

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.

(a) To accord higher priority to housing, building and planning programmes at the national as well as international level;

(b) To allocate increased financial resources to these programmes;

(c) To promote the role of this sector in economic and social development;

2. *Notes with interest* the remarks of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination contained in its report on housing, building and planning,¹⁴ concerning the level of posts and resources of the Centre for Housing, Building and Planning;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the specialized agencies concerned, to submit to

¹⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/4846/Rev.1)*, chap. I, para. 11.

the Council at its fiftieth session reformulated proposals for the campaign to focus world-wide attention on and mobilize public and government support for housing, building and planning, taking into account the views of Member States in document E/C.6/92 and the suggested objectives in the report of the Council to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to include *inter alia* in his report, to be submitted as early as possible to the Council through the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, in accordance with Council resolution 1170 (XLI), his comments on the proposed new international institution, discussed in document E/C.6/98, to support domestic savings and credit facilities in housing and urban development.

1694th plenary meeting,
28 May 1970.

Other decisions

Social development

(Item 1)

At its 1690th meeting, on 26 May 1970, the Council approved the agreement by the Commission for Social Development¹⁵ that the *Report on the World Social Situation* should, in future, be issued every four years.

At the same meeting, the Council drew the attention of the bodies responsible for preparing the Second United Nations Development Decade to resolution 5 (XXI) of the Commission for Social Development.¹⁶

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, *Forty-eighth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 1, document E/4864, para. 17.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, *Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/4809 and Corr.1-3)*, chap. XIII.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS

1499 (XLVIII). Study of equality in the administration of justice

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting resolution 1 (XXVI) of the Commission on Human Rights,¹⁷

Requests the Secretary-General to make arrangements for Mr. Abu Rannat, the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities responsible for the study of equality in the administration of justice, to attend the meetings of the Commission on Human Rights when it considers his report.

1693rd plenary meeting,
27 May 1970.

1500 (XLVIII). Question of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 5 (E/4816)*, chap. XXIII.

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 2583 (XXIV) of 15 December 1969 on the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity,

"Noting with regret that the numerous decisions adopted by the United Nations on the question of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity are still not being complied with fully,

"Expressing deep concern at the fact that in present-day conditions, as a result of aggressive wars and the policies and practices of racism, *apartheid* and colonialism and other similar ideologies and practices, war crimes and crimes against humanity are being committed in various parts of the world,

"Convinced that a thorough investigation of war crimes and crimes against humanity, as also the arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of such crimes—wherever they may have been committed—and the establishment of criteria for determining compensation to the victims of such crimes, are important elements in the prevention of similar crimes now and in the future, and also in the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms,