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CHAPTER XIX

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS

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1. The Economic and Social Council considered social development questions at its first regular session of 1981 under agenda item 10.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the question of the elderly and the aged (A/36/70);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement (A/36/115);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination and information in the field of youth (A/36/135);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on a draft Code of Medical Ethics (A/36/140 and Add.1 and 2);

(e) Report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-seventh session, 1/ chapter I of which contained 11 draft resolutions recommended for adoption by the Council and two draft decisions requiring action by the Council;

(f) Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations (E/1981/3);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General concerning the analytical summary of the comments received from Member States and the specialized agencies on the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations (E/1981/7);

(h) Report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its sixth session (E/1980/112 and Corr.1).

3. At its 4th meeting, on 14 April 1981, the Council allocated the item to the Second (Social) Committee, which considered it at its 3rd to 10th, 12th and 15th meetings, on 16, 21 to 24 and 27 to 29 April and 1 May 1981. For the report of the Committee on this item, see document E/1981/57 and Corr.1.

#### ACTION BY THE SECOND (SOCIAL) COMMITTEE

##### United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

4. At its 11th meeting, on 29 April, the Committee adopted the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Research Institute for Social Development" and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution I. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (a) below.

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1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 6 (E/1981/26).

### Social aspects of rural development

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution entitled "Social aspects of rural development" and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution II. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (a) below.

### Youth in the contemporary world

6. At the same meeting, the Committee considered the draft resolution entitled "Youth in the contemporary world". An amendment was orally proposed, which the Committee adopted. 2/

7. The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended, and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution III. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (a) below.

### Social aspects of the access to culture

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution entitled "Social aspects of the access to culture" and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution IV. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (a) below.

### Draft declaration on social and legal principles relating to adoption and foster placement of children nationally and internationally

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution entitled "Draft declaration on social and legal principles relating to adoption and foster placement of children nationally and internationally", and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution V. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (a) below.

### Emerging social issues of international concern

10. At the 6th meeting, on 23 April, the Committee considered the draft resolution entitled "Emerging social issues of international concern". An amendment to the draft resolution was proposed. 2/

11. At the 11th meeting, on 29 April, subamendments to the amendment were orally proposed. 2/

12. At the 12th meeting, on 29 April, the subamendments were revised.

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2/ For particulars of proposed amendments, subamendments and/or revisions see the report of the Committee on this item (E/1981/57 and Corr.1).

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as amended, and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution VI. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (a) below.

Strengthening developmental social welfare policies  
and programmes

14. At the 11th meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening developmental social welfare policies and programmes" and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution VII. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (a) below.

Welfare of migrant workers and their families

15. At the same meeting, the Committee considered the draft resolution entitled "Welfare of migrant workers and their families" and adopted it by 48 votes to none, with 3 abstentions. The Committee then submitted it to the Council as draft resolution VIII. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (b) below.

International Year of Disabled Persons

16. At the same meeting, after an oral amendment to the draft resolution entitled "International Year of Disabled Persons" had been proposed, 2/ the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended, and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution IX. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (c) below.

World Assembly on Aging

17. At the same meeting, after an oral amendment to the draft resolution entitled "World Assembly on Aging" had been proposed, 2/ the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended, and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution X. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (c) below.

Social aspects of the development activities of  
the United Nations

18. At the 9th meeting, on 27 April, the Committee considered a draft resolution entitled "Social aspects of the development activities of the United Nations". At the same meeting, an amendment to the draft resolution was introduced. 2/

19. At the 10th meeting, on 28 April, a second amendment to the draft resolution was introduced, which was subsequently withdrawn at the 11th meeting and a further amendment was orally proposed. 2/

20. At the 12th meeting, the first amendment was withdrawn and the Committee, having adopted the oral amendment which had been proposed at the 10th meeting, adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended, and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution XI. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (c) below.

#### Co-ordination and information in the field of youth

21. At its 9th meeting, the Committee considered a draft resolution entitled "Co-ordination and information in the field of youth", which was sponsored by Algeria, Bangladesh, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Romania, 3/ Senegal, Venezuela and Yugoslavia. Burundi subsequently joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

22. At its 12th meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution XII. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (c) below.

#### Women and development

23. At its 9th meeting, the Committee considered a draft resolution entitled "Women and development", sponsored by France and Poland.

24. At the 12th meeting, the draft resolution was orally revised. The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution XIII. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (c) below.

#### Draft Code of Medical Ethics

25. At its 12th meeting, the Committee considered a draft resolution entitled "Draft Code of Medical Ethics", which was sponsored by Denmark, Finland, 3/ Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, 3/ Norway, Spain and Sweden and was orally revised.

26. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution XIV. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (c) below.

#### Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

27. At its 12th meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision entitled "Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development" and submitted it to the Council as draft decision I. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (d) below.

#### Provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development

28. At the same meeting, the Committee, having considered the draft decision entitled "Provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development", adopted it and submitted it to the Council as draft decision II. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (d) below.

3/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

### Report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control

29. At the 15th meeting, on 1 May, on the proposal of the Chairman made on the basis of informal consultations, the Committee considered and adopted a draft decision concerning the report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control. The draft decision was submitted to the Council as draft decision III. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (d) below.

### Report of the Commission for Social Development

30. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision on the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-seventh session and submitted it to the Council as draft decision IV. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (d) below.

### Report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement

31. At the same meeting, also on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision on the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement and submitted it to the Council as draft decision V. For action by the Council, see paragraph 32 (d) below.

### ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

32. At its 14th meeting, on 6 May 1981, the Council considered the draft resolutions and draft decisions recommended by the Committee in its report (E/1981/57 and Corr.1, paras. 40 and 41) and took the following action:

(a) Draft resolutions I to VII were adopted; for the texts, see the annex below, Council resolutions 1981/14, 1981/15, 1981/16, 1981/17, 1981/18, 1981/19 and 1981/20, respectively;

(b) Draft resolution VIII was adopted by 51 votes to none, with 3 abstentions; for the text, see the annex below, Council resolution 1981/21;

(c) Draft resolutions IX to XIV were adopted; for the texts, see the annex below, Council resolutions 1981/22, 1981/23, 1981/24, 1981/25, 1981/26 and 1981/27 respectively;

(d) Draft decisions I to V were adopted; for the texts, see the annex below, Council decisions 1981/120, 1981/121, 1981/122, 1981/123 and 1981/124, respectively.

33. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Turkey and the United States of America (see E/1981/SR.14).

ANNEX

Resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social  
Council under agenda item 10 a/

Resolution 1981/14. United Nations Research Institute for  
Social Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development on its activities during the period from 1 November 1978 to 31 October 1980, b/

Recognizing the importance of research on social issues for the formulation and implementation of integrated development plans and policies, promoting participation of all segments of society in the development process and an equitable distribution of the benefits therefrom,

Considering the functions of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development and the important contribution made by the Institute in this area,

Recognizing that the Institute has complied with the recommendations of the Commission for Social Development in its resolution 10 (XXV) of 3 February 1977, c/ particularly with regard to its catalytic role and its support for research by national research bodies,

Stressing the need to provide the Institute with the necessary financial means to ensure the continuation of its work,

Considering the appeal made by the Secretary-General to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-seventh session in the same respect,

1. Expresses its appreciation to Governments providing financial support to the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development;
2. Invites those Governments that have not yet done so to make financial contributions to the Institute according to their possibilities and, in the case

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a/ A compilation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council in 1981 will be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement Nos. 1, 1A and 1B (E/1981/81 and Add.1 and 2).

b/ E/CN.5/595.

c/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5915), chap. I, sect. B.

of those Governments that actually support the Institute, to examine the possibility of increasing their contributions, in both cases preferably on a regular basis or a project basis.

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6 May 1981

Resolution 1981/15. Social aspects of rural development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Declaration on Social Progress and Development contained in General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969,

Recalling also the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Concerned at the distressing social conditions prevailing in rural areas of many countries,

Taking into account the need for implementing integrated rural development programmes to fight mass poverty, raise the levels of living of the rural population and achieve the goal of equitable distribution of national income,

1. Calls upon Governments, while implementing the relevant provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade and national development programmes, to give special attention to increasing the social impact of basic rural development policies such as:

- (a) Implementing agrarian reforms;
- (b) Promoting co-operative endeavours;
- (c) Introducing development planning;
- (d) Strengthening the role of national qualified personnel in rural development;
- (e) Encouraging popular participation in the development process of rural areas;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to devote special attention in the forthcoming report on the world social situation to the social aspects of rural development, taking into account the provisions of the present resolution;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to facilitate increasing dissemination of information on national experience of countries with different socio-economic systems in rural development;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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6 May 1981



Resolution 1981/16. Youth in the contemporary world

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with great interest the importance attached by the General Assembly and other United Nations bodies to the concerns of youth,

Recalling its resolution 1979/16 of 9 May 1979, as well as General Assembly resolutions 35/126 of 11 December 1980 on the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace and 35/139 of 11 December 1980 on channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations,

Noting with satisfaction that the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples d/ continues to provide a useful basis and incentive for further action in the field of youth, at the national, regional, interregional and international levels,

Convinced that the preservation and strengthening of international peace and security are prerequisites for a secure and happy future for the youth of all countries,

Recognizing the importance of integrating young people in the over-all life of society and of taking fully into account their special needs when formulating national plans and programmes,

Emphasizing the need for increasing the quantity and quality of opportunities for young people for their active and productive participation in the general development of society,

Reaffirming the necessity to intensify and consolidate the efforts of the United Nations so as to give effect to a co-ordinated and practical approach to youth programmes of all the United Nations agencies involved, as well as to strengthen co-operation with non-governmental organizations of youth or directly dealing with youth,

Noting the views on the question of youth in the contemporary world expressed in the report of the Secretary-General e/ and in the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-seventh session, f/

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on youth in the contemporary world, e/ prepared for the Commission for Social Development;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to bring that report to the attention of the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to take into account the views expressed on youth in the Commission for Social Development in the preparation of

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d/ General Assembly resolution 2037 (XX).

e/ E/CN.5/587.

f/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 6 (E/1981/26), chap. IV, sect. A.

the documentation to be submitted to the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace;

4. Decides to include the item entitled "Youth in the contemporary world" in the agenda of the twenty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development and decides that the Commission should consider under this item the second report on the situation of youth to be submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/16.

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6 May 1981

Resolution 1981/17. Social aspects of the access to culture

The Economic and Social Council,

Mindful of mankind's lofty ideals enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of 16 December 1966, g/

Recalling also the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, h/

Convinced of the importance of the role culture has to play in meeting the common needs of all peoples, and in raising the quality of their lives,

Recognizing the relationship between the cultural progress of peoples, their co-operation, understanding and friendship, and world peace,

Recognizing also that cultural values represent a basic component of the identity of nations, which promotes understanding of their respective cultures and their values, and that full utilization of the cultural heritage is an indispensable condition of each nation's self-affirmation,

Convinced that every person, without distinction as to race, colour, sex, language, religion, nationality, ethnic origin, family or social status and political conviction, has the right of access to cultural values,

Aware that unless special institutional forms of national assistance are established, it will soon not prove possible to overcome the legacy of longstanding backwardness and negligence,

1. Reaffirms that cultural development is one of the most important factors of social progress;

2. Calls upon States to pursue continuous efforts to protect and further develop cultural values as social and spiritual energy for authentic national development and as mankind's common heritage;

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g/ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

h/ General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).

3. Appeals to all nations to create cultural values which enhance friendship among them and to establish better social relations in the world, in particular in mass culture;

4. Commends the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for its record of achievement thus far in the field of access to culture, including, in particular, the reduction of illiteracy, raising the level of general education and the protection and further development of cultural values;

5. Urges all Governments and other public and private institutions, both national and international, to intensify their organizational, intellectual and financial efforts with a view to expanding as effectively as possible wide access of all people to culture and cultural amenities for promoting a balanced social development.

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Resolution 1981/18. Draft declaration on social and legal principles relating to adoption and foster placement of children nationally and internationally

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1979/28 of 9 May 1979, in which it submitted the draft declaration on social and legal principles relating to adoption and foster placement of children nationally and internationally to the General Assembly for preliminary consideration at its thirty-fourth session,

Bearing in mind the report of the Secretary-General i/ on views of Member States on the text of the draft declaration,

Convinced that adoption of the draft declaration will promote the well-being of children with special needs,

Requests the General Assembly to consider at its thirty-sixth session the draft declaration on social and legal principles relating to adoption and foster placement of children nationally and internationally so that the further action proposed in Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/28 may proceed.

14th plenary meeting  
6 May 1981

Resolution 1981/19. Emerging social issues of international concern

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Declaration on Social Progress and Development contained in

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i/ A/35/336.

General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order contained in General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, and the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States contained in General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974,

Recalling also the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade contained in General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Concerned at the growing disparity in conditions of living and income levels between people in the developed and developing countries,

Concerned also at the adverse effects that unfavourable world economic trends may have on levels of living and social conditions of people, particularly in developing countries,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on emerging social issues of international concern in connexion with the changes in the world economic situation, and to submit that report for consideration by the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1983 through the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-eighth session;

2. Also requests the Secretary-General to pay full attention in his reports on the world social situation to emerging social issues of international concern in connexion with the changes in the world situation, giving special attention to the relationship between disarmament and development and bearing in mind also that the resources released as a result of the implementation of disarmament measures should be channelled into economic and social development of all countries and should contribute to the bridging of the economic gap between developed and developing countries.

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6 May 1981

Resolution 1981/20. Strengthening developmental social welfare policies and programmes

The Economic and Social Council,

Concerned at the slow rate of progress of implementation of its resolution 1979/18 of 9 May 1979 on strengthening developmental social welfare policies and programmes,

Convinced of the value of developmental social welfare as an investment in the process of development,

Mindful of the importance of the nine regional conferences of ministers responsible for social welfare held since the 1968 International Conference of Ministers Responsible for Social Welfare and their contribution to the elaboration of strategies for social welfare in the context of over-all development,

Convinced that the conclusions and recommendations of those conferences should

constitute a valuable resource for Governments in all regions as well as for the deliberations of the Commission for Social Development,

1. Reaffirms its resolution 1979/18, in which it requested the Secretary-General to strengthen the Secretariat's activities relating to policy, planning, training and operational aspects of social welfare, including those of relevance to integrated rural development, having in mind the guidelines established by the General Assembly with regard to development;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission for Social Development at its biennial sessions comparative interregional analyses of the deliberations and recommendations of regional conferences on social welfare and related areas;

3. Urges Governments to exploit to the full extent existing social welfare structures so as to make best use of available resources for serving the needs of all segments of the population;

4. Further urges the Secretary-General to reinforce Secretariat research and operational activities related to developmental social welfare policies and programmes within existing resources;

5. Requests the regional commissions to report to the Commission for Social Development at its biennial sessions on social welfare and social development activities;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to report on the progress achieved to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-eighth session.

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6 May 1981

Resolution 1981/21. Welfare of migrant workers and their families

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1926 (LVII) of 6 May 1975 and 1979/12 of 9 May 1979,

Conscious of the fact that in certain regions the problems of migrant workers are becoming more serious as a result of current economic trends and related social and cultural issues,

Concerned about the fact that, despite the efforts of Member States and international organizations, migrant workers and their families are, to a great extent, not always able to enjoy all the benefits of the application of the basic principle of equality of opportunity and treatment with regard to their working and living conditions,

Noting that the social provisions of bilateral agreements concluded between labour-employing and labour-supplying countries are often limited to general statements,

Taking into account the conventions and recommendations of the International Labour Organisation concerning migration for employment, migrant workers, migration in abusive conditions and the promotion of equality of opportunity for the treatment of workers,

Recognizing the need for further efforts to improve the welfare of migrant workers and their families as well as the preservation of their identity;

Recalling the World Population Plan of Action, j/ adopted by the World Population Conference, in which, inter alia, both labour-employing and labour-supplying countries were urged, if they had not yet done so, to conclude bilateral or multilateral agreements which would protect and assist migrant workers and safeguard the interests of the countries concerned,

1. Reaffirms the need for the United Nations to consider the situation of migrant workers in an interrelated manner, bearing in mind that the principle of equality of treatment extends to include the living conditions of migrant workers and their families, particularly with regard to housing, health, education and cultural and social welfare;

2. Invites Member States to present existing research findings and governmental reports to the Secretary-General so as to obtain an over-all view on the situation of migrant workers and their families;

3. Welcomes the progress made by the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families, established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 34/172 of 17 December 1979;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to include in the programme budget for 1982-1983 studies on the questions concerned with the welfare of migrant workers and their families, and to undertake those studies in a comprehensive manner to include common recommendations;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure, taking into account the views of the Governments and organizations concerned, that the reports requested in Economic and Social Council resolutions 1926 (LVII) and 1979/12 shall be presented to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-eighth session;

6. Recommends the inclusion of the question of the welfare of migrant workers and their families in the agenda of the twenty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development to permit an exchange of views and to promote further attention to this specific group.

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6 May 1981

Resolution 1981/22. International Year of Disabled Persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the prevention of disability, k/

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

k/ E/CN.5/591.

Endorsing the conclusions and recommendations contained in that report,

Welcoming the nomination by the Secretary-General of his Special Representative for the International Year of Disabled Persons,

1. Calls upon Governments, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, especially organizations of disabled persons, to work together to make the International Year of Disabled Persons a success;

2. Urges the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps to ensure that the rehabilitation and well-being of the disabled and the prevention of disability are, wherever appropriate, given due consideration within United Nations programmes.

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6 May 1981

Resolution 1981/23. World Assembly on Aging

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 33/52 of 14 December 1978, by which the Assembly decided to organize in 1982 a World Assembly on Aging as a forum to launch an international action programme aimed at guaranteeing economic and social security to older persons, as well as an opportunity to investigate the impact of the aging of population structures on society,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 35/129 of 11 December 1980 concerning the World Assembly on Aging,

Convinced that the World Assembly on Aging is a significant international event through which a long-term programme of concrete and effective action on aging can be launched,

Re-emphasizing the important role of the Advisory Committee for the World Assembly on Aging,

Taking note of the establishment of the voluntary fund for the World Assembly on Aging,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General 1/ concerning the preparatory work for the World Assembly on Aging,

Recognizing the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in the preparation of the World Assembly on Aging,

1. Calls upon Member States, specialized agencies, regional commissions and non-governmental organizations to participate fully in the preparatory work for the World Assembly on Aging and in the Assembly itself;

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1/ A/36/70.

2. Appeals to Member States to consider making contributions to the voluntary fund for the World Assembly on Aging;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to ensure that the Advisory Committee for the World Assembly on Aging shall meet twice in 1981;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council and the Commission for Social Development, on further actions to implement the recommendations adopted at the World Assembly on Aging.

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6 May 1981

Resolution 1981/24. Social aspects of the development activities of the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1979/45 of 11 May 1979 on the establishment of an Ad Hoc Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations and 1980/27 of 2 May 1980 concerning the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and decision 35/439 of 16 December 1980 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

Convinced that all efforts should be made to ensure that the objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, shall be attained, in particular paragraphs 39 and 42 and paragraphs 162 to 168, as part of the over-all strategy,

Reaffirming the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969,

Reaffirming that development is an integral process embodying both economic and social objectives,

1. Takes note of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations m/ and expresses its appreciation to the members of the Group and all those who contributed to the report;

2. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General, n/ the replies that have thus far been received from Governments and the discussion on this question at the twenty-seventh session of the Commission for Social Development;

3. Endorses, in particular, the view of the Ad Hoc Working Group that

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m/ E/1981/3.

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economic and social development are different facets of a unified approach to development, that social aspects of development are related to the problem of ensuring that development will become an increasingly people-oriented process which will fit into a comprehensive integrated approach that takes full account of the indivisible nature of the development process;

4. Takes note of the recommendations contained in the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group regarding relevant legislative mandates of the United Nations system and recommends that the General Assembly should consider taking appropriate co-ordinated measures at both the interregional and intersectoral levels to ensure an integrated approach to development in its work;

5. Decides to continue consideration, at its second regular session of 1981, of measures suggested in the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to improve the work of the Council, particularly through communication between and co-ordination of its functional commissions and committees;

6. Expresses its appreciation of the inputs made to the work of the Commission for Social Development by the specialized agencies and stresses the importance of continuing and strengthening co-operation between those agencies and those parts of the United Nations engaged in the social aspects of development;

7. Endorses the view of the Ad Hoc Working Group that the United Nations system must continue efforts to evolve a better conceptual framework for an integrated approach to developmental problems, and on the need for such a conceptual framework for its activities related to social development;

8. Calls upon the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-eighth session to make its contribution to the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

9. Further endorses the view of the Ad Hoc Working Group that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, in order to make its appropriate contribution to the work of the United Nations system in the area of social effects of development for the fulfilment of over-all development objectives should, at the same time as it pursues its group-specific mandates, intensify its efforts, in co-operation with other elements of the United Nations system concerned, to pay special attention, inter alia, to popular participation, local-level action and social welfare policies;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to enable the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and other relevant bodies of the Secretariat to play their appropriate role in providing substantive support in their areas of competence for technical co-operation activities undertaken on behalf of the United Nations at the request of the Member States by the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development;

11. Further requests the Secretary-General to take the administrative measures necessary to implement the approach described in the present resolution, thus also enabling the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs to implement its mandates within its existing resources, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981 on the implementation of the present resolution.

14th plenary meeting  
6 May 1981

Resolution 1981/25. Co-ordination and information in the field of youth

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1979/27 of 9 May 1979 and 1980/25 of 2 May 1980 on co-ordination and information in the field of youth,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 34/151 of 17 December 1979, by which the Assembly decided to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Noting that the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year has held its first session at which, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 35/126 of 11 December 1980, it formulated a programme of measures and activities to be adopted and undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year,

Considering that it is necessary to intensify and improve the co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies relating to youth, so as to contribute fully to the proper preparation and celebration of the International Youth Year,

Convinced of the importance of giving widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations in the field of youth and of increasing the dissemination of information about youth, especially in the context of the preparations for the International Youth Year,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination and information in the field of youth, o/

Recalling that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination decided to undertake at its twenty-first session a cross-organizational programme analysis of the youth activities of the United Nations system, p/

1. Requests the Secretary-General to continue, in the light of the objectives and goals of the International Youth Year, to analyse the views, observations and suggestions of the specialized agencies and United Nations bodies on the situation, needs and aspirations of youth in the contemporary world and to report to the Council at its first regular session of 1982;

2. Decides to consider, at its second regular session of 1981, in the context of the discussion of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, the question of the co-ordination of United Nations activities in the field of youth, in the light of the cross-organizational programme analysis of the youth activities of the United Nations system and the comments and recommendations of the Committee.

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o/ A/36/135.

p/ E/AC.51/1981/2.

Resolution 1981/26. Women and development

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-seventh session, q/

Recalling the contents of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations, r/

Conscious that women, like men, are an integral part of the population of the world,

Aware that women, like men, participate in the economic, social and cultural development of their country, although too frequently in a subordinate capacity,

1. Invites all the organizations of the United Nations system to refrain from perpetuating the widely accepted idea that women constitute a marginal category relating only to social welfare;

2. Calls upon those organizations to emphasize the right of women to participate, as agents and as beneficiaries, in all aspects of economic and social development.

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Resolution 1981/27. Draft Code of Medical Ethics

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/179 of 15 December 1980, in which the Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council to consider the draft Code of Medical Ethics, taking into account the comments and recommendations submitted, with a view to presenting the draft Code to the Assembly,

Recalling also resolution 11 of the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, s/ in which the hope was expressed that the General Assembly would adopt the draft Code, subject to any amendments which might appear to be necessary,

Having taken note of the revised report of the Secretary-General t/ requested in General Assembly resolution 35/179,

Convinced that the adoption of a code of medical ethics constitutes an important step in the progressive setting of international standards within the field of human rights,

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q/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 6 (E/1981/26).

r/ E/1981/3.

s/ See A/CONF.87/14, chap. I, sect. B

t/ A/36/140 and Add.1 and 2.

Recommends that the General Assembly should take measures to finalize the draft Code of Medical Ethics at its thirty-sixth session.

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Decision 1981/120. Nomination of members of the Board of the  
United Nations Research Institute for  
Social Development

At its 14th plenary meeting, on 6 May 1981, the Council confirmed the nomination by the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-seventh session of the following member of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development for a four-year term beginning on 1 July 1981:

Gustavo Esteva (Mexico).

The Council also nominated Karl Eric Knutsson (Sweden) for an additional term of two years beginning on 1 July 1981.

Decision 1981/121. Provisional agenda and documentation for  
the twenty-eighth session of the  
Commission for Social Development

At its 14th plenary meeting, on 6 May 1981, the Council approved the provisional agenda and requested documentation for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development set out below.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH  
SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
3. Survey of recent and prospective trends and fundamental changes in the field of socio-economic development

Documentation

1981 report on the world social situation and report on the implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development

Report by the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy

Report of the Secretary-General on emerging social issues of international concern

4. Socio-economic policies related to issues concerning the equitable distribution of national income and the process of institutional development

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on main conclusions of research project on income distribution

Report of the Secretary-General on the social aspects of rural development

5. Social integration

Documentation

Report on trends in strategies and policies for social integration

Report on popular participation and local-level action

Report on developmental social welfare policies and programmes

Report on trends in family and child welfare

Report on pertinent regulations regarding the protection of migrant workers and their families

Report on the progress in the preparations for International Youth Year

Report on the situation of youth

Report on the World Assembly on Aging and the international programme of action for aging

Report on the International Year of Disabled Persons and the world plan of action for disabled persons

Annex to the report on the world social situation on the implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons

Report on the prevention of disability

Report of the Committee for Crime Prevention and Control on its seventh session

6. Other matters

(a) Progress report for 1981-1982, including, inter alia, follow-up action to the resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council on the recommendation of the Commission at its twenty-seventh session, and the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989

(b) Progress report on the implementation of the social welfare and social development activities of the regional commissions for the biennium 1981-1982

(c) Report of the Board of Institute of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

(d) Consideration of the draft provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Economic and Social Council

Decision 1981/122. Report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control

At its 14th plenary meeting, on 6 May 1981, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its sixth session; u/

(b) Approved the provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Committee, to be held in 1982, contained therein; y/

(c) Took note of the note by the Secretary-General concerning the report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control w/ and requested the Secretary-General without prejudice to the established reporting procedures of the Committee, to submit a comprehensive statement on the preparatory work for the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders to the Council at its first regular session of 1982.

Decision 1981/123. Report of the Commission for Social Development

At its 14th plenary meeting on 6 May 1981, the Council took note of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-seventh session. x/

Decision 1981/124. Report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement

At its 14th plenary meeting, on 6 May 1981, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement y/ and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly.

u/ E/1980/112 and Corr.1.

v/ Ibid., chap. I.

w/ E/1981/C.2/L.3.

x/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 6 (E/1981/26).

y/ A/36/115.