

in the light of the discussions of the Commission on the question at its nineteenth session;⁴⁹

(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,⁵⁰

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 session⁵¹ 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,⁵² 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)⁵³ 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 Action⁵⁴ 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

⁵¹ *Ibid.*

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

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

⁵⁴ See E/5857.

⁴⁹ *Ibid.*, paras. 71-82.

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

the feasibility of initiating a world-wide programme in support of household surveys,

Realizing that the renewed emphasis on approaching development efforts on an integrated basis, as exemplified by the decisions of the World Population Conference, the World Food Conference⁵⁵ and the World Conference on Employment, implies an increased need for countries to have integrated statistics available for the planning, management and evaluation of programmes arising from these efforts,

1. *Considers* that national sample surveys, carried out on a continuous and integrated basis, by focusing on the individual and the household, can provide important quantitative information on economic, social and demographic conditions, and changes therein, for the entire population and the special groups within it, including the most disadvantaged groups such as the rural poor;

2. *Draws the attention* of developing countries in all regions to the value of a continuing national household survey capability in serving their national needs

⁵⁵ See *Report of the World Food Conference, Rome, 5-16 November 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3).

for reliable and integrated statistics as a necessary complement to periodic census programmes;

3. *Draws the attention* of developing countries to the possibility of using additional funds available to them through their United Nations Development Programme country programme facility to support the establishment or upgrading of such national survey capabilities as an important component of developmental infrastructure;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations Development Programme, in co-operation with the World Bank and in consultation with other multilateral and bilateral donor agencies, to convene a meeting, as soon as is practicable, to consider ways and means of carrying out this necessary and important development activity, including the provision of resources for needed intercountry technical advice and training in this statistical field;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the regional commissions and the specialized agencies, to provide all necessary support for this programme and to submit a progress report to the Statistical Commission at its twentieth session.

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DECISIONS

218 (LXII). Report of the Secretary-General on the transport of dangerous goods

At its 2054th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1977, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the transport of dangerous goods.⁵⁶

219 (LXII). Report of the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Group on Container Standards for International Multimodal Transport

At its 2054th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1977, the Council took note of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Group on Container Standards for International Multimodal Transport⁵⁷ and decided to transmit it to the Trade and Development Board at its seventeenth session so that the Board could consider appropriate arrangements for further action.

220 (LXII). Report of the Statistical Commission

At its 2054th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1977, the Council took note of the report of the Statistical

⁵⁶ E/5916. See also decision 213 (LXII) above, para. 2.

⁵⁷ TD/B/AC.20/6.

Commission on its nineteenth session⁵⁸ and approved the objectives and work programme recommended by the Commission in its report.

221 (LXII). First review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action

At its 2054th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1977, the Council took note of the decision taken by the Population Commission regarding arrangements for review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action, contained in paragraph 3 of the report of the Commission on its nineteenth session.⁵⁹

222 (LXII). Report of the Population Commission

At its 2054th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1977, the Council took note of the report of the Population Commission on its nineteenth session⁵⁹ as well as of the appendix thereto containing a summary of recent population trends and policies.

⁵⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 2* (E/5910). See also decision 213 (LXII) above, para. 1 (e).

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4 (E/5913).

Resolutions and decisions adopted on the reports of the Social Committee

RESOLUTIONS

2058 (LXII). Draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3521 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which the Assembly re-

quested the Commission on the Status of Women to complete, in 1976, the elaboration of the draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women,

Commending the Commission on the Status of Women for its work in drafting such a Convention,