

corded under part I and part II, section C. Relevant provisions of part II, section A, shall likewise be applicable where their application may be conducive to the benefit of this special group of persons in custody, provided that no measures shall be taken implying that re-education or rehabilitation is in any way appropriate to persons not convicted of any criminal offence.”

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**2077 (LXII). The elderly: progress report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3137 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having taken note* of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the question of the elderly and the aged,<sup>88</sup>

1. *Approves* the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pursue, expand and consolidate his work on the status of the elderly, particularly with regard to research and exchanges of information, taking into account the views expressed during the debates which took place on the question at the twenty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development.

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**2078 (LXII). Youth in the contemporary world**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the many previous resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on youth,

*Wishing* to improve and co-ordinate the efforts of the United Nations with regard to the participation of youth in achieving the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Convinced* of the imperative need to direct the energies, enthusiasm and creative abilities of young people to the task of nation building, to the economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples, the preservation of world peace, the protection and promotion of human rights and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

*Aware* of the continuing need to educate youth in the spirit of the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding between peoples and to foster among the young respect for all peoples, irrespective of nationality, race, sex or religion, regard for human values and devotion to the ideals of peace, freedom and progress and to the cause of human rights,

*Bearing in mind* the valuable contribution that youth can make to the evolution of co-operation among States on the basis of equality and justice and to the ushering in of a new international economic order,

*Noting* the views on the subject of youth expressed in the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-fifth session,<sup>89</sup>

<sup>88</sup> E/CN.5/531.

<sup>89</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5915)*, chap. IX.

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the course of preparing the reports and documents called for in General Assembly resolutions 31/129 and 31/130 of 16 December 1976, to submit to the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-sixth session, proposals for action-oriented guidelines which would help to identify the particular policies and actions required at national and international levels to bring about more effective and widespread youth participation;

2. *Requests also* the Secretary-General, in order to give effect to a co-ordinated and practical approach to youth policies and programmes, to establish an inter-agency task force drawn from the Secretariat of the United Nations and the specialized agencies directly concerned with youth policies and programmes, and to report on the work of this task force to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Requests further* the Secretary-General, in recruitment, to give consideration to increasing the proportion of staff members in the Professional category of the United Nations Secretariat under the age of 30, without prejudice to the principle of equitable geographical distribution;

4. *Decides* to bring to the attention of the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fourth session the reports of the Secretary-General on popular participation, women, youth and children<sup>90</sup> and on problems facing youth;<sup>91</sup>

5. *Recommends* to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session the adoption of the guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations contained in the annex to the present resolution.

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**ANNEX**

**Guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations**

*A. National*

1. The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme should be requested to continue exploring, in consultation with the Government concerned, ways to involve youth organizations in development activities of the United Nations at the national level.

2. The United Nations Office of Public Information should continue to work in close co-operation with the Joint United Nations Information Committee to provide information on the issues on which the United Nations is working in such a way as to attract young people, at the national level, and interest them in the ideals and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

3. Bearing in mind proposals contained in his note on the role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights,<sup>a</sup> the Secretary-General should explore, in consultation with Governments, the feasibility of identifying a national liaison and focal point on youth within each country, taking into consideration the networks of national correspondents which have been set up to facilitate communication between countries and with the United Nations in allied fields of social development.

<sup>a</sup> E/CN.5/528 and Corr.1.

<sup>90</sup> E/CN.5/549.

<sup>91</sup> E/CN.5/534.