

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.

*1690th plenary meeting,
26 May 1970.*

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.¹⁰

*1690th plenary meeting,
26 May 1970.*

¹⁰ *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 session¹¹ 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;¹²

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

*1693rd plenary meeting,
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 session¹³ 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:

¹¹ *Ibid.*, para. 162.

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

¹³ A/CONF.48/PC/6.