

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.

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To publish the SITC, Rev.2, together with commodity indexes, the subdivided BTN and Correlation Codes between the SITC, Rev.2, and the BTN, and between the SITC, Rev.2, and the *Classification by Broad Economic Categories*⁵⁴ (BEC);

(b) To arrange that, beginning not later than with data for the full year 1976, the publication of SITC data by United Nations bodies, be, as far as possible, in the form of the SITC, Rev.2;

⁵⁴ United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.XVII.12.

3. *Requests* the Customs Co-operation Council:

(a) To distinguish in the BTN and in the associated classifications, for example the "Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System", the statistical sub-headings required to provide the agreed correlation with the SITC, Rev.2, and to recommend that its members incorporate these either in their legal tariff or in their national statistical nomenclature;

(b) To eliminate, where possible, the economically insignificant BTN headings.

1951st plenary meeting
7 May 1975

DECISION

97 (LVIII). Report of the Statistical Commission

At its 1951st meeting, on 7 May 1975, the Council took note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its eighteenth session.⁵⁵

⁵⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 2* (E/5603 and Corr.1).

Resolutions and decisions adopted on the reports of the Social Committee

RESOLUTIONS

1921 (LVIII). Prevention of disability and rehabilitation of disabled persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 309 E (XI) of 13 July 1950 entitled "Social rehabilitation of the physically handicapped" and 1086 K (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965 entitled "Rehabilitation of the disabled", and General Assembly resolution 2856 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 entitled "Declaration on the Rights of Mentally Retarded Persons",

Mindful of the pledge of Member States under the Charter of the United Nations to take joint and separate action in co-operation with the Organization to promote higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development,

Aware that the implementation of this pledge is even more imperative in the case of the disabled,

Recalling the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights,⁵⁶ the Declaration of the Rights of the Child⁵⁷ and the standards already set for social progress in the constitutions, conventions and recommendations of the United Nations Children's Fund, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and the other organizations concerned,

Emphasizing that the Declaration on Social Progress and Development⁵⁸ has proclaimed the necessity of protecting the rights and assuring the welfare and rehabilitation of the physically and mentally disadvantaged,

Aware that, because of physical and mental disabilities and of society's reactions to them, hundreds of millions of persons are prevented from enjoying fully the rights and opportunities of the communities in which they live,

Noting that progress in the prevention of disability and in the development of rehabilitation services to assist disabled persons in overcoming or reducing the effects of disability has been achieved thanks to the efforts of Governments and of voluntary organizations in various countries and to technical and other assistance provided by the United Nations organizations, by Governments on a bilateral basis and by non-governmental organizations, but that such progress has not been sufficient to prevent disabilities and reduce significantly the incidence of disability or to provide effective aid to more than a small proportion of the disabled persons in the world,

Believing that the problem of disability is an appreciable component of the economic and social condition of every country and, consequently, that programmes to prevent disability and to rehabilitate the disabled are an essential part of comprehensive plans for economic and social development, responsibility for which must be assumed by Governments working, as appropriate, with non-governmental organizations,

1. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the increasing magnitude of the problem of disability and disabled persons throughout the world;

2. *Requests* Governments:

(a) To take progressively legislative measures to facilitate the prompt identification and prevention of disability and the effective organization of services for disabled persons;

(b) To identify and evaluate existing services, including those provided by non-governmental organizations;

⁵⁶ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁵⁷ General Assembly resolution 1386 (XIV).

⁵⁸ General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).