

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.

1951st plenary meeting
7 May 1975

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.