

## RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS FIFTIETH SESSION

### ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS

#### 1563 (L). Accession of the Republic of Korea to the Convention on Road Traffic

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the communication<sup>1</sup> dated 16 February 1971 from the Republic of Korea concerning the desire of that State to become a party to the Convention on Road Traffic, signed at Geneva on 19 September 1949,

*Declares* that the Republic of Korea is eligible to accede to the aforementioned Convention on Road Traffic.

*1742nd plenary meeting,  
28 April 1971.*

#### 1564 (L). Principles and recommendations for a vital statistics system

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* that the Statistical Commission, at its sixteenth session, adopted a set of principles and recommendations for the improvement of vital statistics,<sup>2</sup>

*Recalling* that paragraph 78 of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, provides that developing countries will, as appropriate, establish or strengthen their planning mechanisms, including statistical services, for formulating and implementing their national development plans during the Decade,

*Also recalling* General Assembly resolution 1710 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 on the United Nations Development Decade, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to develop proposals for the intensification of action in the fields of economic and social development with particular reference to the need to review facilities for the collection, collation, analysis and dissemination of statistical and other information required for charting economic and social development and for providing a constant measurement of progress towards the objectives of the Decade,

*Further recalling* its resolution 1307 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to undertake a World Programme for the Improvement of Vital Statistics,

*Recognizing* the important role of vital statistics as a primary source of national data for achieving the above-mentioned purposes,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to publish the "Principles and recommendations for a vital statistics system"<sup>3</sup> in English, French, Russian and Spanish and to distribute them widely to States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies, to regional economic commissions and other appropriate regional bodies, and to specialized agencies;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to give assistance to developing countries in the implementation of these principles and recommendations by mobilizing all available resources, both international and bilateral, to help in the very large task of assisting those countries to develop, improve and maintain civil registers of vital events and to use these registers for statistical purposes as well as other sources of vital statistics as provided in the World Programme for the Improvement of Vital Statistics.

*1744th plenary meeting,  
30 April 1971.*

#### 1565 (L). Emergency assistance to Palestine refugees

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* the acute financial situation of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East which endangers the minimum services provided to Palestine refugees,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 2656 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 and 2672 B (XXV) of 8 December 1970,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 2728 (XXV) of 15 December 1970 by which the Assembly approved the report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East<sup>4</sup> and endorsed the Working Group's recommendations, thereby, *inter alia*, urging all organizations of the United Nations system to study ways by which they might assist the Agency or undertake activities helpful to the refugees which would lessen the financial burden of the Agency, to the maximum extent possible,

*Noting with appreciation* the efforts made so far by the Working Group with regard to the organizations of the United Nations system in soliciting increased assistance to the Palestine refugees,

*Noting also with appreciation* the assistance already offered by some organizations within the United Na-

<sup>1</sup> See E/4972.

<sup>2</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/4938)*, paras. 100-106.

<sup>3</sup> E/CN.3/411 of 15 September 1969 and E/CN.3/411/Annex of 26 June 1970.

<sup>4</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 35, document A/8264.*