

5. *Endorses*, in principle, the programme for the Year contained in the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>172</sup> 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 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;

8. *Invites* all Governments, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental bodies 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 for the Year;

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 and intergovernmental bodies 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".

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### **37/222. Living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories**

#### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 1976,<sup>177</sup> and the relevant recommendations for national action<sup>178</sup> 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,<sup>179</sup>

*Recalling further* its resolution 36/73 of 4 December 1981,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories;<sup>180</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the statement made by the observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization;<sup>181</sup>

3. *Expresses its alarm* at the deterioration in the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 as a result of the Israeli occupation;

4. *Affirms* that the Israeli occupation is contradictory to the basic requirements for the social and economic development of the Palestinian people in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip;

5. *Affirms also* that the exercise by the Palestinian people of their right to self-determination is a prerequisite for their social and economic development in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967;

6. *Calls upon* the Israeli occupation authorities to give United Nations bodies and experts access to the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967;

7. *Recognizes* the need for a comprehensive report on the social and economic conditions of the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a comprehensive report on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories.

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### **37/223. 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 also* 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 further* the principles and aims contained in the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 1976,<sup>177</sup> and the other recommendations of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,<sup>178</sup> as well as those contained in resolution 4/1, entitled "Manila Communiqué on a Human Settlements Movement", adopted on 6 May 1981 by the Commission on Human Settlements,<sup>182</sup>

<sup>179</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. III.

<sup>180</sup> A/37/238.

<sup>181</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Second Committee, 31st meeting, para. 86.*

<sup>182</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/36/8), annex I, sect. A.*

<sup>177</sup> *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.

<sup>178</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. II.

*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,<sup>183</sup>

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 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.

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## 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, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, in particular paragraphs 159 and 160 of the Strategy 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 also* that the international community should provide, at both 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. *Urges also* 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 Member 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.

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## 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 paragraph 3 thereof,

<sup>183</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/37/8).

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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### 37/224. Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries

*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,

*Reaffirming* that in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade it was stated, *inter alia*, that, as an essential priority within the Strategy, the least developed countries—the economically weakest and poorest countries with the most formidable structural problems—require a special programme of sufficient size and intensity consistent with their national plans and priorities to make a decisive break from their past and present situation and their bleak prospects,<sup>184</sup>

*Recalling* resolution 122 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,<sup>185</sup> which was endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 34/210 of 19 December 1979,

*Reaffirming* the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, adopted unanimously by the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries<sup>186</sup> and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 36/194 of 17 December 1981,

*Reaffirming also* that the main objectives of the Substantial New Programme of Action are to transform the economies of the least developed countries towards self-sustaining development, to promote the structural changes necessary to overcome the extreme economic difficulties of the least developed countries, to provide fully adequate and internationally accepted minimum standards of nutrition, health, transport and communications, housing and education as

well as job opportunities to all their citizens, to identify and support major investment opportunities and priorities, and to mitigate the adverse effects of natural disasters,

*Stressing* the immediate need for greatly expanded support measures, including a major increase in the transfer of additional resources from all developed countries, developing countries in a position to do so, multilateral development and financial institutions and other sources, for the realization of the objectives of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

*Emphasizing* the need for improvements in aid modalities and practices and their responsiveness to the requirements of the least developed countries,

*Expressing its deepest concern* at the continued deterioration of the economic and social situation of the least developed countries and their dismal development, even after adoption of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

*Noting with concern* that the present external resource flows to the least developed countries are not in line with the substantial increases envisaged in the Substantial New Programme of Action, thus contributing to the slow implementation of the Programme,

*Noting with appreciation* the progress made by some of the donor countries towards the implementation of their commitments, as contained in paragraphs 61 to 69 of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,<sup>187</sup>

1. *Emphasizes* that, in view of their desperate socio-economic plight, the least developed countries need the urgent and special attention and the large-scale support on a continuous basis of the international community to enable them to progress towards self-reliant development, consistent with the plans and programmes of each least developed country;

2. *Calls upon* all Member States, as well as multilateral development and financial institutions, the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and all others concerned to take immediate, concrete and fully adequate measures and steps to accelerate the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries;

3. *Strongly urges* all donor countries to implement their commitments, as stated in paragraphs 61 to 69 of the Substantial New Programme of Action,<sup>186</sup> so as to achieve, in that regard, a substantial increase of resources for the development of the least developed countries;

4. *Reaffirms* that the least developed countries have primary responsibility for their overall development and that, although international support measures are vitally important, the domestic policies that those countries pursue will be of critical importance for the success of their development efforts;

5. *Calls upon* all Member States, as well as multilateral development and financial institutions, the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and all others concerned to consider favourably giving their full support to aid consultative groups or other arrangements to be established at the initiative of the least developed countries in accordance with paragraphs 110 to 116 of the Substantial New Programme of Action;

6. *Recommends strongly* that the first round of review meetings at the country level on the implementation of the

<sup>184</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex, para. 136.

<sup>185</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session*, vol. 1, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

<sup>186</sup> *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

<sup>187</sup> A/37/197 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1 and 2.