

should consider the need to co-operate closely with the international programmes of the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the provision of services for and by youth with regard to employment.

5. In the context of paragraph 4 above, the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, within their mandates, should consider the promotion and co-ordination within their respective regions of all activities regarding the integration and participation of youth in development.

6. The regional commissions should consider the possibility of organizing regional workshops on questions relating to youth.

7. The regional commissions should, with the assistance of regional liaison officers, strengthen their co-operation with youth organizations.

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8. The Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should continue arrangements for the promotion and co-ordination of activities in the field of youth and the integration of those activities into the over-all programmes of social and economic development. This could be done by, *inter alia*, regularly including the item concerning youth in its agenda or convening *ad hoc* interagency meetings on youth, or both.

9. The practice of providing internships for youth should be expanded in order to give a broad section of young people from all regions of the world the opportunity of being acquainted with the United Nations and thereby learning of its activities. Those internships should not be confined to United Nations Headquarters.

10. The Joint United Nations Information Committee should take into account the views of youth organizations representative of all regions of the world on all phases of production of United Nations publications of interest to youth and ensure the broadest possible circulation of such publications.

11. The Secretary-General should continue to strengthen and promote the relationship with, and assistance to, the Geneva informal meetings of international non-governmental youth organizations as an important channel of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations.

36/18. National experience in promoting the co-operative movement

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/47 of 14 December 1978 on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement and other relevant resolutions referred to in that resolution,

Desiring to promote the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,³⁶

Reaffirming that co-operatives play an important role in the socio-economic development of developing countries,

Convinced that the exchange among countries of national experience relating to the co-operative movement plays an essential role in strengthening the co-operatives for the benefit of their members and in overcoming difficulties in the development of various co-operatives,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement;³⁷

2. *Invites* the regional commissions and specialized agencies concerned to make further efforts with a view to promoting the co-operative movement as an effective instrument for the improvement of the well-being of the population;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with Member States and relevant organizations of the United Nations system, a comprehensive report on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement, paying special attention, *inter alia*, to the following aspects:

(a) Role of co-operatives in over-all social and economic development, particularly in rural areas;

(b) Participation of peasants, including landless peasants, as well as of women and youth in co-operatives;

(c) Ability of co-operatives to increase the material welfare of their members;

(d) Interrelationship between agrarian reform and agricultural co-operatives;

(e) Difficulties faced by countries in the establishment and development of co-operatives and their experience in overcoming them;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, the above-mentioned report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session for discussion under the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress".

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36/19. National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress

The General Assembly,

Guided by the desire to promote a higher standard of life, full employment and conditions for economic and social progress and development,

Bearing in mind the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,³⁸

Mindful of the provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order³⁹ as well as the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,⁴⁰

Noting Economic and Social Council resolutions 1581 A (L) of 21 May 1971, 1667 (LII) of 1 June 1972 and 1746 (LIV) of 16 May 1973 concerning the importance of fundamental structural socio-economic changes for the strengthening of national independence and the achievement of the ultimate goals of social progress,

Recalling its resolutions 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and 31/38 of 30 November 1976, in which it reaffirmed the importance for every State to exercise its inalienable right to carry out fundamental social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress and the necessity of studying national experience in this field,

Desirous of securing a speedy and complete removal of all obstacles to the economic and social progress of peoples, especially colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, military, political and economic intervention and pressures, foreign aggression and occupation or alien domination as well as all forms of inequality and exploitation of peoples,

Convinced that peaceful coexistence and co-operation among States as well as measures in the field of disarmament create favourable international conditions for the socio-economic development of all countries, in particular developing ones,

³⁶ Resolution 35/56, annex.

³⁷ A/36/115.

³⁸ Resolution 2542 (XXIV), annex.

³⁹ Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

⁴⁰ Resolution 3281 (XXIX).