

*Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the report requested in General Assembly resolution 33/48 more factual information about country experiences, in different economic systems, with regard to various instruments and methods of implementation used to achieve a more just income distribution consistent with balanced social and economic development, the removal of rural-urban imbalances and measures for mitigating the adverse effects of inflation and for the benefit of the weaker sections of the population.

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## **1979/25. Preparations for an international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 33/48 of 14 December 1978, in which the Assembly called upon the Commission for Social Development to make recommendations concerning a new international development strategy, and Assembly resolution 33/193 of 29 January 1979 on preparations for an international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

*Considering* that the existing unjust international economic system is a major obstacle to the economic development and social progress of the developing countries,

*Desiring* to achieve the rapid and complete elimination of major obstacles to the economic and social progress of peoples, particularly colonialism, imperialism, neo-colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, aggression, occupation and foreign domination, and all other forms of inequality and exploitation of peoples,

*Convinced* that détente and peaceful coexistence, friendly co-operation among States, the halting of the arms race and disarmament contribute to the economic and social development of peoples,

*Concerned* at the growing disparity in conditions of living and income levels between people in the developed and developing countries,

1. *Reaffirms* the sovereign and inalienable right of all nations to pursue freely their economic and social development and to exercise full and permanent sovereignty over all their wealth, natural resources and economic activities;

2. *Emphasizes* the urgency of the establishment of the new international economic order on a just and

equitable basis as a necessary pre-condition for the economic development and social progress of developing countries;

3. *Reaffirms* that the elimination of all forms of dependence and oppression, such as colonialism, imperialism, neo-colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, aggression, occupation and foreign domination, constitutes a prerequisite for world economic and social progress;

4. *Reaffirms also* the interrelated character of economic and social factors and the basic requirement that economic development and social progress should go together in the promotion of the well-being of the population and in the promotion of balanced economic and social development, which requires a unified approach to development;

5. *Considers* that the new international development strategy should reflect, in an appropriate manner, the need for the adoption of adequate policies for the promotion of social development, to be defined by each country within the framework of its development plans and priorities and in accordance with its socio-economic structure and stage of development, bearing in mind that the final aim of development must be the constant improvement of the well-being of the entire population on the basis of its full participation in the process of development and a fair distribution of the benefits therefrom;

6. *Considers also* that the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, being a basic international document in the field of social development, should serve as a guideline for the preparation of social aspects of the new international development strategy;

7. *Reaffirms* the importance of promoting far-reaching structural socio-economic changes, where required, to serve the objectives of social justice and economic development for the benefit of the entire population;

8. *Recommends* to the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy to take full account of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development as well as the deliberations on this issue in the Commission for Social Development;

9. *Decides* to consider the present resolution at its second regular session of 1979, together with the report to be submitted by the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy pursuant to section II, paragraph 3, of General Assembly resolution 33/193;

10. *Requests* the General Assembly to pay due attention at its thirty-fourth session to the social aspects of the new international development strategy.

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## **1979/26. United Nations Research Institute for Social Development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having examined* the report on the activities of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development during the period from 1 November 1976 to 31 October 1978,<sup>31</sup>

<sup>31</sup> E/CN.5/578.

1. *Places on record* its satisfaction with the work done by the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development;

2. *Expresses the wish* that the social objectives of the new international development strategy should furnish the principal focus and orientation for the research activities of the Institute in the coming years, which should include, more particularly, a continuous study of alternative forms and techniques of democratic participation of the people in the process of economic and social development;

3. *Recommends* that the activities of the Institute should be pursued to an increasing extent in collaboration with and through appropriate research institutes in the interested States Members of the United Nations, particularly the developing countries.

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## 1979/27. Co-ordination and information in the field of youth

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2078 (LXII) of 13 May 1977 on youth in the contemporary world,

*Having taken note* of the report of the Secretary-General on measures taken to implement the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples and the present and future role and the participation of youth in the development and nation-building process as well as in the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,<sup>32</sup>

*Noting* the views expressed by the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-sixth session on the subject of youth,<sup>33</sup> in particular on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 33/7 of 3 November 1978 on the International Youth Year,

*Recalling* that General Assembly resolution 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965, containing the Declaration of the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples, continues to provide a useful basis and incentive for further action in the field of youth at the national, regional, interregional and international levels,

*Reiterating* the importance of publicity as an instrument for furthering the principles set forth in the Declaration and mindful of the continuing need for taking all measures necessary to ensure their universal implementation and to acquaint world public opinion with all aspects of the concerns of youth,

*Noting with great satisfaction* that some of the specialized agencies, especially the International Labour Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization, have developed procedures and programmes in the field of youth and that their work significantly complements the activities undertaken by United Nations bodies in the same field,

<sup>32</sup> E/CN.5/575.

<sup>33</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 4 (E/1979/24), paras. 103-108.

*Recognizing* the necessity for better co-ordination of efforts in dealing with problems confronting young people and in examining the manner in which those problems are being treated by the specialized agencies and by various United Nations bodies,

*Recalling* that by its resolution 2078 (LXII) it requested the Secretary-General, in order to give effect to a co-ordinated and practical approach to youth policies and programmes, to establish an interagency task force drawn from the Secretariat of the United Nations and the specialized agencies directly concerned with youth policies and programmes and to report on the work of that task force to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to analyse systematically the documents of the specialized agencies and of various United Nations bodies containing views, observations and suggestions on the situation, needs and aspirations of young people in the contemporary world and to pay special attention to the question of improving the existing modes of co-ordination, co-operation and communication in the field of youth within the United Nations system;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take concrete measures, through all the communication media at his disposal, to give widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations system in the field of youth and to increase the dissemination of information about youth;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take into account in the preparation of reports on youth to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session the views expressed in this respect during the twenty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development and during the first regular session of 1979 of the Economic and Social Council;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the work of the interagency task force drawn from the Secretariat of the United Nations and the specialized agencies directly concerned with youth policies and programmes.

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## 1979/28. Adoption and foster placement of children

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the draft declaration on social and legal principles relating to adoption and foster placement of children nationally and internationally,<sup>34</sup>

*Convinced* that appropriate measures should be taken to educate the public in order to increase community awareness of the existence of children with special needs,

*Fully aware* of the urgent need for more active involvement of Governments in matters of family and child welfare,

*Recognizing* that it is the responsibility of Governments to determine the adequacy of their national

<sup>34</sup> E/CN.5/574.