

graphs 15, 80, 90, 91, 100 and 102, which place emphasis on the exchange, sharing and dissemination of information in the field of population,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 3344 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, which deals with the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action,

1. *Takes note* of the findings of the study undertaken with regard to the establishment of a world-wide population information system (POPINS);<sup>46</sup>

2. *Affirms* the importance of intensified efforts towards the dissemination of scientific and technical information in the field of population, especially in the developing countries; the need to promote easier access to such information for users, particularly those directly or indirectly concerned with economic and social development; the need to develop at the national level appropriate institutional arrangements and supporting programmes to promote the sharing and exchange of information; the importance of establishing or strengthening regional capacities in the field of population information; and the desirability of establishing appropriate co-ordination and linkages among the already existing information activities and services in the field of population;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Governments, with the collaboration of the regional commissions and the specialized agencies and with the advice of experts in relevant areas, to continue exploratory studies concerning the establishment of a world-wide population information system, with particular emphasis on:

(a) Gathering information about the volume of literature, institutions, potential users and their needs, especially by means of in-depth studies on a small number of national and regional institutions to estimate the amount of information which exists and to identify current and future needs of users;

(b) Consultations at the national and regional levels on arrangements for collaboration with existing programmes, especially as far as discussions with possible funders of the system are concerned;

(c) Aspects related to the design of the system, with particular attention to the operating costs of the possible options of the system at the national, regional and international levels;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to endeavour to obtain the necessary funding for the proposed activities through extrabudgetary resources;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit the findings of these exploratory studies to the Population Commission at its twentieth session for its consideration.

*2054th plenary meeting  
5 May 1977*

## **2053 (LXII). Work programme in the field of population**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the recommendations of the World Population Conference and particularly of the World Popu-

<sup>46</sup> E/CN.9/332.

lation Plan of Action,<sup>47</sup> General Assembly resolution 3344 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on the World Population Conference, and General Assembly resolution 3345 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on research on the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development, and the emphasis in the World Population Plan of Action on human rights and the role of women,

*Recalling also* its decision 87 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975 concerning the monitoring, review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action, its decision 89 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975 concerning the biennial review in depth by the Council of population matters with special reference to the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action, its resolution 1943 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975 and its decision 169 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 on guidelines on population-related factors for development planners, and its resolution 1946 (LVIII) of 7 May 1975 on activities in the field of population,

*Aware* of the need to take steps for the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action, and the need to strengthen the monitoring, review and appraisal functions of the Secretariat,

*Aware also* of the important supportive role of the United Nations system to Governments in achieving the goals of the World Population Plan of Action through research, exchange of information and technical co-operation,

*Stressing* the supportive role of the work programme of the United Nations system in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and the pursuit of goals of economic co-operation,

*Taking note* of the discussions of the Population Commission at its nineteenth session on the progress of work, the work programme for the biennium 1978-1979 and the medium-term plan for the period 1978-1981,<sup>48</sup>

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the progress of work, the work programme for the biennium 1978-1979 and the medium-term plan for the period 1978-1981;

2. *Draws the attention* of the General Assembly, in its consideration of the work programme and budget, to the need to strengthen the work of the Secretariat, including the regional commissions, arising from the World Population Conference, taking note of General Assembly resolution 31/93 of 14 December 1976;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue and strengthen the work on population trends and structure, demographic estimates and projections, factors affecting patterns of reproduction, population and development, and population policy;

(b) To arrange for the continuation of the monitoring of population trends and policies and for the establishment of appropriate machinery for the review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action

<sup>47</sup> *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

<sup>48</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 4* (E/5913), chaps. IV and V.

in the light of the discussions of the Commission on the question at its nineteenth session;<sup>49</sup>

(c) To prepare a manual for the use of national planners on methods of incorporating demographic factors in development planning taking into account the interrelationships between demographic variables and economic and social factors;

(d) To continue and expand the United Nations programme of technical co-operation in the field of population to countries desiring this assistance; to adapt this programme to the requirements of developing countries; and to pay particular attention to support for development of population policies and establishment of population studies units at the national level;

(e) To strengthen the United Nations programme of training in population, in particular through continuation and expansion of the demographic training and research centres sponsored by the United Nations, support for the establishment of national training centres, and expansion of fellowships for training in population, giving attention to the training of administrators and development planners in the integration of population and development planning;

(f) To continue the publication, on a biannual basis, of the *Population Bulletin* of the United Nations as a forum for providing population analysts and planners with results of work done in the population field by the international organizations;

4. *Emphasizes* the need for the organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen their collaboration and co-ordination in the planning and execution of their population programmes.

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#### **2054 (LXII). Financing of training of statisticians, especially through the regional funds of the United Nations Development Programme**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Statistical Commission on its nineteenth session,<sup>50</sup>

*Recognizing* the crucial role played by training in the over-all development of statistical services of Member States which are developing countries,

*Noting with satisfaction* the considerable past assistance rendered by the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and other sources to the financing of training of statisticians, which has had a favourable impact on the statistical services of Member States which are developing countries,

*Further noting* the necessity to increase and consolidate the quantity and quality of technically competent statisticians in the countries of the developing world, who should collect, compile and analyse statistical data required for preparing and monitoring the economic and social development plans of developing countries,

*Emphasizing* the fact that sound development policy and evaluation can proceed only on the basis of adequate data concerning important development sectors,

*Expressing concern* over the rapidly declining trend in assistance rendered by the United Nations Development Programme to the financing of training of statisticians, especially through its regional funds,

*Further concerned* that, because of the lack of necessary financial and personnel resources, many developing countries, particularly the least developed, are unable on their own to set up and maintain an effective vehicle to train all levels of statisticians,

*Requests* the United Nations Development Programme to take a sympathetic view of the requirements of Member States which are developing countries for financing of training of statisticians, especially through its regional funds, and, subject to the priorities of developing countries for the application of regional and country programme funds, to increase this component in its assistance with a view to fostering the long-term and lasting development of the statistical services of developing countries, priority being given to the requirements of the least developed among the developing countries.

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#### **2055 (LXII). National Household Survey Capability Programme**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the report of the Statistical Commission on its nineteenth session<sup>51</sup> and, in particular, of the high priority it assigned to the proposal by the Economic Commission for Africa for a regional programme of technical assistance to developing countries designed to enable them to establish or improve a continuing national household survey capability, and of the broad relevance of such a programme to other developing regions,

*Recalling* paragraph 74 of the World Population Plan of Action,<sup>52</sup> in which, *inter alia*, all countries that have not yet done so are encouraged to establish a continuing capability for taking household surveys,

*Recalling also* resolution 272 (XII)<sup>53</sup> adopted by the Economic Commission for Africa at its twelfth session and third meeting of the Conference of Ministers, in which it, *inter alia*, urged the undertaking of a multipurpose programme of household surveys for the collection of integrated demographic, social and economic data through the establishment of a field survey mechanism,

*Recalling further* the recommendation contained in paragraph 30 of the Programme of Action<sup>54</sup> adopted by the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour, held at Geneva from 4 to 17 June 1976, in which, *inter alia*, international bodies and interested countries are invited to consider

<sup>51</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>52</sup> *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. 1.

<sup>53</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10*, vol. I, part three.

<sup>54</sup> See E/5857.

<sup>49</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 71-82.

<sup>50</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2 (E/5910).