

B. Regional

The regional commissions should be requested to pay special attention to the question of active participation of youth in the process of national development and to consider at their forthcoming sessions appropriate forms in which regional commissions can assist Governments in this field and establish contacts with youth and youth organizations.

C. International

1. The scope of the quarterly *Youth Information Bulletin* should be extended and it should be published in French and Spanish in addition to English, within the existing budgetary allocations. Both governmental and non-governmental bodies dealing with youth should be encouraged to provide material for dissemination through the Bulletin and to assist in its distribution so that it may be made available to as many young people and youth organizations as possible.

2. The work of the United Nations Office of Public Information and the Centre for Economic and Social Information in the creation of suitable radio and television programmes about the United Nations and its activities should be intensified, within their existing budgetary allocations.

3. The Secretary-General may continue to utilize the existing channels of communication between the United Nations and international and regional non-governmental youth organizations.

2079 (LXII). Reinforcing the social development sector within the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966 in which it adopted the present mandate and present designation of the Commission for Social Development,

Bearing in mind that the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, is considering various proposals relating, *inter alia*, to the institutional and structural machinery for dealing with social development activities within the United Nations,

Desiring to ensure that the social development sector within the United Nations shall be accorded, on a continuing basis, the high priority it deserves considering the gravity and urgency of the problems in this sector,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 31/182 of 21 December 1976 on preparations for a new international development strategy,

Mindful of the need to incorporate the social aspects of development in the formulation of a new international development strategy, taking fully into account the resolutions on the establishment of the new international economic order,

1. *Recommends* that the President of the Economic and Social Council should appoint an *ad hoc* working group composed of ten experts from Member States, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical distribution, to study, bearing in mind the work under way on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, and to make appropriate recommendations for improvement, *inter alia*, with regard to:

(a) The operational effectiveness of social development activities within the United Nations;

(b) The effectiveness of existing United Nations co-ordination machinery with respect to such activities;

(c) The future role of the social development component within the United Nations with a view to strengthening the social development input in the preparation of a new development strategy;

2. *Recommends also* that the Secretary-General should transmit the report of the working group to the members of the Commission for Social Development for comments and that the report, together with those comments, should be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-fourth session taking into account the decision of the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the subject of preparations for a new international development strategy;

3. *Recommends* that the Commission for Social Development, at its twenty-sixth session, should give the report of the working group priority consideration in its agenda.

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2080 (LXII). Training for social development

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind that many of the objectives defined in its resolutions and those of the Commission for Social Development concerning such topics of social development as programmes and policies for youth, the improvement of the situation of the aged and the disabled, the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders and, in general, the promotion of the developmental objectives of social welfare, depend for their successful realization not only on material resources but also on the skills and capacities of those responsible for planning and implementing, administratively and practically, national social welfare programmes,

Conscious that such skills and capacities can be elicited, stimulated and improved by training suitably adapted to the level and type of workers involved, including in particular para-professional workers and volunteer workers required to provide services on the scale needed in many developing countries,

Aware that the shortage of workers with the necessary levels of knowledge and skill still constitutes a major constraint to the successful accomplishment of social welfare programmes in many countries,

Welcoming the proposals for training contained in the programme objectives for the period 1978-1981, in particular the improvement of training opportunities for youth workers and the studies leading to the production of a report on innovative approaches to the training of trainers, supervisors and field workers in social welfare,

1. *Calls upon* Governments, professional institutions and associations and other non-governmental organizations to intensify their efforts in the field of training for social development;

2. *Invites* Governments and intergovernmental and other bodies which are in a position to provide financial and material assistance for such purposes, to provide support for the establishment, maintenance and expansion of research and training centres for social development at the regional level, especially in those regions which do not yet have them;

3. *Urges* all regional training centres in social development established in collaboration with the United