

(c) The adoption of measures for the improvement of these areas by extending health, education, training and other community facilities in such a manner as to integrate them with metropolitan and national development;

(d) The utilization of pilot programmes based on the foregoing actions;

(e) The establishment of long-term policies and programmes co-ordinated within a framework of comprehensive planning, and environmental protection and enhancement extending to all levels of government and supported by the legislative and administrative measures;

2. *Also recommends* that, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, as appropriate, Member States undertake, including where and when appropriate within the framework of the United Nations Development Programme, the following measures for a significant improvement of slums and squatter settlements:

(a) Formulation of a strategy for co-ordinated action and optimum utilization of the resources of the United Nations and its appropriate agencies as they become available for the purpose;

(b) Development and broadening of the exchange of knowledge in this field between countries and regions through research at the international level;

(c) Establishment of training programmes at professional, subprofessional and community levels to encourage self-reliance and popular participation in solving the problems of slums and squatter settlements;

3. *Further recommends* that Member States consider whether there are other practical measures capable of improving the conditions of the people living in squatter settlements;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, through the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, an analytical report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations referred to under paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

*1816th plenary meeting
1 June 1972*

1671 (LII). Training of skilled manpower in the field of housing, building and planning

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1167 (XLI) of 5 August 1966 relating to the training of skilled manpower in the field of housing, building and planning,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of the International Labour Organisation in preparing, at the request of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, studies on the needs of the developing countries in this field, especially the outline of the second phase of the study as proposed in the report of the Secretary-General on special campaigns and projects,¹⁸

Noting the inability of the International Labour Organisation to continue with the study under the present circumstances,

Realizing the increased importance of this subject in the light of the need for action in developing countries on programmes that would result from the Second United Nations Development Decade and the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,

¹⁸ E/C.6/122, sect. D.

1. *Urges* the International Labour Organisation to include the study on the training of skilled manpower in the field of housing and physical planning in its work programme;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek, within existing resources, the necessary funds for the completion of this study and to collaborate with the International Labour Organisation in all aspects of this work, bearing in mind the views expressed on the subject by the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning at its seventh session.¹⁹

*1816th plenary meeting
1 June 1972*

1672 (LII). Population and development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2211 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 and the urgent need to take additional steps and measures for its full implementation,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, in which the Assembly recommended objectives, policies and measures needed to promote the economic and social progress of the developing nations, including, *inter alia*, demographic objectives and measures required for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Aware that the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, proclaimed by the General Assembly in its resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, confirmed that parents have the exclusive right to determine freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children and that provision of knowledge and means necessary to enable them to exercise that right should be made available to individuals,

Noting that the General Assembly, in its resolution 2716 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, identified, as a minimum target for the Second United Nations Development Decade, availability of the necessary information and advice to all persons who so desire it to enable them to decide freely and responsibly on the number and spacing of their children and to prepare them for responsible parenthood,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2683 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, by which the Assembly designated the year 1974 as World Population Year, as a way of focusing international attention on different aspects of the population problem and to provide an opportunity for Member States to make such efforts in the field of population as may be considered consistent with their respective needs,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1484 (XLVIII) of 3 April 1970 on the third World Population Conference, 1974, in which the representatives of Member States would consider basic demographic problems, their relationship with economic and social development, and the population policies and action programmes needed,

Expressing its appreciation for the progress achieved in population activities by Member States and organizations of the United Nations system, and for the recent impressive increase in technical co-operation under the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

¹⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5086)*, chap. VII, sect. D.

Noting with appreciation the report entitled "Science and technology and problems of population growth in developing countries"²⁰ submitted to the Economic and Social Council by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,

Convinced that economic and social development is an essential element of and prerequisite to an effective population policy, and being aware that further action and expansion of activities is needed to this end at both the national and international levels,

Stressing that economic and social progress is the common and shared responsibility of each nation and the entire international community and that the obligations inherent in this responsibility are set down in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Being concerned with the immediate and long-range economic and social implications of rapid population growth as revealed in the projections of the United Nations,

A

1. Urges all Member States:

(a) To give full attention to their demographic objectives and measures during the biennial review and appraisal of the implementation of the Second United Nations Development Decade, and to take such steps as may be necessary to improve demographic statistics, research and planning machinery needed for development of population policies and programmes;

(b) To co-operate in achieving a substantial reduction of the rate of population growth in those countries which consider that their present rate of growth is too high and in exploring the possibility for the setting of targets for such a reduction in those countries;

(c) To ensure, in accordance with their national population policies and needs, that information and education about family planning, as well as the means to practise family planning effectively, are made available to all individuals by the end of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Calls upon* all Member States, developed and developing alike, to give further support to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities in expanding the capacity of the United Nations system needed to promote activities in the population field in accordance with the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Calls upon* developed countries to provide, upon request, assistance in the population field without prejudice to other forms of development assistance;

4. *Calls upon* Member States and relevant United Nations bodies, in their present review and appraisal of the Second United Nations Development Decade, to give special attention to demographic, social and economic measures conducive to the achievement of the goals of the Decade;

5. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To initiate, in accordance with the spirit of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, studies needed for the development and implementation of demographic objectives and measures;

(b) To assist, upon request and in collaboration with the United Nations agencies concerned, Member States in population activities relevant to the biennial review and appraisal of the Second United Nations Decade.

B

1. *Endorses* in principle the draft programme and arrangements for the World Population Conference, 1974, as approved by the Population Commission at its sixteenth session;²¹

2. *Decides* to assign to the Population Commission amongst its functions that of the intergovernmental preparatory body for the World Population Conference and the World Population Year and requests the Commission, in that capacity, to continue the preparatory work, taking into account actual and diverse situations prevailing in the various countries and regions, and to report back to the Council at its resumed fifty-third session in the first instance;

3. *Calls upon* States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency to take part in the World Population Conference and urges interested Member States to report on the actions they have taken in developing their population policies, programmes and activities;

4. *Decides* to place on the agenda of the World Population Conference a draft World Population Plan of Action and requests the Secretary-General to elaborate such a draft with the assistance of the Advisory Committee of Experts on Global Population Strategy decided upon at the sixteenth session of the Population Commission;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the financial assistance of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities:

(a) To announce the World Population Year and World Population Conference at an early date and commend those programmes to the urgent attention of Governments of all Member States in order to emphasize that high priority should be given to the preparations for the Conference and the Year, and take such other steps as may be desirable for the attainment of the basic objectives of the Conference and the Year;

(b) To appoint, within the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and at the Assistant Secretary-General level, a Secretary-General for the World Population Conference and those World Population Year activities specifically related to the Conference, among them the symposia on population and development, human rights and the environment, equipped with the necessary secretariat resources, by drawing particularly upon the expertise and competence of the United Nations system as well as the Advisory Committee of Experts on Global Population Strategy;

(c) To designate the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities as having responsibility for preparations for the World Population Year and to request him to take the necessary steps, having regard to the resources available, to establish a secretariat from within the Fund and to work closely with the Population Division, the Centre for Economic and Social Information, the specialized agencies and the relevant non-governmental organizations;

²¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5090 and Add.1), chap. IV.*

²⁰ E/5107.

6. *Urges* the Secretary-General of the Conference and the Executive Director of the Fund to co-operate to the extent necessary to ensure that preparations for the World Population Conference and the World Population Year proceed smoothly, bearing in mind the complementary nature of the activities of the Year and of the Conference.

C

1. *Approves* the proposed programme of measures and activities for the World Population Year, 1974, as recommended by the Population Commission at its sixteenth session;²²

2. *Invites* all Member States to take part in the observance of the World Population Year, especially to promote such activities as would improve knowledge and awareness as well as policies and measures relative to population and development;

3. *Calls the attention* of Governments of Member States to the valuable role which can be played by national population commissions in both developed and developing countries and which could enhance national population policies and programmes as well as national participation in the World Population Conference and World Population Year;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations agencies concerned to render, upon request, all possible assistance to Member States to enable them to participate fully in accordance with their own policies in the activities of the World Population Year, including technical assistance and aid by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities as requested by Member States;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek the widest possible co-operation of appropriate non-governmental organizations, research institutions and mass communication media in furthering the objectives of the World Population Year;

6. *Invites* the appropriate non-governmental organizations accredited to the Economic and Social Council, as well as national scientific and humanitarian organizations, to participate fully in the World Population Year.

D

1. *Endorses* the five-year and two-year programmes of work in the field of population recommended by the Population Commission at its sixteenth session,²³ which include, *inter alia*, work to be done in connexion with the Second United Nations Development Decade, the World Population Conference, 1974, the World Population Year, 1974 and technical co-operation;

2. *Invites* the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut to develop further their five-year and two-year programmes of work in the population field in conformity with their particular regional needs, taking into account the recommendations of the Population Commission;

3. *Invites* the United Nations agencies concerned to develop further co-ordination and collaboration, in order to support population activities and the implementation of population programmes requested by Governments;

²² *Ibid.*, chap. IX, pp. 49-72.

²³ *Ibid.*, chap. VI.

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in pursuing the programme of work recommended by the Population Commission at its sixteenth session and in response to requests from Member States:

(a) To give special attention to the development and improvement of demographic statistics;

(b) To draw particular attention to the need for taking measures as appropriate to speed up the implementation of the African Population Census Programme;

(c) To develop, in co-operation with the United Nations agencies concerned, appropriate measures needed to accelerate the review of requests for technical co-operation and implementation of technical assistance projects;

(d) To continue providing technical and financial support to the regional demographic training and research centres sponsored by the United Nations and to the development of the national population research capacity;

(e) To assign priority to providing assistance for training of personnel, establishing national population research, advising on population policies and programmes and taking part in projects designed to support national population programmes;

(f) To make the necessary arrangements for the inclusion of population questions in the programmes of work of the United Nations Secretariat, with particular regard to population and social development, public administration, human rights and natural resources;

(g) To take such steps as may be necessary within the regular budget and extra-budgetary sources, to ensure that the programme of work, as recommended, could be fully implemented, particularly those projects directly related to the Second United Nations Development Decade, the World Population Conference, 1974, and the World Population Year, 1974;

5. *Requests* the Population Commission and the World Population Conference, 1974 to give the highest priority to the consideration of social, economic and other conditions conducive to the attainment of national demographic objectives.

1818th plenary meeting
2 June 1972

1673 (LII). Natural resources

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The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1535 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970 and 1572 (L) of 18 May 1971,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its second session,²⁴

Grateful to the Government of Kenya for the excellent facilities made available for the second session of the Committee held at Nairobi,

Welcoming the invitation of the Government of India for the holding of the third session at New Delhi, subject to the conditions set forth in General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress made in the Committee's work on its second session;

²⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5 (E/5097 and Corr.1 and 3).