

"Considering that the Global Strategy fully reflects the spirit of General Assembly resolution 34/58,

"Considering that peace and security are important conditions for the preservation and improvement of the health of all people and that co-operation among nations on vital health issues can contribute substantially to peace,

"Noting further that the Global Strategy is based upon the principles of the Declaration of Alma-Ata<sup>39</sup> on primary health care, which implies an integrated approach to the solution of health care problems and requires the fullest support and involvement of all economic and social development sectors,

"Recognizing that the implementation of the Global Strategy will constitute a valuable contribution to the improvement of overall socio-economic conditions, and thus to the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Endorses* the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000 as a major contribution of Member States to the attainment of the world-wide social goal of health for all by the year 2000 and to the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

"2. *Urges* all Member States to ensure the implementation of the Global Strategy as part of their multi-sectoral efforts to implement the provisions contained in the International Development Strategy;

"3. *Also urges* all Member States to co-operate with one another and with the World Health Organization to ensure that the necessary international action is taken to implement the Global Strategy as part of the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy;

"4. *Requests* all appropriate organizations and institutions of the United Nations, including the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the World Bank, to collaborate fully with the World Health Organization in carrying out the Global Strategy;

"5. *Also requests* the Director-General of the World Health Organization to ensure that measures to implement the Global Strategy are taken into account in the review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade."<sup>40</sup>

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## 1981/62. Consumer protection

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1979/74 of 3 August 1979,

*Considering* the increasing need for the effective protection of consumers, particularly in developing countries, against practices harmful to the interests of consumers,

*Conscious* of the need for reliance on an international basic policy framework that provides guidance and encouragement for further efforts in consumer protection on a world-wide scale,

<sup>39</sup> See World Health Organization, *Primary Health Care: Report of the International Conference on Primary Health Care, Alma-Ata, USSR, 6-12 September 1978* (Geneva, 1978).

<sup>40</sup> See General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex, para. 175.

*Taking into account* that the primary responsibility for consumer protection rests with each State,

*Having considered* the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection,<sup>41</sup>

*Having noted* the recommendations of the Regional Consultation on consumer protection organized by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and held at Bangkok from 2 to 8 June 1981,<sup>42</sup>

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection and recommends that Governments should take his recommendations into account in the formulation of consumer protection policy measures at the national and international levels;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, drawing upon the views of individual Member States, United Nations organs, agencies and programmes concerned, and the regional commissions, to continue consultations on consumer protection, within existing resources, with the aim of pursuing, *inter alia*, the elaboration of a set of general guidelines for consumer protection, taking particularly into account the needs of the developing countries and, in the light of his findings, to submit a report with appropriate proposals, covering, *inter alia*, the possibility of convening an intergovernmental meeting on the guidelines, to the Council at its second regular session of 1983.

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## 1981/63. Strengthening of the co-ordination of information systems

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its interest in the co-ordination of information systems as expressed in Council resolution 1889 (LVII) of 31 July 1974, in which it recommended, *inter alia*, that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should strengthen the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems and its staff,

*Aware* of the concern and serious need of recipients of services of the United Nations system for the strengthening of the planning and delivery of effective activities,

*Recognizing* the importance, for maximizing the development activities of the United Nations system in favour of developing countries, of the harmonization of information systems,

*Stressing* the importance to all Member States of easily accessible comprehensive information on the applications of the resources made available to the United Nations system,

*Emphasizing* the importance of rationalizing, co-ordinating and ensuring the useful compatibility of hardware, software, and data-set information systems,

<sup>41</sup> E/1981/75.

<sup>42</sup> See E/1981/C.3/L.2.