

existing economic and social structures, as well as by the lack of effective international co-operation and by external interference in the internal affairs of States,

*Bearing in mind* that the strengthening of national independence and the achievement of the ultimate goals of social progress depend fundamentally on internal basic social changes for purposes of strengthening national independence, achieving the democratization of society and improving social and economic structures, and on the reaffirmation of the principle of the inadmissibility of external interference in any form, including interference by multinational corporations,

*Recalling* the Declaration on Social Progress and Development<sup>17</sup> which recommends that countries should carry out democratically based structural changes and reforms, and in particular that, in accordance with article 2 of that Declaration, social progress and development shall be founded, *inter alia*, on respect for the dignity and value of the human person and on the recognition and effective implementation of civil and political rights as well as of economic, social and cultural rights without any discrimination,

*Deploring* the persistence of poverty, illiteracy disease, poor housing and social inequities and recognizing the national and international responsibility to eradicate these evils,

*Bearing in mind* that the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade<sup>18</sup> will be achieved if both the developed and developing countries carry out progressive and structural social changes in their respective societies,

*Further bearing in mind* that the efforts of the developing countries in achieving the far-reaching social and economic changes require the fulfilment by the developed countries of their obligations towards the developing countries,

1. *Expresses its thanks* to the Secretary-General for his report, which reflects various approaches toward the goal of achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress;

2. *Stresses* the great importance of fundamental internal democratic social and economic changes designed to safeguard national independence and to ensure a speedy improvement in the well-being of the population;

3. *Regards* it as its task to promote the implementation of article 18 (b) of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, that is, the promotion of democratically based social and institutional reforms and motivation for change basic to the elimination of all forms of discrimination and exploitation and conducive to high rates of economic and social progress, and draws the attention of Governments to this recommendation;

4. *Recommends* that appropriate measures should be taken at all levels to ensure more active participation by the entire population, including the working force, in the production, preparation and execution of economic and social development policies and programmes designed to achieve far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress, taking into account the experience of other Governments in this field;

5. *Further recommends* that the Secretary-General should, in consultation with the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, continue the study of national experience in carrying out fundamental democratic social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress, make a detailed analysis of this question in his reports on the world social situation and include it in the programme of work of the Commission for Social Development;

6. *Decides* to include this question in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session and recommends its inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

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#### 1747 (LIV). Unified approach to development analysis and planning

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* the vital importance of the implementation of policies and objectives recommended by the General Assembly in its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development decade, as well as in its resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,

*Taking into account* General Assembly resolution 2681 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1494 (XLVIII) of 26 May 1970,

*Having examined* the preliminary report of the Secretary-General on a unified approach to development analysis and planning,<sup>19</sup>

*Noting in particular* the idea expressed in the report that development is a dynamic and integrated process that could, in certain cases, call for profound social changes and structural transformations,

*Taking into consideration* the fact that social development is related to a favourable international political climate and that the United Nations, in particular the Economic and Social Council, should play an important role in promoting social development in connexion with the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, as recommended in General Assembly resolution 2880 (XXVI) of 21 December 1971,

*Endorsing* the idea expressed in the report of the need, in addition to national income growth indices, to develop adequate means for the assessment of national income distribution among various groups of the population with a view to providing practical guidance for the policy measures aimed at the elimination of mass poverty and unemployment, ensuring fuller use of manpower resources and broader access to education, health and other social services,

*Taking into account* the report of the Secretary-General on the Expert Group Meeting on a Unified Approach to Development Analysis and Planning, held at Stockholm from 6 to 10 November 1972,<sup>20</sup>

*Bearing in mind* that comprehensive and unified national planning is a more effective approach than partial or sectoral planning, which could result in unbalanced development,

<sup>17</sup> General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).

<sup>18</sup> General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

<sup>19</sup> E/CN.5/477.

<sup>20</sup> E/CN.5/490.

1. *Considers it appropriate* to regard comprehensive and unified national planning as a means of achieving balanced social and economic development;

2. *Believes* that a practical application of a comprehensive and unified approach to development planning may call for social and economic structural changes;

3. *Recognizes* that a strengthening of the public sector could be vital for comprehensive and unified national planning;

4. *Recommends* that Governments should:

(a) Closely tie up planning with national goals;

(b) Pursue a policy which would be directed at establishing social equality and justice and at improving standards of living for the bulk of the population;

(c) Encourage wider participation and co-operation in the development process—in setting the goals, implementing the plans and enjoying the benefits of development;

(d) Implement the goals, targets and policy measures of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, taking into account the recommendations of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development;

(e) Examine their development strategies, national plans and structures from the point of view of their conformity with the requirements of a unified approach and the principles of social development and peace in the world;

(f) Co-operate with each other in order to achieve the above ends;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue studies of the question of a unified approach to development analysis and planning, taking into account the International Development Strategy and the need for its implementation, which is a prerequisite for achieving the full integration of economic and social components of the development of each country, particularly of the developing countries;

(b) To take into account, in the completion of the final report, the views expressed by the members of the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-third session<sup>21</sup> and, while ensuring that the cross-sectoral integration and regionalization of planning are further studied, to see to it that the report is prepared in such a way as to be of the greatest possible practical use to planners, decision makers and administrators;

(c) To submit the results of this study, together with suitable recommendations, as appropriate, to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session and to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-fourth session;

(d) To ensure that the Committee for Development Planning and the Committee on Review and Appraisal are kept informed of any ongoing work, including the results of any studies on a unified approach to development analysis and planning;

(e) To include the question of a unified approach to development analysis and planning as a separate item in the agenda of the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

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<sup>21</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5252)*, chap. III.

## **1748 (LIV). Review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 2681 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and 2771 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971 and Council resolutions 1581 (L) of 21 May 1971 and 1666 (LII) of 1 June 1972,

1. *Notes* that, owing to the lack of appropriate documentation, the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-third session was handicapped in fulfilling the task assigned to it with regard to the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, contained in General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970;

2. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare appropriate and specific documentation and to submit it to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-fourth session, for the purpose of assessing the realization of social development objectives both in the developed and the developing countries;

3. *Invites* the specialized agencies concerned, the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut to co-operate with the Secretary-General in the preparation of the relevant data;

4. *Invites* the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development to undertake, as a matter of priority, further studies on the establishment of social standards and indicators for the purpose of appraising social progress and development in the context of the International Development Strategy and to submit the results of these studies, through the Secretary-General, to the Commission for Social Development in time for its twenty-fourth session.

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## **1749 (LIV). Migrant workers**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-third session,<sup>22</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* that the Conference of European Ministers Responsible for Social Welfare, held at The Hague from 22 to 26 August 1972, was able to give due and positive consideration to the situation of migrant workers,<sup>23</sup> mentioned also in the course of the United Nations Interregional Seminar on Industrial Social Welfare, held at Moscow from 16 October to 5 November 1971,<sup>24</sup>

*Aware* that labour migration all over the world has acquired a magnitude that urgently calls for specific examination and action by the United Nations, especially since migration has become an important factor influencing the general social and economic situation and relations among countries,

*Noting* that migratory movements result, on the whole, from the existing differences in levels of development and the unsatisfactory progress of national

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5 (E/5252).

<sup>23</sup> See E/CN.5/479.

<sup>24</sup> See E/CN.5/484.