

Resolutions and decision adopted on the reports of the Economic Committee

RESOLUTIONS

1942 (LVIII). Population, the status of women and the integration of women in development

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that 1975 has been designated International Women's Year and that the World Conference of the International Women's Year is scheduled to be held from 19 June to 2 July 1975 at Mexico City,

Recalling that the World Population Conference emphasized the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development and adopted resolutions IV and XII on the status of women,⁴¹ and that the World Population Plan of Action,⁴² adopted by the Conference and endorsed by the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session,⁴³ correlates population factors with the status of women and the role of women in development,

Further recalling that the World Food Conference in its resolution VIII⁴⁴ called on all Governments to involve women in the decision-making machinery for food production and nutrition policies as part of total development strategy and adopted resolution IX⁴⁴ on the achievement of a desirable balance between population and food supply, and that thus the influence of socio-economic factors on the demographic process as well as the important role of women were emphasized,

Noting the importance accorded to the integration of women in development by the United Nations Development Programme at its nineteenth session, the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-fourth session, the International Forum on the Role of Women in Population and Development,⁴⁵ the regional consultation for Asia and the Far East and the regional seminar for Africa on the integration of women in development with special reference to population factors, held respectively in May and June 1974, and the regional seminar for Latin America on the same subject, held in April and May 1975,

Further noting that the General Assembly, in its resolution 3342 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 entitled "Women and development", considered that further progress towards the full integration of women in development should be assisted by positive action from the United Nations system of organizations,

Recognizing the findings of the study of the Special Rapporteur on the interrelationship between the status of women and family planning⁴⁶ submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-fifth session and to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session, and the implications of this interrelationship not only for the health and well-being of individual women but also for the social and economic progress of nations,

Further recognizing that equal status of men and women in the family and in society improves the overall quality of life and that this principle of equality should be fully realized in family planning where each spouse should consider the welfare of the other members of the family, and recognizing that improvement of the status of women in the family and in society can contribute, where desired, to smaller family size, and that the opportunity for women to plan births also improves their individual status,

Convinced that the time has now come for action to carry out the numerous important recommendations already agreed upon,

1. Urges United Nations bodies, Member States and relevant non-governmental organizations, in observing the International Women's Year and participating in the World Conference of the International Women's Year, to take all appropriate action to ensure the recommendations relating to the status of women stated in the World Population Plan of Action⁴⁷ and in resolutions IV, XII and XVII⁴⁸ of the World Population Conference are implemented, and, in particular:

(a) To achieve the full participation of women where it does not exist in the educational, social, economic and political life of their countries on an equal basis with men;

(b) To achieve equal rights, opportunities and responsibilities of men and women in the family and in society;

(c) To recommend that couples and individuals have access to the information, education, and means to enable them to decide freely and responsibly on the number and spacing of their children;

2. Requests United Nations bodies, within their fields of competence, including the regional commissions, in collaboration with Member States, in the implementation of both short-term and long-term population policies and programmes designed to carry out the recommendations of the World Population Plan of Action:

(a) To pay particular attention, in the monitoring of the progress being made in the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action, to the evolving status of women, keeping in mind the mutual interaction among population factors, social and economic development and the status of women;

(b) To supply information to the Economic and Social Council on the measures taken pursuant to the present resolution.

*1948th plenary meeting
6 May 1975*

1943 (LVIII). Guidelines on population-related factors for development planners

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the World Population Conference,⁴⁹

⁴¹ See E/CONF.60/19 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.75.XIII.3), chap. II.

⁴² *Ibid.*, chap. I.

⁴³ General Assembly resolution 3344 (XXIX).

⁴⁴ See E/CONF.65/20 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.75.II.A.3), chap. V.

⁴⁵ Held at United Nations Headquarters and at Airlie Foundation Conference Center, Airlie, Virginia, from 25 February to 1 March 1974 (see ST/ESA/SFR.B/4).

⁴⁶ E/CN.6/575 and Add.1-3.

⁴⁷ E/CONF.60/19 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.75.XIII.3), chap. I, paras. 32, 41, 42, 43 and 78.

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. II.

⁴⁹ E/CONF.60/19 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.75.XIII.3).

Bearing in mind that the World Population Conference has confirmed the importance of regarding population within the over-all framework of social and economic development,

Considering that, prior to the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, guidelines were prepared to assist planners to take into account environmental factors when drawing up plans for development,

Mindful that in paragraph 105 of the World Population Plan of Action⁵⁰ the United Nations Fund for Population Activities is urged, in co-operation with all organizations responsible for international population assistance, to produce a guide for international assistance in population matters,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the relevant organs of the United Nations and taking into account different demographic situations among countries, to prepare, with such expert advice as he may deem desirable, guidelines to assist at their request development planners at the national level to take into account population-related factors when drawing up and evaluating plans for development;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit such guidelines to the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth session for approval.

1948th plenary meeting
6 May 1975

1947 (LVIII). 1980 World Population and Housing Census Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Statistical Commission on its eighteenth session,⁵¹

Recalling its resolution 1054 B (XXXIX) of 16 July 1965, in which it endorsed the development of the 1970 World Population and Housing Census Programmes and recommended that Member States take into account the international recommendations on population and housing censuses when undertaking national censuses during the years 1965-1974, and its resolution 1215 (XLII) of 1 June 1967, in which it requested the Secretary-General to give assistance to Governments in the implementation of these recommendations by mobilizing all available resources to help in the very large task of meeting the needs of countries in this area,

Noting with satisfaction the considerable efforts made by Member States, in all regions, to carry out population and housing censuses as part of the 1970 World Population and Housing Census Programmes, and also the activities of the Secretary-General in support of national efforts in this matter,

Further recalling the importance placed on population censuses by the World Population Plan of Action⁵² adopted by the World Population Conference, held at Bucharest from 19 to 30 August 1974,

Recalling also its resolution 1566 (L) of 10 May 1971, on co-ordination of work in the field of statistics, and resolution 1903 (LVII) of 1 August 1974, on the application of computer science and technology to development,

⁵⁰ *Ibid.*, chap. I.

⁵¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5603 and Corr.1).*

⁵² E/CONF.60/19 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

Recognizing that periodically conducted population and housing censuses, by providing comparable information for a nation as a whole and for each administrative area therein, are one of the primary sources of data needed for effective development planning and for the sound administration of national and local activities aimed at fostering the general welfare of the population,

Further recognizing that population and housing censuses place heavy demands on the statistical and administrative resources of countries, making careful preparatory work essential for maximizing the usefulness and efficiency of census activities,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the development of the 1980 World Population and Housing Census Programme, to be carried out during the period 1975-1984, and to make all necessary preparations with a view to encouraging and assisting Member States to plan and carry out improved censuses in the 1980 census decade;

2. *Requests* the relevant United Nations organizations and specialized agencies, in co-operation with the Secretary-General, to assist, as requested, Member States, particularly developing countries, in planning and carrying out the 1980 World Population and Housing Census Programme, including the application of computer technology in this area;

3. *Recommends* that Member States undertake to carry out population and housing censuses during the period 1975-1984 and that they take into account international recommendations relating to population and housing censuses in order that the censuses may meet national requirements and facilitate the study of population and housing problems on a regional and global basis.

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1948 (LVIII). Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 2

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 299 B (XI) of 12 July 1950 on the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC),

Considering:

(a) The marked improvement in the international comparability of external trade statistics which has resulted since 1960 from the implementation by Governments and international agencies of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), Revised,

(b) The action taken by the Customs Co-operation Council to maintain the correspondence of its Brussels Tariff Nomenclature (BTN) with the SITC;

(c) The proposed revision of the SITC, contained in the annex to the note by the Secretary-General,⁵³ to be known as the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), Rev.2,

1. *Recommends* that Member States should report internationally data on external trade statistics according to the SITC, Rev.2, as far and as soon as possible, it being understood that Member States may not wish to make the change until they would in any case be reviewing their customs nomenclature;

⁵³ E/CN.3/456.