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Report of the Second Committee (Part IX)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 71 (see A/37/680, para. 2). Action to be taken on subitem (j) was considered at the 31st, 36th and 41st to 43rd meetings of the Committee, on 4, 15, 19 and 23 November 1982. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/37/SR.31, 36 and 41-43).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/37/L.23 and A/C.2/37/L.69

2. At the 31st meeting, on 4 November, the representative of Bangladesh, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/37/L.23) entitled "International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, 1987", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 35/76 of 5 December 1980 in which it expressed the view that an international year devoted to the problems of homeless people in urban and rural areas of the developing countries could be an appropriate occasion to focus the attention of the international community on those problems,

"Recalling also its resolution 36/71 of 4 December 1981 in which it decided, in principle, to designate 1987 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, on the understanding that the criteria for financing and organizing international years set out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 were complied with,

"Taking note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) on the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, 1/ together with the comments made thereon by the Commission on Human Settlements at its fifth session 2/ and the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, and also the report of the Secretary-General on the organizational and financial aspects of holding the International Year, called for in General Assembly resolution 36/71, 3/

"Taking note also of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/46 B of 30 July 1982 on the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless,

"Seriously concerned that, despite the efforts of governments at the national and local levels and of international organizations, the living conditions of the majority of the people in slums and squatter areas and rural settlements, especially in developing countries, continue to deteriorate in both relative and absolute terms,

"Convinced that a special effort to address this fundamental issue will strengthen overall national economic and social development, in furtherance of the goals of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

"Having considered the recommendations of the Commission on Human Settlements, contained in resolution 5/14 of 7 May 1982, adopted at its fifth session, 2/ Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/46 B and the report of the Secretary-General, 3/

"1. Proclaims the year 1987 International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;

"2. Decides that the objective of activities before and during the Year will be to improve the shelter and neighbourhoods of some of the poor and disadvantaged by 1987, particularly in the developing countries, according to national priorities, and to demonstrate by the year 2000 ways and means of improving the shelter and neighbourhoods of the poor and disadvantaged;

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1/ HS/C/5/5.

2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/37/8).

3/ A/37/527 and Add.1.

"3. Also decides that special attention will be given, during the Year, and the preparations therefor, to ways and means of:

"(a) Securing renewed political commitment by the international community to the improvement of the shelter and neighbourhoods of the poor and disadvantaged, and to the provision of shelter for the homeless, particularly in the developing countries, as a matter of priority;

"(b) Consolidating and sharing all new and existing knowledge and relevant experience gained since Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, held in 1976, in order to provide a full range of tested and practical alternatives for improving the shelter and neighbourhoods of the poor and disadvantaged and for providing shelter to the homeless;

"(c) Developing and demonstrating new approaches and methods to assist directly and to augment the present efforts of the homeless, poor and disadvantaged to secure their own shelter and in order to provide a basis for new national policies and strategies for improving the shelter and neighbourhoods of the poor and disadvantaged by the year 2000;

"(d) Exchanging experience and providing support among countries to meet the objectives of the Year;

"4. Urges that the main thrust of the specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless should take place at the national and local levels, in accordance with national plans and priorities;

"5. Endorses the proposals for organizing and financing the International Year contained in the report of the Secretary-General; 3/

"6. Designates the Commission on Human Settlements to act as the United Nations intergovernmental body responsible for organizing the Year and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) as the secretariat for the Year and as the lead agency for co-ordinating the relevant programmes and activities of other organizations and agencies concerned;

"7. Invites all Governments, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, including interested national institutions, to collaborate in support of the work of the Commission on Human Settlements and to make special efforts through existing and new programmes during the period 1983-1987 to help achieve the objectives and goals of the Year;

"8. Appeals to all Governments, especially those of developed countries, to extend generous financial and other appropriate support to the programme for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;

"9. Also appeals to international financial institutions, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to extend generous financial and other appropriate support to the programme for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;

"10. Recommends that provision should be made in the agenda for each session of the Commission on Human Settlements, up to the year 1987, for such donors to indicate the nature and extent of the support which they propose to give to the programme for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;

"11. Requests the Secretary-General, during the period 1983-1987, to submit annual reports to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the approved programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the Year;

"12. Decides to include an item entitled "International Year of Shelter for the Homeless" in the provisional agenda for the regular sessions of the General Assembly during the period 1983-1987."

3. A statement by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution was circulated in document A/C.2/37/L.63. The Committee also had before it the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless (A/37/527/Add.1).

4. At the 43rd meeting, on 23 November, the Committee considered a draft resolution (A/C.2/37/L.69) submitted by Mr. George Papadatos, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/37/L.23.

5. Statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Jamaica, Sri Lanka, Belgium, Poland and Kenya.

6. A representative of the Budget Division made a statement and orally revised the statement on the administrative and financial implications. The revised statement is contained in document A/C.2/37/L.83.

7. Statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America and Sri Lanka.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/37/L.69 (see para. 20, draft resolution I).

9. In the light of the adoption of the draft resolution A/C.2/37/L.69, draft resolution A/C.2/23 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

10. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics made a statement after the adoption of the draft resolution.

B. Draft resolution A/C.2/37/L.29

11. At the 36th meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Saudi Arabia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/37/L.29) entitled "Living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories", sponsored by Bangladesh, Morocco and Saudi Arabia. Subsequently, Afghanistan, Cuba, the German Democratic Republic, Guinea, India, Malaysia, Morocco, Nicaragua, Oman, Pakistan, the Sudan, the United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam, Yemen and Yugoslavia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.
12. A statement by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution was circulated in document A/C.2/37/L.62.
13. At the 41st meeting, on 19 November, statements before the vote were made by the representatives of the German Democratic Republic, China, the United States of America, India, the United Arab Emirates, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Cuba, Guinea, Chile, Morocco (on behalf of the Arab Group), Australia, and Israel.
14. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/37/L.29 by a recorded vote of 128 to 2, with 4 abstentions (see para. 20, draft resolution II). The voting was as follows: 4/

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, France, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

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4/ The delegation of Fiji subsequently indicated that, had it been present, it would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

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Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Burma, Canada, Ivory Coast.

15. After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Uganda.

16. At the 42nd meeting, on 19 November, the representatives of Fiji, Jordan and Sweden also made statements after the vote.

C. Draft resolutions A/C.2/37/L.47 and A/C.2/37/L.68

17. At the 42nd meeting, on 19 November, the Committee had before it draft resolutions A to C (A/C.2/37/L.47) entitled "Human settlements", sponsored by Burundi, Canada, Ecuador, Finland, Kenya, Norway, the Philippines, Sweden and Uganda, which read as follows:

"Human settlements

"A

"Report of the Commission on Human Settlements

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its 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,

"Recalling further its resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements and 34/116 of 14 December 1979 on the strengthening of human settlements activities,

"Recalling also the principles and aims contained in the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 1976, and the other recommendations of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, 5/ as well as those

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5/ See Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Vancouver, 31 May-11 June 1976 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7 and corrigendum).

contained in resolution 4/1, entitled "Manila Communiqué on a Human Settlements Movement", adopted on 6 May 1981 by the Commission on Human Settlements at its fourth session, 6/

"Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/46 A of 27 July 1982 on international co-operation in the field of human settlements,

"Having considered the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fifth session, 7/

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

"2. Reaffirms the importance of human settlements activities in the promotion of national, economic and social development and in the enhancement of the quality of life for the poor and the disadvantaged, particularly in the developing countries;

"3. Commends the Commission on the effective manner in which it continues to discharge its mandate in assisting Governments to tackle the serious problems of human settlements development;

"4. Urges the Commission to continue to take account of and to provide adequate support to technical co-operation among developing countries in the formulation and implementation of its programmes on human settlements.

"B

"Mobilization of financial resources for the development  
and improvement of human settlements

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements, by which the Assembly, inter alia, provided for the mobilization and utilization of resources in the various regions in the field of human settlements,

"Bearing in mind other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, including, in particular, resolutions 31/109 of 16 December 1976, 35/77 D of 5 December 1980 and 36/72 of 4 December 1981,

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6/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/36/8), annex I.

7/ Ibid., Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/37/8).

"Recalling also its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, containing the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, in particular paragraphs 159 and 160 thereof on the development and improvement of human settlements,

"Considering that human settlements policies are inseparable from the goals of social and economic development and that solutions to the problems of such settlements must, consequently, be conceived of as an integral part of the development process of individual countries and the world community,

"Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/69 A of 24 July 1981, particularly paragraphs 4 and 5 thereof on the need for adequate financing for the projected activities of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat),

"Disturbed by the current trends affecting the resources available for the development and improvement of human settlements, resources which are clearly insufficient to meet existing requirements,

"Convinced of the need for urgent action to improve the living conditions of the masses of people in human settlements, particularly in the developing countries,

"Recognizing that such action is primarily the responsibility of Governments at the national and local levels,

"Recognizing further that the international community should provide, both at the global and regional levels, encouragement and support to Governments determined to take effective action to ameliorate conditions, especially for the most disadvantaged, in rural and urban human settlements,

"1. Expresses its appreciation to those Governments that have so far made financial contributions to the activities of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat);

"2. Urges recipient countries, consistent with their own national priorities, to give consideration to allocating an appropriate portion of the development aid resources they receive from multilateral sources to the specific financing of national projects for the development and improvement of human settlements;

"3. Further urges donor and recipient countries to give consideration to the utilization of parts of bilateral assistance funds for the financing of human settlements activities of interest to them;

"4. Appeals to international and regional financial institutions to allocate an appropriate portion of their development aid resources to the development and improvement of human settlements in the developing countries, in accordance with the priorities of the recipient countries;



"5. Reiterates its urgent appeal to States, particularly developed countries and others in a position to do so, to contribute and, if possible, to increase their contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation in support of the activities of the Centre.

"C

"Co-ordination of human settlements programmes  
within the United Nations system

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 35/77 C of 5 December 1980, in which it invited the Secretary-General to arrange, in consultation with the members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, for the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to participate in all aspects of the work of that Committee and its subsidiary machinery,

"Recalling also section III, paragraphs 5 (a) and (b), of its resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977, in which it called upon the Centre to ensure the harmonization at the intersecretariat level of human settlements programmes planned and carried out by the United Nations system and to assist the Commission on Human Settlements in co-ordinating human settlements activities in the United Nations system, to keep them under review and to assess their effectiveness,

"Recalling, in particular, section VI, paragraph 4, of its resolution 32/162, in which it decided that the existing mechanisms of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination must be strengthened to ensure that co-ordination in the field of human settlements is effective throughout the United Nations system,

"Convinced that the implementation of the mandates of the Commission on Human Settlements and the Centre with respect to the co-ordination and harmonization of human settlements activities in the United Nations system can be most efficiently assured through the Centre's participation in all aspects of the work of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and its subsidiary machinery,

"Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/46 A of 27 July 1982, particularly operative paragraph 3 thereof,

"1. Requests the Secretary-General to accelerate his efforts to arrange consultations with the members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, with a view to arranging for the Centre to participate in all aspects of the work of the Committee and its subsidiary machinery and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the results of those efforts;

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"2. Urges the Commission on Human Settlements and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to accelerate their efforts to achieve greater harmonization and co-ordination of human settlements activities in the United Nations system, in accordance with their respective mandates under General Assembly resolution 32/162, and calls on the appropriate specialized agencies and other bodies and organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate with the Commission and the Centre in those efforts."

18. At the same meeting, the Committee considered a draft resolution (A/C.2/37/L.68) submitted by Mr. George Papadatos, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/37/L.47. In light of the submission of draft resolution A/C.2/37/L.68, draft resolution A/C.2/37/L.47 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

19. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/37/L.68 (see para. 20, draft resolutions III A to C).

### III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

20. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION I

#### International Year of Shelter for the Homeless

##### The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/76 of 5 December 1980 in which it expressed the view that an international year devoted to the problems of homeless people in urban and rural areas of the developing countries could be an appropriate occasion to focus the attention of the international community on those problems,

Recalling also its resolution 36/71 of 4 December 1981, in which it decided, in principle, to designate 1987 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, on the understanding that the criteria for financing and organizing international years set out in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 were complied with,

Taking note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) on the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, 8/ together with the comments made thereon by the Commission on Human

Settlements at its fifth session 9/ and the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, and also the report of the Secretary-General on the organizational and financial aspects of holding the International Year, called for in General Assembly resolution 36/71, 10/

Taking note also of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/46 B of 27 July 1982 on the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless,

Seriously concerned that, despite the efforts of Governments at the national and local levels and of international organizations, the living conditions of the majority of the people in slums and squatter areas and rural settlements, especially in developing countries, continue to deteriorate in both relative and absolute terms,

Convinced that a special effort to address this fundamental issue will strengthen over-all national economic and social development, in furtherance of the goals of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 11/

Having considered the recommendations of the Commission on Human Settlements, contained in its resolution 5/14 of 7 May 1982, 12/ Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/46 B and the report of the Secretary-General, 10/

1. Proclaims the year 1987 International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;
2. Decides that the objective of activities before and during the Year will be to improve the shelter and neighbourhoods of some of the poor and disadvantaged by 1987, particularly in the developing countries, according to national priorities, and to demonstrate by the year 2000 ways and means of improving the shelter and neighbourhoods of the poor and disadvantaged;
3. Also decides that special attention will be given, during the Year and the preparations therefor, to ways and means of:
  - (a) Securing renewed political commitment by the international community to the improvement of the shelter and neighbourhoods of the poor and disadvantaged and to the provision of shelter for the homeless, particularly in the developing countries, as a matter of priority;

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9/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/37/8).

10/ A/37/527 and Add.1.

11/ See resolution 35/56, annex, paras. 159 and 160.

12/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/37/8), annex I, sect. A.

(b) Consolidating and sharing all new and existing knowledge and relevant experience gained since Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, held in 1976, 13/ in order to provide a full range of tested and practical alternatives for improving the shelter and neighbourhoods of the poor and disadvantaged and for providing shelter to the homeless;

(c) Developing and demonstrating new approaches and methods to assist directly and augment the present efforts of the homeless, poor and disadvantaged to secure their own shelter and in order to provide a basis for new national policies and strategies for improving the shelter and neighbourhoods of the poor and disadvantaged by the year 2000;

(d) Exchanging experience and providing support among countries to meet the objectives of the Year;

4. Urges that the main thrust of the specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the Year should take place at the national and local levels, in accordance with national plans and priorities;

5. Endorses in principle the programme for the Year contained in the report of the Secretary-General, 10/ on the understanding that the criteria for financing and organizing international years set forth in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 will be complied with and on the understanding that the programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the Year will be adjusted in accordance with the availability of voluntary contributions;

6. Designates the Commission on Human Settlements, in the framework of its regular sessions, to act as the United Nations intergovernmental body responsible for organizing the Year and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) as the secretariat for the Year and as the lead agency for co-ordinating the relevant programmes and activities of other organizations and agencies concerned;

7. Recommends that the Commission on Human Settlements should review annually the objectives, strategies and criteria for the Year, as well as the guidelines referred to in paragraph 1 of Commission resolution 5/14; 12/

8. Invites all Governments, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, including interested national institutions, to collaborate in support of the work of the Commission on Human Settlements and to make special efforts through existing and new programmes during the period 1983-1987 to help achieve the objectives and goals of the Year;

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13/ See the Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Vancouver, 31 May-11 June 1976 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7 and corrigendum).

9. Appeals to all Governments, especially those of developed countries and others in a position to do so, to extend generous financial and other appropriate support to the programme for the Year;

10. Also appeals to international financial institutions, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to extend generous financial and other appropriate support to the programme for the Year;

11. Recommends that provision should be made in the agenda for each session of the Commission on Human Settlements, up to the year 1987, for such donors to indicate the nature and extent of the support which they propose to give to the programme for the Year;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation of the approved programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the Year;

13. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session an item entitled "International Year of Shelter for the Homeless".

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION II

#### Living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories

##### The General Assembly,

Recalling the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 1976 14/ and the relevant recommendations for national action 15/ adopted by Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,

Recalling also resolution 3, entitled "Living conditions of the Palestinians in occupied territories", contained in the recommendations for international co-operation adopted by Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, 16/

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14/ Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Vancouver, 31 May-11 June 1976 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7 and corrigendum), chap. I.

15/ Ibid., chap. II.

16/ Ibid., chap. III.

2. Reaffirms the importance of human settlements activities in the promotion of national, economic and social development and in the enhancement of the quality of life for the poor and the disadvantaged, particularly in the developing countries;

3. Commends the Commission on Human Settlements on the effective manner in which it continues to discharge its mandate in assisting Governments to tackle the serious problems of human settlements development;

4. Urges the Commission on Human Settlements to continue to take account of and to provide adequate support to technical co-operation among developing countries in the formulation and implementation of its programmes on human settlements.

B

Mobilization of financial resources for the development  
and improvement of human settlements

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements, by which it, inter alia, provided for the mobilization and utilization of resources in the various regions in the field of human settlements,

Bearing in mind other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, including, in particular, resolutions 31/109 of 16 December 1976, 35/77 D of 5 December 1980 and 36/72 of 4 December 1981,

Recalling also its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, containing the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, in particular paragraphs 159 and 160 thereof on the development and improvement of human settlements,

Considering that human settlements policies are inseparable from the goals of social and economic development and that solutions to the problems of such settlements must, consequently, be conceived of as an integral part of the development process of individual countries and the world community,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/69 A of 24 July 1981, particularly paragraphs 4 and 5 thereof on the need for adequate financing for the projected activities of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat),

Disturbed by the current trends affecting the resources available for the development and improvement of human settlements, resources which are clearly insufficient to meet existing requirements,

Convinced of the need for urgent action to improve the living conditions of the masses of people in human settlements, particularly in the developing countries,

Recognizing that such action is primarily the responsibility of Governments at the national and local levels,

Recognizing further that the international community should provide, both at the global and regional levels, encouragement and support to Governments determined to take effective action to ameliorate conditions, especially for the most disadvantaged, in rural and urban human settlements,

1. Expresses its appreciation to those Governments that have so far made financial contributions to the activities of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat);
2. Urges recipient countries, consistent with their own national priorities, to give consideration to allocating an appropriate portion of the development aid resources that they receive from multilateral sources to the specific financing of national projects for the development and improvement of human settlements;
3. Further urges donor and recipient countries to give consideration to the utilization of parts of bilateral assistance funds for the financing of human settlements activities of interest to them;
4. Appeals to international and regional financial institutions to allocate an appropriate portion of their development aid resources to the development and improvement of human settlements in the developing countries, in accordance with the priorities of the recipient countries;
5. Reiterates its urgent appeal to States, particularly developed countries and others in a position to do so, to contribute and, if possible, to increase their contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation in support of the activities of the Centre.

C

Co-ordination of human settlements programmes  
within the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/77 C of 5 December 1980, in which it invited the Secretary-General to arrange, in consultation with the members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, for the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to participate in all aspects of the work of that Committee and its subsidiary machinery,

Recalling also section III, paragraphs 5 (a) and (b), of its resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977, in which it called upon the Centre to ensure the harmonization at the intersecretariat level of human settlements programmes planned and carried out by the United Nations system and to assist the Commission on Human Settlements in co-ordinating human settlements activities in the United Nations system, to keep them under review and to assess their effectiveness,

Recalling, in particular, section VI, paragraph 4, of its resolution 32/162, in which it decided that the existing mechanisms of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination must be strengthened to ensure that co-ordination in the field of human settlements is effective throughout the United Nations system,

Convinced that the implementation of the mandates of the Commission on Human Settlements and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements with respect to the co-ordination and harmonization of human settlements activities in the United Nations system can be most efficiently assured through the Centre's participation in all aspects of the work of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and its subsidiary machinery,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/46 A of 27 July 1982, particularly paragraph 3 thereof,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to accelerate his efforts to arrange consultations with the members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, with a view to arranging for the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to participate in all aspects of the work of the Committee and its subsidiary machinery in order to strengthen the co-ordination of human settlements programmes within the United Nations system, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the results of those efforts;

2. Urges the Commission on Human Settlements and the Centre to accelerate their efforts to achieve greater harmonization and co-ordination of human settlements activities in the United Nations system, in accordance with their respective mandates under General Assembly resolution 32/162, and calls upon the appropriate specialized agencies and other bodies and organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate with the Commission and the Centre in those efforts.

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