

effect to a co-ordinated and practical approach to the youth programmes of all the United Nations agencies involved and of non-governmental youth organizations dealing directly with young people,

Mindful of the necessity to strengthen co-operative arrangements among national and international institutions engaged in youth research,

Noting the views on the question of youth in the contemporary world expressed in the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-sixth session,²⁷

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session all relevant documents on the question of youth in the contemporary world prepared for the Commission for Social Development;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite Member States, the relevant specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies to continue to submit replies on measures taken to implement the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples and on the current and future role and participation of youth in the development and nation-building process as well as in the promotion of international co-operation and understanding;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue consultations with Member States, regional commissions and the non-governmental organizations concerned on the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and relevant specialized agencies on the one hand, and national and international youth organizations on the other hand, in order to implement the provisions of General Assembly resolution 33/6;

4. *Decides* to include the item entitled "Youth in the contemporary world" in the agenda of the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-seventh session and that the Commission should consider under this item a follow-up report of the Secretary-General based on data already available and on additional contributions from Member States, relevant specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a second report on the situation of youth and to submit it to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1983, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/118 of 19 December 1978 on the medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983.

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9 May 1979*

1979/17. Field operational activities for technical co-operation

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that the social welfare policies within the context of development that have emerged from recent intergovernmental conferences have important implications for field operational activities in the developing countries,

²⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 4 (E/1979/24), paras. 103-108.*

Recognizing that the right and responsibility of each State to determine freely its own objectives of social development, to set its own priorities and to decide in conformity with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations the means and methods of their achievement without any external interference is a basic element in promoting social progress and development,

Noting that in recent years the operational activities concerned with assisting Governments to strengthen their social welfare services have declined considerably,

Recalling the deliberations of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, held at Buenos Aires from 30 August to 12 September 1978, and the need to emphasize the importance of technical co-operation in the social sectors of development,

Welcoming the proposals, contained in programme 2, subprogramme 4, entitled "Delivery of social welfare services", of chapter 13 of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983,²⁸ to assist Governments in their field operational services, including the training of social welfare personnel,

Requests the Secretary-General, bearing in mind that the assistance provided should be compatible with the national objectives and priorities of the receiving countries, to support these important operational activities in social welfare and to report to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-seventh session on the progress achieved in this regard.

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1979/18. Strengthening developmental social welfare policies and programmes

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that the 1968 International Conference of Ministers Responsible for Social Welfare and the seven subsequent regional conferences of social welfare ministers of the Asian, African, Arab and European States formulated and elaborated the concept of developmental social welfare, emphasizing the roles of prevention, development and the active participation of people, which have special significance for social programmes in developing countries,

Aware that the concept of developmental social welfare is not limited to remedial and curative approaches or to disparate programmes catering to specific population groups but is concerned with maximizing the social functioning of all people and strengthening the integrity of families and communities in rural and urban areas,

Noting that social welfare approaches are not confined to the activities of traditional social welfare departments but are of importance in all developmental activities,

Recalling the establishment of United Nations-sponsored social welfare research and training centres in Europe, Asia and Africa in pursuance of the recommendations of the conferences of social welfare min-

²⁸ *See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/33/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1), vol. II.*