

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ANNEX

Draft declaration on the elimination of discrimination against women

Preamble

The General Assembly,

Considering that the peoples of the United Nations have, in the Charter, reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of human person and in the equal rights of men and women,

Considering that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights asserts the principle of non-discrimination and proclaims that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth therein, without distinction of any kind, including any distinction as to sex,

Taking into account the resolutions, declarations, conventions and recommendations of the United Nations and the specialized agencies designed to eliminate all forms of discrimination and to promote equal rights for men and women,

Concerned that, despite the Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other instruments of the United

Nations and the specialized agencies and despite the progress made in the matter of equality of rights, there continues to exist considerable discrimination against women,

Considering that discrimination against women is incompatible with human dignity, and with the welfare of the family and of society, prevents their participation, on equal terms with men, in the political, social, economic and cultural life of their countries, and is an obstacle to the full development of the potentialities of women in the service of their countries and of humanity,

Convinced that the full and complete development of a country, the welfare of the world, and the cause of peace require the maximum participation of women as well as men in all fields,

Considering that it is necessary to ensure the universal recognition in law and in fact of the principle of equality of men and women,

Solemnly proclaims this Declaration:

Article 1

Discrimination based on sex, denying or limiting as it does equal rights between men and women, is fundamentally unjust and constitutes an offence against human dignity.

Article 2

All appropriate measures shall be taken to abolish existing laws, customs, regulations and practices which are discriminatory against women, and to establish adequate legal protection for equal rights of men and women, in particular:

(a) The principle of equality of rights shall be embodied in the constitution or equivalent law of each country;

(b) The international instruments of the United Nations and the specialized agencies relating to the elimination of discrimination against women shall be ratified and fully implemented as soon as practicable.

Article 3

All appropriate measures shall be taken to educate public opinion and direct national aspirations towards the eradication

³⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7 (E/4316), para. 151.