

"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).*

in June 1979 to consider ways and means of promoting this development activity,

Recalling further the principles of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order embodied in General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, and emphasizing that technical co-operation should lead to self-reliance,

1. *Reconfirms* the value and importance of the National Household Survey Capability Programme as a major and much-needed development activity aimed at building enduring capabilities in developing countries to conduct their own integrated survey programmes and to generate continuous and integrated data on important social and economic subjects, in line with national needs and priorities, including population and related demographic characteristics, income and expenditure, access to social services, employment, household production and other socio-economic data pertaining to special groups of population and areas;

2. *Recommends* that provision should be made for technical co-operation among developing countries within the Programme and notes with approval the important role to be played by the regional commissions in the operation of the Programme;

3. *Strongly urges* the developing countries to take maximum advantage of the Programme and to prepare long-term plans for survey data collection in a variety of areas in the context of their national and statistical development plans;

4. *Strongly urges* the multilateral and bilateral donor agencies to provide resources to help developing countries implement their survey development plans within the framework of the Programme as part of their technical co-operation activities;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the regional commissions, the specialized agencies, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and other multilateral and bilateral donor agencies, to co-ordinate household survey technical co-operation activities, including the ongoing African Household Survey Capability Programme and Inter-American Household Survey Programme, within the context of the National Household Survey Capability Programme and strongly urges all donor agencies to collaborate fully and to ensure that the survey activities they may promote will be compatible with and contribute to the Programme;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the above-mentioned organizations, to propose appropriate technical standards and procedures for these survey activities and to invite the International Statistical Institute and other specialized institutes, as appropriate, to contribute their specialized experience to this undertaking;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the above-mentioned organizations, to submit a progress report to the Statistical Commission at its twenty-first session.

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1979/6. Special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in 1980

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2001 (LX) of 12 May 1976, *Mindful* of its decision 1978/30 of 5 May 1978,

Acknowledging that drug abuse and illicit production of and trafficking in drugs continue to pose a grave international problem calling for persistent international action,

Recognizing the need, identified in General Assembly resolution 33/168 of 20 December 1978, for the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to monitor the implementation of its programme of international drug abuse control strategy and policies,

Bearing in mind the decisions of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly concerning the periodicity of sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the Council, in particular paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution 33/55 of 14 December 1978,

1. *Decides* in principle that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should hold a special session of two weeks in 1980 at a time when it will not overlap with other meetings, so that the costs will be minimized;

2. *Agrees* to take a final decision on the matter at its second regular session of 1979 when considering the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1980 and 1981.

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1979/7. South American Agreement on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the communication concerning the entry into force of the South American Agreement on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, concluded at Buenos Aires on 27 April 1973, made at the fifth special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs by the Government of Argentina, the depositary of the Agreement,

Emphasizing the importance of the development of regional programmes by and among interested countries as an effective means of complying with the international obligations assumed by States in regard to the control and suppression of illicit drug traffic and for disseminating common preventive treatment and rehabilitation practices, as stressed in the working paper with guidelines for a programme of international drug abuse control strategy and policies¹² prepared by the officers of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and considered by the Commission at its twenty-eighth session,

Bearing in mind that the parties to the South American Agreement on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances are Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Paraguay and Venezuela,

1. *Decides* to invite the Governments of countries in the region which have not yet done so to ratify

¹² E/CN.7/625 and Corr.1.