

anticipation of emergency situations such as those now existing, and also, within the framework of the forthcoming multilateral trade negotiations, to the readaptation of the rules regulating international trade in agricultural products;

(d) Making the maximum use of the institutional machinery set up within the United Nations system in accordance with the principles of the Charter, which remain fully in force; this machinery may need to be adjusted to present conditions and needs and its activities may need to be better co-ordinated, but it remains an irreplaceable instrument for the achievement of the objectives stated in Article 55 of the Charter, which all Member States, in Article 56, have undertaken to promote;

6. *Appeals also* to world public opinion and information media to encourage, promote and support prompt and effective action by Governments to remove the dangers for peace, international social justice, peaceful coexistence and the satisfaction of the vital needs of a large part of mankind presented by the adverse situations enumerated in the present resolution, which frustrate the desire, shared by many members of the Council, for the setting-up of a system of collective economic security which would benefit all countries and all human beings and whose basic principles and method of operation the Council is endeavouring to define.

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1808 (LV). The problem of mass poverty and unemployment in developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the importance of the employment and income distribution aspects of economic and social development and of the objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recognizing the need to pursue vigorously efforts to find solutions for the problem of mass poverty and unemployment,

Recognizing further that a sustained pace of economic growth would contribute materially to achieving the qualitative and structural changes required for the solution of the problem of mass poverty and unemployment,

Considering that the problem of mass poverty and unemployment is part of the general problem of the development of developing countries, which must be solved in conjunction with other economic and social problems, and with the active participation of their peoples in the formulation of national plans and priorities,

Convinced that measures to eradicate mass poverty and unemployment must be closely linked, together with other measures, to the carrying out of far-reaching structural social and economic changes, in order to ensure for the

peoples concerned a fair and full share in the benefits derived from such development,

Recalling article 7 of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,⁷ which states that the rapid expansion of national income and wealth and their equitable distribution among all members of society are fundamental to all social progress, and they should therefore be in the forefront of the preoccupations of every State and Government,

Taking into account the interrelationship of trade, aid, development, technology and employment,

Welcoming the efforts of developed countries to normalize and improve conditions for the development of equitable and mutually advantageous economic co-operation, in view of the important contributions that can be made in this way to the solution of the problem of mass poverty and unemployment in developing countries,

Recalling Council resolution 1727 (LIII) of 28 July 1972, and also General Assembly resolution 3018 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 inviting developing countries to take such further steps as might be necessary to achieve a better income distribution and to create new employment opportunities, and further inviting developed countries to consider ways of enlarging the volume of their concessionary assistance and thus enhancing the capacity of developing countries to eradicate mass poverty and unemployment, particularly among the poorest sections of their communities,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the observations of the Secretary-General in his note on the problem of mass poverty and unemployment in developing countries,⁸ based on information supplied by Governments and organizations, of the special report prepared by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on employment policy in the Second United Nations Development Decade⁹ and of the approach to employment policy and planning and to inter-agency action and co-ordination indicated in the documents mentioned in the present resolution;

2. *Expresses satisfaction* that the Committee for Development Planning is continuing its work on the problem of mass poverty and unemployment, as indicated in its report on its ninth session;¹⁰

3. *Stresses* the fact that a sustained pace of economic growth creates favourable conditions for the achievement of the qualitative and structural changes required for the solution of the problem of mass poverty and unemployment;

4. *Recommends* the Governments and international organizations concerned to implement the provisions of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, in

⁷ General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).

⁸ E/5343 and Corr.1 and E/5343/Add.1.

⁹ E/5289 (part II).

¹⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5293), para. 108.*

particular those relating to the eradication of mass poverty and unemployment;

5. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the initiative of the International Labour Organisation in launching the World Employment Programme in pursuance of the objectives of its Employment Policy Convention and Recommendation, 1964 (No. 122) and welcomes the financial support given to this Programme by the United Nations Development Programme and by other international and national financing institutions and Governments, and the participation in the World Employment Programme of the United Nations, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade;

6. *Recommends* that the developing countries, in accordance with their national plans and priorities, further intensify their efforts to implement the employment and income distribution objectives in their development planning and policies and to that effect take appropriate action on such matters as agrarian reform, land improvement, public construction works, the choice of techniques, including appropriate industrial technology, population policies, education and training policies, rural and integrated rural-urban development and the mobilization of internal resources, as indicated for the most part in the special report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination mentioned in paragraph 1 above;

7. *Recommends* that the developed countries further intensify their efforts for the implementation of the International Development Strategy, as adopted, in areas such as those of trade, aid and the transfer of technology, as a way to contribute to the solution of the problem of mass poverty and unemployment in developing countries, having regard to the effects that the implementation of the Strategy can have *inter alia* on the expansion of the resources available for the solution of that problem;

8. *Urges* the International Labour Organisation to continue its work in the field of employment planning and promotion, pursuing its catalytic action as far as the entire United Nations system is concerned, and urges other specialized agencies and organs to continue their co-operation in the World Employment Programme and to give close attention in their short-term and medium-term plans to the promotion of concerted and meaningful action-oriented programmes and projects with respect to employment policy, along the lines indicated in the special report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

9. *Further urges* the United Nations Development Programme and international and national governmental financing institutions to give close consideration to the

special report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and to take it into account in their preinvestment and investment activities;

10. *Decides* to keep this question of mass poverty and unemployment under scrutiny within the framework of the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy during the Second United Nations Development Decade.

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1809 (LV). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Economic Commission for Europe for the period 28 April 1972 to 18 May 1973,¹¹ of the views expressed during the discussion in the Commission,¹² and of the resolutions and other decisions adopted during the twenty-eighth session of the Commission, contained in part III of that report;

2. *Endorses* the programme of work and priorities contained in parts V and VI of the report.

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1810 (LV). Membership of Canada in the Economic Commission for Europe

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that Canada has participated actively in the work of the Economic Commission for Europe under paragraph 11 of the Commission's terms of reference, and that it now wishes to be able to make a more positive contribution to activities of the Commission by accepting the responsibilities inherent in full membership,

Decides to change paragraph 7 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe by adding Canada to the list of members of the Commission.

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1811 (LV). Inclusion of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands within the geographical scope of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and admission of the Territory to the Commission as an associate member

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East with regard to

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 10 (E/5276).

¹² *Ibid.*, part II.