

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,<sup>16</sup> 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,<sup>17</sup>

*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;

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

<sup>16</sup> A/8037.