

services for children and to recognize those children whose needs are not being met by existing services,

*Recalling* its resolution 1925 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975, in which it decided that the Expert Group which was to prepare a draft declaration should also draft guidelines for the use of Governments in the implementation of the principles,

1. *Takes note* of paragraphs 150 to 154 of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-sixth session<sup>35</sup> concerning the draft declaration on social and legal principles relating to adoption and foster placement of children nationally and internationally and submits the draft declaration<sup>36</sup> to the General Assembly for preliminary consideration at its thirty-fourth session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the draft declaration to all Member States with a view to obtaining their comments on the matter and submitting the results of the inquiry to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

3. *Draws the attention* of the General Assembly to the fact that the Commission for Social Development, at its twenty-sixth session, expressed the wish that, in the event of the Assembly adopting the declaration on social and legal principles relating to adoption and foster placement of children nationally and internationally and subject to the availability of extrabudgetary funds for that purpose, the Secretary-General should be authorized to convene a group of experts, with relevant experience in family and child welfare, representative of all geographical regions, to draft guidelines for the use of Governments in the implementation of those principles.

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9 May 1979*

#### **1979/29. Preparations for the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* from the report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its fifth session<sup>37</sup> that the Secretariat has made considerable progress in the preparation of the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,

*Conscious* of the need for co-ordinated efforts to ensure the success of the Sixth Congress,

*Recognizing* that the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch, which is a unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, is charged with the substantive preparation of the Sixth Congress,

*Noting* the intention of the Secretary-General to retain at United Nations Headquarters four posts of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch in preparation for the Congress,

*Reaffirming* its support for the Secretary-General's plans with respect to the transfer of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch,

<sup>35</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 4 (E/1979/24).*

<sup>36</sup> See E/CN.5/574, sect. IV.

<sup>37</sup> E/CN.5/558, paras.51-54.

*Having taken note* of General Assembly resolutions 31/194 of 22 December 1976 and 33/181 of 21 December 1978,

*Requests* the Secretary-General, nevertheless, to examine the possibility of temporarily deferring the transfer of the staff members of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch involved in the preparation of the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders until the end of the Congress.

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9 May 1979*

#### **1979/30. Enlargement of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 32/60 of 8 December 1977,

*Convinced* of the desirability of increasing the membership of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control as suggested by the Committee at its fifth session, without prejudice to the principle of equitable geographical distribution,

1. *Decides* to increase the membership of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control to twenty-seven members;

2. *Decides* that the seats on the Committee will be distributed as follows:

Seven seats to African States;

Six seats to Asian States;

Three seats to Eastern European States;

Five seats to Latin American States;

Six seats to Western European and other States.

*14th plenary meeting  
9 May 1979*

#### **1979/31. International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Aware* of the gravity of the problem of drinking water supply and sanitation and the crisis that mankind may have to face unless timely action is taken,

*Recognizing* that the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan<sup>38</sup> adopted by the United Nations Water Conference includes, *inter alia*, the launching of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade recommended in paragraph 15 of the Action Plan,

*Taking note* of the progress report on drinking water supply and sanitation,<sup>39</sup> prepared by the World Health Organization in co-operation with other international organizations, and the reports of the regional meetings held under the auspices of the regional commissions<sup>40</sup> and the proposals contained therein,

<sup>38</sup> *Report of the United Nations Water Conference, Mar del Plata, 14-25 March 1977* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.II.A.12), chap. I.

<sup>39</sup> E/C.7/80 and Add.1.

<sup>40</sup> E/C.7/90-94.

*Noting* the great differences among the needs of countries and the importance of realism and flexibility in identifying national targets within the framework of the Decade,

*Noting also* that in the development of programmes for the Decade it will be necessary to bear in mind the relationship between drinking water supply and sanitation and the development of water resources for other uses and that rural water supply and sanitation form an integrated part of primary health care programmes,

*Bearing in mind* the relationship between drinking water supply and sanitation and rural development and the improvement of the quality of life among the urban and rural poor,

*Considering* the importance of appropriate technology and the participation of the local population in the development of the community water supply and sanitation facilities, and the need for manpower for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of those facilities, as well as the need for the exchange of experiences in the above-mentioned fields and for technical co-operation among developing countries,

*Taking note* of the preparations for the international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade undertaken by the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy established under General Assembly resolution 33/193 of 29 January 1979,

1. *Recommends* that, during its thirty-fifth session, the General Assembly should hold a special one-day meeting to launch formally the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, as a framework for the launching of the Decade and prior to the above-mentioned meeting, a comprehensive report on the basis of information supplied by Governments, covering whenever possible the following:

(a) Data on countries' status in the field of drinking water supply and sanitation, to comprise a general baseline against which to measure progress during the Decade;

(b) Targets to be achieved by 1990 that are realistic, taking into account national and international constraints;

(c) The programmes planned to achieve these national targets, including information on the amount of national and external resources needed for the development, rehabilitation, operation and maintenance of drinking water supply and sanitation facilities;

(d) Plans for information programmes to educate the general public on essential basic hygiene;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide, with the assistance of the interagency Steering Committee for the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade and other appropriate United Nations bodies, such guidance as may be requested by Governments in the preparation of national reports for the special meeting referred to in paragraph 1 above, to receive and process those reports in time for them to be issued before the meeting, and to be responsible for the interagency overview of the implementation of the goals of the Decade;

4. *Recommends* that donors of bilateral assistance and organizations providing multilateral assistance

should present in time for the special meeting reports presenting their plans and possibilities for supporting countries in the implementation of the goals of the Decade;

5. *Recommends* that resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme, in consultation with and with the consent of the Governments concerned, should serve as the focal point for co-ordinating the external technical support for the Decade at the country level in conformity with paragraph 34 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977;

6. *Recommends* that regional commissions should support countries in their activities and present regional reviews of preparatory activities;

7. *Recommends* that the Committee on Natural Resources should review the progress made in implementing the goals of the Decade at its meetings during the 1980s;

8. *Recommends* that the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy should take fully into account in its deliberations the preparatory work undertaken for launching the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, bearing in mind that the Mar del Plata Action Plan was approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/158 of 19 December 1977.

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9 May 1979*

## **1979/32. Strengthening of actions concerned with the fulfilment of the World Population Plan of Action**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3344 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, in which the Assembly affirmed that the World Population Plan of Action<sup>41</sup> was an instrument of the international community for the promotion of economic development, quality of life, human rights and fundamental freedoms within the broader context of the internationally adopted strategies for national and international progress,

*Noting with appreciation* the population policies and programmes adopted by international agencies, non-governmental organizations and many States pursuant to the provisions of the World Population Plan of Action, and the progress already made,

*Conscious* of the magnitude and urgency of the tasks still remaining,

*Recalling also* its resolution 2051 (LXII) of 5 May 1977, in which it requested the Secretary-General, in pursuing the task of collecting data and information relevant to the formulation of a new international development strategy, to take due account of the World Population Plan of Action as one of the inputs of particular relevance to that task, with the aim of helping the General Assembly to give due weight to the role of population and the importance of population policies and activities in their relationship to the establishment of a new international economic order,

<sup>41</sup> *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.