

"10. *Invites* in particular the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to monitor the implementation of the provisions of articles 4 and 7 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination⁵ in order to prevent any incitement to racism and racial discrimination and to promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among nations and racial or ethnic groups;

"11. *Decides* to consider at its thirty-fifth session, as a matter of high priority, the item entitled 'Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination'."

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1979/4. Medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 33/118 of 19 December 1978 on the medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983,

Recalling its decision 1978/84 of 8 November 1978, in particular its decision to consider at one of its sessions in 1979 the proposed medium-term plan for 1980-1983, with a view to ensuring that the policies laid down by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council were fully reflected in the plan and to make the necessary recommendations to that end,

Conscious of the continuing need to make the United Nations system more responsive to the requirements of the provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order⁶ as well as to those of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,⁷

Having considered the proposed medium-term plan of the United Nations for the period 1980-1983⁸ and the relevant conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,⁹

1. *Invites* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in its proposed in-depth study of the process of programme planning in the United Nations to pay special attention to the question how better to ensure that the proposed medium-term plan shall conform to the strategies, policies and priorities laid down by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Expresses its confidence* that the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination regarding the introductory survey of the proposed medium-term plan¹⁰ is a measure that would assist the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in having a clear and more comprehensive

⁵ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

⁶ General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974.

⁷ General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974.

⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/33/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1).*

⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 38 (A/33/38).

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, paras. 51 and 52.

overview of the policy orientations of the medium-term plan;

3. *Invites* the General Assembly, in considering the proposed medium-term plan, the relevant recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the views expressed in the Economic and Social Council, also to take into account the following recommendations:

(a) In the implementation of the proposals contained in the relevant sections of the proposed medium-term plan, in particular chapter 13, entitled "Development issues and policies", Secretariat units, especially the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, should concentrate on measures to promote the development of developing countries within the framework of the General Assembly resolutions on the establishment of a new international economic order;

(b) In undertaking its task, the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs should also pay attention to measures for supporting the implementation of programmes of economic co-operation among developing countries in conformity with the relevant recommendations in General Assembly resolutions 32/180 of 19 December 1977 and 33/195 of 29 January 1979;

(c) In undertaking the tasks outlined in the relevant subprogrammes of programme I of chapter 13 of the proposed medium-term plan, care must be taken to ensure that interdisciplinary research and analysis on the basis of action at the national level shall fall within the framework of the over-all requirements of the development of developing countries and of reducing inequities between developed and developing countries in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.

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1979/5. National Household Survey Capability Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its twentieth session,¹¹ in particular, of its strong endorsement of the National Household Survey Capability Programme and of the high priority it assigned to this programme of the United Nations, which will help developing countries to establish a national household survey capability in order to generate continuing data to plan socio-economic development and to assess the impact of such development on the quality of life of their people,

Recalling its resolution 2055 (LXII) of 5 May 1977, in which, *inter alia*, it requested the Secretary-General and the United Nations Development Programme, in co-operation with the World Bank, other specialized agencies and multilateral and bilateral donor agencies, to support this necessary and important development activity,

Noting that, in accordance with the aforementioned resolution, a consultative meeting is being convened

¹¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 3 (E/1979/23).*