

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.

2054th plenary meeting
5 May 1977

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,

Recalling, furthermore, General Assembly resolution 31/136 of 16 December 1976, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, approved the Programme for the United Nations Decade for Women,⁶⁰ which calls for the adoption of such a Convention by the Assembly and its entry into force in the first half of the Decade, 1976 to 1980,

Convinced that the early adoption of such a Convention by the General Assembly and its entry into force would contribute to the speedy realization of the principles of equality between women and men,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women completed by the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-sixth session;⁶¹

2. Invites States Members of the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned to present their comments on the draft Convention as soon as possible before 15 July 1977, so that they may be transmitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly well in advance of its thirty-second session;

3. Submits the draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to the General Assembly;

4. Recommends that the General Assembly should take up consideration of the draft Convention, in the light of comments received, as a matter of urgency at the outset of its thirty-second session, with a view to the adoption of the draft Convention at that session.

2058th plenary meeting
12 May 1977

2059 (LXII). Training of women for the preparation and implementation of project proposals

The Economic and Social Council.

Considering that women should have equal access to participation in the formulation and implementation of development planning at the local, national, regional and international levels,

Considering also that women, for the most part, have not participated in the systems governing funding allocations and have not had an active role in national development planning,

Considering further that it is essential for women to acquire the necessary skills in the preparation of development project proposals, project management and evaluation procedures,

Concerned that women may continue to be denied participation on an equal basis with men unless they have the necessary skills,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 31/134 of 16 December 1976, in which the Assembly recognized the need for women to have rights, opportunities and obligations equal to those of men, particularly in the fields of education and professional and vocational training, so as to permit their full participation in the process of development,

1. Invites the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the executive heads of

the specialized agencies, wherever possible, and in co-ordination with the appropriate international and regional training and research institutes concerned and the regional commissions, to organize, at the request of the interested Governments, training programmes for women related to the planning, evaluation and management of development projects;

2. Suggests that such training incorporate, among other things, the following:

(a) How to look for needs of the community and formulate a project plan;

(b) How to identify good project suggestions;

(c) How to determine priorities as they relate to national development;

(d) How to write a proposal, including budget estimates of time, personnel, equipment and technical support;

(e) How to locate sources of local funding, generate funds and seek new sources of financial and human resource support from private and government sources;

(f) How to negotiate proposals and obtain support from potential sources of funds including contributions in kind;

(g) How to locate and develop management skills among women for the implementation and evaluation of the project;

(h) How to ensure timely and appropriate implementation;

(i) How to evaluate progress of implementation, solve problems and determine when special assistance is needed to complete the project;

3. Recommends that Member States should promote equal opportunities for the participation of women in training programmes related to the planning, evaluation and management of development projects, requesting such assistance from the organizations of the United Nations system as they deem necessary for that purpose;

4. Requests that this kind of training be envisaged as a possible programme of the planned International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

5. Invites all international agencies concerned to prepare reports which include the following information:

(a) The frequency of management and training courses, their content and where and by whom they were organized;

(b) The extent to which women are integrated in such courses;

(c) How much stress the international agency places on the inclusion of women in the preparation of project proposals in its work with national Governments;

(d) How much effort has been devoted to the dissemination of information, for example to individual women leaders and women's organizations, about these courses, as well as other kinds of training and education on formal and informal bases;

(e) Whether participation increases in accordance with the efforts made to encourage women to take advantage of these courses;

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (E/5909), annex V.

⁶¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (E/5909), chap. I, draft resolution I, annex.