

**1979/46. International co-operation in the field of human settlements**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements, and 33/111 of 18 December 1978 on international co-operation in the field of human settlements,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 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,

Believing that human settlements issues constitute an integral and vital aspect of national social and economic development,

Convinced of the need to reinforce human settlements activities at the national, regional and international levels,

Considering that the strengthening of measures and objectives in relation to human settlements should form part of the new international development strategy,

Having considered the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its second session,<sup>1</sup>

1. Takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its second session;

2. Reiterates the need for the speedy and full implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/162;

3. Endorses the resolutions and decisions of the Commission on Human Settlements as contained in annex I to its report, in particular resolution 2/1 on the 1980-1981 work programme, and the proposed criteria for the implementation of the programme, annexed to that resolution;

4. Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolutions proposed in Commission resolutions 2/3, 2/4 and 2/6, contained in annex I to that report;

5. Decides to transmit to the General Assembly, for consideration at its thirty-fourth session, the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its second session.

*36th plenary meeting  
27 July 1979*

**1979/47. Public accounting and auditing for national development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 32/179 of 19 December 1977 and 33/144 of 20 December 1978 and Council resolution 1978/60 of 3 August 1978 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of the developing countries,

Recalling also Council resolution 1978/6 of 4 May 1978 on public administration and finance for development in the 1980s,

1. Recognizes the necessary and important role of public accounting and auditing in the effective management of national development plans and programmes, and in promoting international economic co-operation;

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth session, Supplement No. 8 (A/34/8).

2. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To convene a workshop on public accounting and auditing to review generally accepted accounting principles and modern auditing techniques particularly suitable for the needs of developing countries;

(b) To study, in the light of the results of the workshop mentioned above, the feasibility of organizing, as required, training activities at the national, regional and interregional levels, in order to support national efforts to improve the accounting and auditing systems of those countries;

3. Requests the United Nations Development Programme and other competent organizations in the United Nations system to give, within the context of national development priorities, due consideration to technical co-operation projects in public accounting and auditing.

*37th plenary meeting  
31 July 1979*

**1979/48. Role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolutions 1978/60 of 3 August 1978 and 1978/75 of 8 November 1978,

Further recalling General Assembly resolution 33/144 of 20 December 1978, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to proceed with the implementation of Assembly resolution 32/179 of 19 December 1977, taking specially into account the role of the public sector in promoting the secure economic and social development of developing countries and bearing also in mind the evaluation of activities in public administration and finance,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries<sup>2</sup> and of the comments made in the Council during its second regular session of 1979,

Bearing in mind that every State has the sovereign and inalienable right to choose its economic and social system in accordance with the will of its people, without outside interference,

1. Recommends that the Secretary-General's report on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries be transmitted to the General Assembly, in accordance with Assembly resolution 32/179;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a further progress report to the Council at its second regular session of 1981;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in preparing the next report, to give consideration to changes occurring in the over-all roles and modalities of the public sector as a result of new perceptions and priorities regarding development, including the implementation of the international development strategy for the 1980s and the experience of different countries;

4. Further recommends that the General Assembly should review at its thirty-fourth session the report mentioned in paragraph 1 above, in order to determine which aspects of the role of the public sector require further in-depth study, as indicated in that report;

<sup>2</sup> E/1979/66.