

RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS

1841 (LVI). Social indicators for measuring social progress and application of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, as well as Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1948 (LIV) of 16 May 1973,

Bearing in mind that both developed and developing countries have adopted, in the International Development Strategy, the goal of promoting economic and social progress, thus improving human dignity and well-being,

Aware that the identification of social concerns is an integral part of the socio-economic planning process,

Bearing in mind the objectives and principles and the means and methods defined in the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,

Convinced that, as is stated in that Declaration, the primary task of all States and international organizations is to eliminate from the life of society all evils and obstacles to social progress, particularly such evils as inequality, exploitation, war, colonialism and racism,

Convinced that improved analytical measures are needed to identify changes relative to these social concerns and to create a better focus for governmental decision-making in developed and developing countries alike,

1. *Notes with interest* the social programmes initiated in some countries to improve human well-being;

2. *Recommends* that Member States consider making continuing analytical reviews to measure social change and to induce further social progress;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To summarize, in conjunction with the regional economic commissions, the specialized agencies, and the Governments of the Member States, studies on social data and indicators relevant to decision-making, development planning, and evaluation;

(b) To report on activities in the field of social indicators in many international and institutional bodies to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-fourth session, to the Committee for Development Planning at its eleventh session, and to the Committee on Review and Appraisal at its third session, the report to be considered by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth session;

(c) To request Member States that have not yet done so to furnish information on the measures taken for the purpose of implementing the basic principles and objectives of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development and, in particular, for the purpose of eliminating all forms of inequality, exploitation, unemployment, the vestiges of colonialism, racism and other policies and ideologies which run counter to the purposes and principles of the United Nations;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session an interim report based on available information and ongoing work on social indicators.

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1842 (LVI). Channels of communication with youth and international youth organizations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3022 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1752 (LIV) of 16 May 1973,

Reaffirming the importance and the need to increase continuously the involvement of young people in the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms, in the efforts to further national and international development, peace, liberation, understanding and international co-operation, and in the efforts against oppression, colonialism and policies of force and aggression,

Mindful that the process of strengthening channels of communication involves the development of constructive activities of a practical nature at the national, regional and international levels,

Considering that it is important to realize exchanges of views and information on the role and participation of youth in the life of society,

Noting that an *Ad Hoc* Advisory Group on Youth was convened at United Nations Headquarters from 20 to 28 August 1973, under the terms of General Assembly resolution 3022 (XXVII), to advise the Secretary-General on activities that should be undertaken by the United Nations to meet the needs and aspirations of youth,

Noting that in approving the convening of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Group on Youth, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to transmit the conclusions and recommendations of the Group, with his comments, to the Economic and Social Council at its