

development, and the request of the Secretary-General for the comments of the Commission for Social Development on that report to guide him in the work immediately ahead in completing the preparations for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Endorses, inter alia*, the views of the experts regarding:

(a) The need for a unified approach to development analysis and planning which would fully integrate the economic approach with the social approach in the formation of policies at the national and international levels;

(b) The need to include in this approach components which are designed:

(i) To leave no section of the population outside the scope of change and development;

(ii) To effect structural change which favours national development and to activate all sectors of the population and social organizations, to ensure their participation in the development process;

(iii) To aim at social equity, including the achievement of equitable distribution of income in the nation;

(iv) To give high priority to the development of human potentials including the provision of employment opportunities and the needs of children;

(c) The need for improvement of social data, including evaluation of the quality of existing data and indicators, as well as the need for research on critical social bottle-necks and on the social consequences of policy alternatives, in order that these might provide a sound basis for policy decisions and planning;

(d) The need to adapt programmes for the training of planners and administrators to this unified approach to development;

(e) The need to increase understanding of the political process leading to policy and planning decisions;

2. *Recommends* that Governments take into account this unified approach to development planning, in the light of their particular national conditions, objectives and priorities;

3. *Endorses* the principle of the unified approach envisaged by the draft strategy of the Second United Nations Development Decade and requests those United Nations bodies to be charged with the implementation of the strategy to give serious consideration to the role of the Commission for Social Development in the continuing appraisal of the progress of this implementation;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to undertake, in co-operation with other members of the United Nations family, further work on this unified approach in order to submit a draft framework on this subject to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-second session and to submit a report on the unified approach at the earliest possible date;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure effective co-ordination of the work undertaken on social indicators of development, taking into account research carried out on that subject by the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development and by other agencies in the United Nations system, and to give Governments every assistance in order to

enable them to develop such indicators at the national or regional levels, which could also be of value as international measurements;

6. *Urges* the Secretary-General to consult with the heads of appropriate specialized agencies on the further strengthening of inter-agency co-operation in development work, particularly at the country level;

7. *Stresses* the need for additional bilateral and multilateral aid for development and, within this context, for making adequate sources of finance available for social purposes;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to include in the agenda of the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly an item entitled "The Second United Nations Development Decade: social policy and planning in national development".

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26 May 1970.*

## 1495 (XLVIII). Land reform

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the summary of the fifth report on progress in land reform<sup>7</sup> as well as the note by the Secretary-General on land reform,<sup>8</sup>

*Having taken note* of resolution 5/69 of 27 November 1969 on agrarian reform adopted by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its fifteenth session calling upon the Director-General of that organization to appoint, after consultations with the United Nations and the International Labour Organisation, a special committee on agrarian reform,<sup>9</sup>

*Recognizing* the need to ensure that the small farm owner, tenant and landless workers should share fully in the benefits of the technological breakthrough in productivity through the introduction of new high-yielding varieties of grains, referred to as the "green revolution",

*Recognizing* the part played by co-operation in general, and in particular by co-operation in agriculture, in using modern techniques to increase the productivity of labour and the well-being of the rural worker,

1. *Urges* the Secretary-General, in the preparations for the Second United Nations Development Decade, bearing in mind the objectives of the Indicative World Plan for Agricultural Development of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Employment Programme of the International Labour Organisation, to take fully into account the role of comprehensive agrarian reform, which is essential not only for rural development, but also for balanced development as a whole;

2. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General and the heads of the interested agencies of the United Nations system, particularly the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the World Food Programme as well as the United Nations Development Programme, give higher priority than heretofore to financial and technical assistance to member countries in undertaking projects for land reform, rural institutional development, including co-operatives, and integrated land-use planning;

<sup>7</sup> E/4617 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>8</sup> E/CN.5/444.

<sup>9</sup> See Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Report of the Fifteenth Session of the Conference*, p. 80.

3. *Recommends* that Governments of Member States:

(a) Take fully into account the need for agrarian reform in the preparation and implementation of their national development plans and that Governments of developing countries make effective use, within their own priorities, of the development assistance resources of the United Nations agencies;

(b) Take measures to promote agricultural co-operation and the use of modern techniques in agriculture;

(c) Take measures that may abolish social inequalities to bring about a better distribution of incomes and raise the living level of the rural populations;

(d) Support all efforts that may help to improve the situation of the rural workers;

(e) Ensure and protect the right of agricultural workers, small farm owners and tenants to form their own organizations and ensure that such organizations shall be consulted in the process of implementing decisions on land reform;

4. *Welcomes* the initiative taken at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations regarding the appointment of a special committee on agrarian reform and recommends that the Secretary-General appoint a highly qualified specialist in the social aspects and over-all planning of land reform to participate in the work of the committee;

5. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Labour Organisation, submit to the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission for Social Development as appropriate, a summary of the report of the special committee on agrarian reform together with recommendations for policies and action programmes for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

6. *Supports* the proposal of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development to undertake, in consultation with the Social Development Division of the United Nations Secretariat, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Labour Organisation, an intensive programme of studies into the implications of the "green revolution";

7. *Further recommends* that the Secretary-General report to the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission for Social Development, on progress made in these studies and, as part of the concerted programme of the United Nations system for comprehensive agrarian reform, on the implementation of any recommendations arising from them.

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#### **1496 (XLVIII). 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 twenty-first session.<sup>10</sup>

*1690th plenary meeting,  
26 May 1970.*

<sup>10</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/4809 and Corr.1-3).*

#### **1497 (XLVIII). Method of reporting of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 903 C (XXXIV) of 2 August 1962,

*Takes note* of the decision taken by the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-first session<sup>11</sup> whereby, in view of the present timing of their respective sessions, the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning should report directly to the Council while continuing to submit its reports to the Commission for consideration.

*1693rd plenary meeting,  
27 May 1970.*

#### **1498 (XLVIII). Report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning**

*The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning on its sixth session;<sup>12</sup>

2. *Endorses* the programme of work contained in chapter IV of that report.

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27 May 1970.*

#### **1507 (XLVIII). Housing, building and planning**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2036 (XX) of 7 December 1965 which elaborated important guidelines for Member States in the field of housing, building and planning and for bilateral and multilateral technical assistance in this field,

*Observing* that, in spite of some progress in other fields, progress in housing, building and planning has lagged in most countries during the First United Nations Development Decade and that this could retard over-all progress in the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Bearing in mind* the preparations for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, in particular the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference on its first session<sup>13</sup> containing recommendations on action in the field of urban settlement to be considered by the Conference,

*Recalling* its resolutions 1223 (XLII) of 6 June 1967 and 1300 (XLIV) of 28 May 1968 and the comments of Member States on proposals concerning the campaign to focus world attention on housing,

*Recalling further* its resolution 1170 (XLI) of 5 August 1966 on the financing of housing and community facilities,

1. *Recognizes* the urgent need on a continuing basis within the framework of the Second United Nations Development Decade:

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 162.

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 2 (E/4758 and Corr.1 and 2).*

<sup>13</sup> A/CONF.48/PC/6.