

2. Welcomes the appointment of the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;

3. Expresses its hope that the Institute will start functioning shortly;

4. Expresses also its hope that a date will be set for a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women during the first quarter of 1982;

5. Calls upon all Member States to contribute or increase their contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, both financially and in kind;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1982 a report on the organization, programme and activities of the Institute.

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#### 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,<sup>25</sup>

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,<sup>26</sup> 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 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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<sup>25</sup> E/CN.5/595.

<sup>26</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5915)*, chap. I, sect. B.

#### 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 the annex to 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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#### 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<sup>27</sup> continues to provide a useful basis and incentive for further action in the field of youth, at the national, regional, interregional and international levels,

<sup>27</sup> General Assembly resolution 2037 (XX).