

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.

5. *Endorses* the suggestions that the membership of the Joint Committee for the Promotion of Agricultural Co-operatives be broadened to incorporate the United Nations, including the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and other interested bodies, such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to further promote, in close co-operation with the International Co-operative Alliance, concerted action for the development of co-operatives, both agricultural and other, in developing countries, and that the Committee's terms of reference be revised accordingly;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council:

(a) At its fifty-fourth session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution;

(b) In 1975 on the contribution made by the co-operative movement to the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade as part of the over-all appraisal of progress made at the mid-point of the Decade.

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1669 (LII). Development planning advisory services

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2718 (XXV) of 15 December 1970 requesting Member States to formulate definite and long-term housing, building and planning policies and programmes for the improvement of human settlements in the context of their over-all economic and social development planning and to devote particular attention to the application of comprehensive planning approaches to integrate the physical, economic, social and administrative aspects for improvement of human settlements in both rural and urban areas,

Also recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1552 (XLIX) of 30 July 1970 on the intensification of efforts to meet the requirements of Member States in development planning, plan implementation, public administration and management,

Noting that in pursuance of this resolution it is proposed that continuing advisory services in these fields be provided by the United Nations, particularly with a view to taking action to facilitate the achievement of the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Further noting than such advisory services are to be provided by the establishment of subregional interdisciplinary teams to advise countries at their request,

Recognizing that a successful interdisciplinary team involves the integration of three main elements—economic, social and physical,

Further recognizing that, as noted by the Secretary-General in his report to the General Assembly on the problems and priorities in human settlements,¹⁶ many of the problems of human settlement are due to the failure to integrate these three main elements and, in particular, to the neglect of physical planning considerations,

Believing that these interdisciplinary teams provide an excellent opportunity for countries to embark on an integrated approach to their planning efforts,

Stressing the importance of an integrated approach to development planning in the constitution of the interdisciplinary teams,

1. *Requests* that the Secretary-General ensure that, within existing resources, such interdisciplinary teams include, wherever possible, appropriate expertise in urban and regional planning;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to use the opportunity provided by these interdisciplinary teams to take account of the relationship between economic, social and physical elements in development planning.

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1670 (LII). Rehabilitation of transitional urban settlements

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling in particular its resolution 1224 (XLII) of 6 June 1967 urging Member States, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and the United Nations agencies concerned, to undertake practical pilot programmes adapted to the needs of developing countries and directed at the improvement of living conditions in squatter settlements and slums of urban and rural areas,

Noting with concern that living and environmental conditions in these areas continue to deteriorate in a great number of countries and that their future is a subject of concern,¹⁷

Considering that the development of effective policies and programmes in these settlements depends upon the willingness of all Governments to pay more urgent attention to the magnitude of the problem and to the forces behind the growth of urban settlements, upon their willingness and capacity to respond to the needs of the populations living in and moving into these settlements, by adopting measures aimed at progressively improving the economic conditions and the physical and social environment of slums and squatter settlements, and upon the resources available to Governments,

1. *Recommends* that Member States, especially those faced with the rapid growth of slums and squatter settlements, should encourage, support and where appropriate adopt the following measures:

(a) The establishment of a programme to ameliorate the conditions of the lowest income groups and to prevent a further deterioration of slum and squatter settlements;

(b) The intensification of urban planning, community development and the physical improvement which people cannot achieve without government action such as the acquisition and planning of land, the provision to the lowest income groups of urban land and security of tenure, even if services are not immediately available, the subsequent provision of basic services essential for public health and the encouragement of progressive improvement;

¹⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5086)*, chap. V, sect. B.