

(c) To prepare provisional rules of procedure for the conference;

(d) To provide summary records for the conference and its committees;

3. *Requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to study at its twenty-fourth session proposals for amendments to the Single Convention, taking into consideration the need to ensure the effectiveness of control of both natural and synthetic drugs, with a view to submitting comments as appropriate to the Conference; these comments would be fully taken into account by the Conference.

1769th plenary meeting,  
20 May 1971.

## 1578 (L). Report of the International Narcotics Control Board

### *The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board on its work in 1970;<sup>35</sup>

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the members of the Board for their valuable contribution during that year.

1769th plenary meeting,  
20 May 1971.

## 1581 (L). The World social situation

### A

#### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the 1970 Report on the World Social Situation,<sup>36</sup>

*Recalling* that under the terms of the Charter of the United Nations it is essential to promote social progress and better standards of life,

*Recalling also* the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,<sup>37</sup> particularly article 18 (b), which recommends the promotion of democratically based social and institutional reforms and motivation for change basic to the elimination of all forms of discrimination and exploitation,

*Considering* that the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade<sup>38</sup> calls for qualitative and structural changes in society,

*Noting* its resolution 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966, which emphasized, *inter alia*, the significance of adequate structural social and economic changes for the achievement of social progress,

*Bearing in mind* that the achievement of genuine social progress, including in particular the solution of the problem of employment and the establishment of an adequate standard of living for everyone, and cultural, scientific and educational development require efforts for the attainment of profound economic and social changes in the countries which set these objectives,

<sup>35</sup> E/INCB/9 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.XI.2).

<sup>36</sup> E/CN.5/456, Add.1 and Corr.1, Add.2-4, Add.5 and Corr.1, Add.6-7, Add.8 and Corr.1 and Add.9-16 (being issued as a United Nations publication under symbol ST/SOA/110).

<sup>37</sup> See General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).

<sup>38</sup> See General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

*Considering also* that a number of countries have already acquired considerable experience in the application of measures of this kind,

1. *Considers it appropriate* to study the experience of the various countries of the world in this field;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with this end in view and drawing on relevant work done in this field, to forward to States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies a questionnaire on their experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for purposes of social progress;

3. *Decides* to consider this question, if possible at its fifty-second session, but not later than at its fifty-third session.

1771st plenary meeting,  
21 May 1971.

### B

#### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the 1970 Report on the World Social Situation,<sup>38</sup>

*Recalling* that under the terms of the Charter of the United Nations all Member States are pledged to promote social progress and better standards of life,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolutions 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 on the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, 2436 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968 on the world social situation and 2681 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on a unified approach to economic and social planning in national development, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1494 (XLVIII) of 26 May 1970 on social policy and planning in national development,

*Bearing in mind* the goals and objectives embodied in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,<sup>38</sup>

*Regretting* that, despite limited improvement in some sectors, there has been continued deterioration of the world social situation, particularly that arising from growing disparities among the developed and developing countries and within countries,

*Reaffirming* that progress towards general and complete disarmament should release substantial additional resources which could be utilized for the purpose of economic and social development, in particular that of the developing countries,

*Emphasizing* the need for the opportunities offered by science and technology to be equitably shared by developed and developing countries,

*Re-emphasizing* that the primary responsibility for the development of developing countries rests upon themselves, but that, however great their own efforts, these will not be sufficient to enable them to achieve the desired development goals as expeditiously as they must unless they are assisted through increased financial resources and more favourable economic and commercial policies on the part of the developed countries,

*Calling renewed attention* to the interdependence of economic and social development, and to the consequent need for an integrated approach to planning and development,

*Recognizing* the desirability for countries which consider that their rate of population growth hampers their development to adopt measures they deem

necessary in accordance with their concept of development,

*Stressing* the necessity of intensified international co-operation among nations, regardless of their economic and social systems, on the basis of mutual respect and equality, in accordance with the Charter and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations,

*Re-emphasizing* the pressing need to raise levels of living in the developing countries so that disparities between developed and developing countries are reduced, and the need for all countries to pursue policies for the promotion of economic and social development throughout the world,

1. *Endorses* the conclusion of the 1970 *Report on the World Social Situation*, that reduction of disparities and inequality existing between developed and developing countries presupposes, among other things, a substantial rise in the income of the developing countries, which necessitates an enlightened, equitable and progressive approach by the developed countries to the questions of trade, aid and transfer of technology;

2. *Urges* Governments to accelerate development by:

(a) Giving appropriate emphasis to social objectives in planning and development;

(b) Taking measures to greatly increase popular participation in all aspects of national life, including development, and to consult regularly with trade unions and employers' federations and other broad social organizations representing all sections of workers, peasants and other working people;

(c) Working towards the reduction and eventual elimination of dualism in all its manifestations;

(d) Giving high priority to the attainment of adequate levels of living for all, especially through measures to bring about more equitable distribution of income and to improve the effectiveness of social services;

(e) Promoting purposeful social change and necessary structural, institutional and administrative reforms;

(f) Ensuring that economic and physical development are planned with a view to serving a larger human and social purpose and are effectively coordinated with social development measures;

3. *Recommends* that the system ultimately adopted for review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade provide for adequate consultation with international and regional trade-union and employers' federations and other major organizations of the people which can contribute to the comprehensive and realistic consideration of the social aspects and problems of development;

4. *Reminds* Governments of their obligations to implement the International Development Strategy, and urges the Governments of developed countries to accelerate the achievement of the targets for trade and financial transfer to developing countries established in the Strategy, in order to bring about an early achievement of its goals and objectives, which is so essential to the amelioration of the world situation;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to make resources available, to the extent possible, to meet requests by Governments for assistance in the review and reappraisal of objectives

and policies in the context of the International Development Strategy;

6. *Recommends* that the 1970 *Report on the World Social Situation* should serve as one of the background documents during the Second United Nations Development Decade, and that in the preparation of future issues of the *Report* due account be taken of the following:

(a) Evaluation and analysis at the national, sub-regional and regional levels as recommended in the International Development Strategy;

(b) Increased emphasis on an integrated, cross-sectoral analysis of trends and developments, with particular attention being given to appraisal of the real social and human aspects of development;

(c) Drawing conclusions and making suggestions that will be useful for purposes of practical policy-making and planning and for national and international action;

(d) The social situation in colonial and dependent territories whose progress in this field is hampered by occupation and denial of self-determination.

*1771st plenary meeting,  
21 May 1971.*

## C

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the 1970 *Report on the World Social Situation*,<sup>36</sup>

*Expressing concern* that, despite examples of improved conditions, there has been a regrettable deterioration in social conditions, especially in the developing countries,

*Deploring* the persistence of poverty, illiteracy, disease, poor housing and social inequities despite national and international efforts to overcome these evils,

*Recognizing* that in some countries excessive population growth and unplanned urbanization are among the factors retarding economic and social development and adversely affecting the human environment,

*Affirming* that primary responsibility for improvement in social conditions rests with Governments,

*Recalling* Article 56 of the Charter of the United Nations under which all Members pledge themselves to take joint and separate action in co-operation with the Organization for the achievement of higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development, and solutions of international economic, social, health and related problems,

*Recalling further* the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,<sup>37</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the goals and objectives embodied in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,<sup>38</sup>

1. *Recommends* that Member States intensify their efforts to enhance social progress and development by:

(a) Mobilizing domestic resources and effecting necessary structural, administrative and institutional reforms;

(b) Increasing popular participation in national development;

(c) Co-operating with other Members in the framework of bilateral assistance and with international agencies in multilateral programmes and other activities;

2. *Recommends* that Member States pursue a unified approach to development and improvement in the quality of life, thus manifesting their belief that social and economic objectives are inseparable;

3. *Recommends further* that Member States seek to improve the collection of data, analysis and reporting in the social field and to undertake a continuing examination of development policies and programmes with a view to enhancing social progress;

4. *Decides* that the *Report on the World Social Situation* should be utilized during the Second United Nations Development Decade in the following manner:

(a) The 1970 *Report* should serve as a guide for the Decade and be updated periodically as part of the continuing work programme of the Secretariat for purposes of review and appraisal of social progress during the Decade;

(b) The 1974 *Report* should serve as a major assessment at mid-Decade and provide an opportunity for modifying objectives in view of changing circumstances;

5. *Suggests* to the Secretary-General that future issues of the *Report on the World Social Situation* might take account of the following:

(a) They should be more analytical in nature;

(b) They should highlight issues deemed to require national and international action;

(c) They should contain suggestions for possible action by Governments and agencies of the United Nations.

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21 May 1971.*

#### **1582 (L). Research and training programme in regional development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1086 C (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965 and 1141 (XLI) of 29 July 1966 concerning the research and training programme in regional development,

*Having considered* the conclusions and recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee for the Research and Training Programme in Regional Development<sup>39</sup> and the note by the Secretary-General thereon,<sup>40</sup>

*Convinced* that the regional development approach can be an important instrument for achieving the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,<sup>41</sup>

*Recognizing* that the regional development approach is being used more widely by Member States to achieve a more effective integration of social, economic and spatial aspects of development and also to spread more evenly the economic and social benefits of development efforts,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee for the Research and Training Programme in Regional Development that regional development is

<sup>39</sup> E/CN.5/L.385.

<sup>40</sup> E/CN.5/465.

<sup>41</sup> See General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

a potential instrument for the integration and promotion of social and economic development efforts within a country in order, particularly, to:

(a) Induce rapid structural change and social reform, especially to achieve a broader distribution of returns from development among less privileged groups in society;

(b) Increase popular participation in setting development goals and in developmental decision-making and organizational processes;

(c) Create more effective institutional and administrative arrangements and operational approaches to carry out development plans;

(d) Achieve a better distribution of population and human activities and settlement through a more effective integration of urban and rural development;

(e) Include more effectively environmental considerations in development programmes;

2. *Further endorses* the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee, particularly the recommendation that more vigorous efforts should be made to increase multinational as well as national research and training centres, including experimental pilot projects, within the context of selected existing regional development projects, while continuing to support and strengthen the centres already established by Member States;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the specialized agencies, the United Nations Development Programme and other multilateral and regional institutions, to work out arrangements by which resources can be mobilized and utilized for research and training within regional development projects supported by them;

4. *Calls upon* those Member States which have acquired experience and have resources to offer in regional development to co-operate with the Secretary-General in increasing the resources and facilities for the research and training programme in this field by:

(a) Making research and training facilities available for training of persons from other countries;

(b) Providing fellowships for such training;

(c) Making other contributions in kind to advance the objectives of the research and training programme in regional development;

5. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General should avail himself, as needed, of the services of senior experts knowledgeable and experienced in regional development to advise him on further development of the programme.

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21 May 1971.*

#### **1583 (L). Work programme of the Commission for Social Development for the period 1971-1975**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having taken note* of the work programme of the Commission for Social Development proposed by the Secretary-General for the period 1971-1975,<sup>42</sup>

*Considering* the need for the Commission to orient its activities increasingly towards the essential aspects of over-all development, with special reference to the

<sup>42</sup> E/CN.5/463 and Add.1