

C. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

1. In implementing the above recommendations for action within the framework of the World Population Plan of Action, international organizations with relevant programmes are urged to give maximum assistance to countries. Countries, in turn, are urged to seek the advice and assistance of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and regional commissions, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations. Full use should also be made of opportunities for technical co-operation among developing countries in the area of population.

2. Finally, in view of the rapid changes that are occurring in various dimensions of population, and given the need for an informed response to those changes, the importance of continued periodic monitoring, review and appraisal, regional consultations on population and development, and associated activities by appropriate agencies of the United Nations is stressed. The results of such activities should be fully taken into account in the formulation of any new international development strategy.

1979/33. Work programme in the field of population

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the recommendations of the World Population Conference,⁴³ particularly of the World Population Plan of Action,⁴⁴ General Assembly resolutions 3344 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on the World Population Conference and 3345 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on research on the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development,

Recalling also its decision 87 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975 regarding the monitoring, review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action, its resolution 1943 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975 and its decision 169 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 on guidelines for development planners on population-related factors, and its resolutions 2052 (LXII) of 5 May 1977 on the Population Information System (POPINS) and 2053 (LXII) of 5 May 1977 on the work programme in the field of population,

Aware of the important supportive role of the United Nations system vis-à-vis Governments in achieving the goals of the World Population Plan of Action through the monitoring of research, the exchange of information and technical co-operation,

Stressing the importance of incorporating population factors in development strategies for both developing and developed countries, including the new international development strategy,

Taking note of the discussions in the Population Commission at its twentieth session on the progress of work and the work programme in the field of population,⁴⁵

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the progress of work, the work programme for the biennium 1980-1981 and the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983;⁴⁶

⁴³ *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. II.

⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, chap. I.

⁴⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 2 (E/1979/22)*, chaps. IV and V.

⁴⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/33/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1)*, chap. 21, paras. 21.12-21.61 and 21.73-21.100.

2. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue and strengthen the work on population trends and structure, paying particular attention to studies of mortality, urbanization and migration;

(b) To strengthen the demographic estimates and projections component of the programme in order to satisfy the needs of Governments for reliable and up-to-date estimates and projections;

(c) To continue studies designed to explain causes of fertility change, including those dealing with the impact of family planning programmes, making full use of data from the World Fertility Survey;

(d) To pursue and intensify work on the interrelationships of population and development, paying due attention to both the implications of population trends for development and the impact of social and economic change on demographic trends, with a view to promoting the integration of demographic factors in national and international development strategies and plans;

(e) To prepare a manual for the use of national planners on methods of incorporating demographic factors in development planning;

(f) To pursue the analysis of population policies and their implications, paying due attention to comparative studies that would assist countries in preparing their action programmes;

(g) To arrange for the timely publication of population studies and projections;

(h) To facilitate, in collaboration with the regional commissions and the specialized agencies, the establishment of a Population Information Network (POPIN) as a decentralized network for the co-ordination of regional, national and non-governmental population information activities, and to endeavour to obtain extrabudgetary resources for the functioning of an advisory group and a co-ordinating unit;

(i) To arrange for the continuation of the monitoring of population trends and policies and of the work necessary for the review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action;

(j) To continue and expand the United Nations programme of technical co-operation in the field of population to countries requesting assistance in co-operation, particularly with the United Nations Fund for Population Activities;

(k) To strengthen the United Nations programme of training in population, through the continuation and expansion of the regional and interregional demographic training and research centres sponsored by the United Nations, support for national training institutions and the continuation of the programme of fellowships for training in the population disciplines, particularly in relation to development planning;

(l) To assist Governments, on their request, in establishing or strengthening national institutions whose purpose is to co-ordinate population activities, particularly those relating to development planning, to study techniques of incorporating population factors in national development and to advise Governments in the formulation, implementation, follow-up and evaluation of population policies and programmes;

3. *Urges* Member States to ensure that methods of evaluation and analysis of population census and

survey data and their use and interpretation shall form an integral part of national census programmes by establishing and strengthening national population organizations and institutions;

4. *Emphasizes* the need for the organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen their collaboration and co-ordination in the planning and execution of their population programmes.

*14th plenary meeting
9 May 1979*

1979/34. Question of the human rights of all persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 3452 (XXX) of 9 December 1975,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 3453 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, requested the Commission on Human Rights to study the formulation of a body of principles for the protection of all persons under any form of detention or imprisonment,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to all Governments the draft body of principles for the protection of all persons under any form of detention or imprisonment, contained in the report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its thirty-first session,⁴⁷ to solicit their comments and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, so that the Assembly may consider the adoption of the principles;

2. *Authorizes* the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to request Mrs. Questiaux to continue the study of the implications for human rights of states of siege or emergency.

*15th plenary meeting
10 May 1979*

1979/35. Draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/62 of 8 December 1977 by which the Assembly requested the Commission on Human Rights to draw up a draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and Assembly resolution 33/178 of 20 December 1978 by which the Assembly requested the Commission, at its thirty-fifth session, to give high priority to the question of drafting such a convention,

Bearing in mind that it was not found possible to complete the work on the draft convention during the thirty-fifth session of the Commission,

⁴⁷ E/CN.4/1296, para. 109.

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 18 (XXXV) of 14 March 1979,⁴⁸

1. *Authorizes* an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of one week prior to the thirty-sixth session of the Commission to complete the work on a draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-sixth session all relevant materials relating to the draft convention.

*15th plenary meeting
10 May 1979*

1979/36. Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the responsibilities of the Commission on Human Rights under the Charter of the United Nations,

In conformity with General Assembly resolutions 32/130 of 16 December 1977 and 33/104 and 33/105 of 16 December 1978,

Recalling the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights⁴⁹ and the International Covenants on Human Rights,⁵⁰ in further promoting international co-operation in respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms, as required by the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting the increase in the workload of the Division of Human Rights as a result, *inter alia*, of the entry into force of the International Covenants on Human Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination⁵¹ and the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*,⁵²

1. *Notes* that, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the relevant international instruments, the Commission on Human Rights, in fulfilling the functions set forth in Council resolution 5 (I) of 16 February 1946 and amended by Council resolution 9 (II) of 21 June 1946, should take into account the concepts enumerated in General Assembly resolution 32/130;

2. *Reaffirms* that the Commission on Human Rights shall be guided by the standards in the field of human rights laid down in the various international instruments in that field;

3. *Decides*, further, to add the following provisions to the terms of reference of the Commission on Human Rights set forth in Council resolution 5 (I) and amended by Council resolution 9 (II):

"The Commission shall assist the Economic and Social Council in the co-ordination of activities concerning human rights in the United Nations system";

⁴⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 6 (E/1979/36)*, chap. XXIV.

⁴⁹ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

⁵⁰ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁵¹ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

⁵² General Assembly resolution 3068 (XXVIII), annex.