

Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, and that the Foundation should be established in accordance with decision 16 (II) of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme.

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1883 (LVII). Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its second session,⁷⁰

Taking into account the need for bringing the Programme into line with the relevant provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974,

Considering the need to ensure co-operation in carrying out the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme and implementing its decisions,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its second session,

2. *Takes note* of the oral report presented to the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee by the Secretary-General of the Conference-Exposition on Human Settlements on the preparations for that Conference-Exposition;⁷¹

3. *Invites* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue to bear in mind the need for the Programme to be in line with both the International Development Strategy and the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development, and with the relevant provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth special session;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate actively in carrying out the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme, allocating the necessary priorities for the maximum success of those activities.

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⁷⁰ UNEP/GC/26; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5485. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/9625)*.

⁷¹ See E/AC.24/SR.527.

1884 (LVII). Technical assistance activities of the United Nations in housing, building and planning

The Economic and Social Council.

Noting that the level of expenditure by the United Nations on the technical co-operation programmes in the field of housing, building and planning has increased from \$ 6.95 million in 1969-1970 to \$ 11.5 million in 1971-1972,⁷²

Noting also that even this level of expenditure is hardly commensurate with the magnitude of the problems facing the developing countries and represents a very small proportion of the total inflow of technical aid.

Recognizing the catalytic role of technical assistance activities and the significant contribution the technical co-operation programmes make to institution-building and training, the insufficiency of which forms at present an obstacle to the full utilization by the developing countries of the available multilateral and bilateral aid programmes,

Welcoming the qualitative changes in the orientation of the technical co-operation activities in response to complex and multidimensional challenges posed by rapid urbanization in the developing countries,

Noting with satisfaction that the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning has successfully carried out several diverse and complex projects involving technical advice and co-operation,

Recognizing also the need for the further intensification of work in integrated regional development to meet these complex problems,

Noting that at present the technical assistance activities relating to regional development are divided among the various units in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs,

Aware that the area of competence of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning includes the provision of advice on integrated regional and urban development,

1. *Recommends* that the Centre for Housing, Building and Planning provide support to operational and training projects in integrated regional development which have a basic physical planning input;

2. *Recommends also* that an effective and wider dissemination of experiences already gained through technical co-operation activities be undertaken;

3. *Further recommends* that the technical co-operation component in the activities of the Centre be maintained at an adequate level to meet the direct needs of the developing countries and that these resources of the Centre should not be diverted to other purposes.

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⁷² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/5447)*, para. 46.