

4. *Requests* the Committee on Review and Appraisal and the Committee for Development Planning to draw upon the conclusions and recommendations of the Commission for Social Development in order to ensure their integration in the over-all development planning and in the process of review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the 1974 report on the world social situation, to ensure that the report includes data and analyses that can be used in the mid-Decade review and appraisal, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1581 C (L) of 21 May 1971.

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1667 (LII). National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for purposes of social progress

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1581 A (L) of 21 May 1971 on the world social situation, which requested the Secretary-General to forward to States a questionnaire on their experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for purposes of social progress,

Noting that, owing to the insufficient number of replies to the above-mentioned questionnaire, the Secretary-General has found it difficult to prepare a detailed report on this important question,¹²

Considering that the question of studying and utilizing experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for purposes of social progress should be given attention in the future work of the Economic and Social Council and its organs,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appeal once again to all States which have not yet done so to transmit replies as soon as possible to his questionnaire on their national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for purposes of social progress;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of the replies received from States, a comprehensive report on the question of studying and utilizing experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for purposes of social progress and to submit that report to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-third session;

3. *Invites* the Commission for Social Development to discuss the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General at its twenty-third session as a matter of priority and to submit its recommendations on this question to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fourth session.

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1668 (LII). Promotion of the co-operative movement during the Second United Nations Development Decade

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2459 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 and Economic and

¹² See E/5095.

Social Council resolution 1413 (XLVI) of 6 June 1969 and, in particular, Council resolution 1491 (XLVIII) of 26 May 1970, concerning the preparation and implementation of a programme of concerted action in the field of development of co-operatives that would be of significant assistance to developing countries during the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Bearing in mind the report of the Secretary-General¹³ analysing the role of the co-operative movement in the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the promotion of the co-operative movement during the Second United Nations Development Decade,¹⁴

Recognizing that the expansion of the co-operative movement in the promotion of social and economic progress is closely linked to structural and institutional reforms which, *inter alia*, aim at equitable distribution of income, popular participation in the development process, and equality of opportunity to contribute to and benefit from the fruits of development,

Believing that the activities of the United Nations system in the promotion of the co-operative movement should be intensified as part of the efforts to be made to achieve the goals of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Reaffirming the need for a concerted programme of action at the country level to expand and strengthen the co-operative movement, *inter alia*, by co-ordination of multilateral and bilateral assistance,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the promotion of the co-operative movement during the Second United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Invites* the interested Governments of developing countries:

(a) To consider adopting legislative measures defining and promoting the role and place of the co-operative movement in development;

(b) To consider the establishment of co-operative development groups, as outlined in the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁵ or other suitable mechanism, to co-ordinate and channel external assistance to national programmes for the expansion of various types of co-operatives;

(c) To include the role of the co-operative movement in their development plans and, where appropriate, in their country programmes;

3. *Urges* the Governments of countries, especially those with experience in the co-operative movement, to assist developing countries, in co-operation with the United Nations system and the International Co-operative Alliance, in their endeavour to promote and expand co-operatives in all domains where they present the most appropriate form for helping to achieve the objectives set up for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Recommends* that the United Nations Development Programme in its over-all programme give special attention to requests from developing countries for technical assistance in the field of the co-operative movement;

¹³ E/4807 and Corr.1.

¹⁴ E/5093 and Corr.1.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, paras. 56-69.