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IMPORTANCE OF THE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF NATIONAL INCOME  
FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Note by the Secretary-General

1. On the recommendation of the Commission for Social Development, the Economic and Social Council adopted, on 13 May 1974, resolution 2074 (LXII) on the distribution of national income. In that resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Council, on the findings of various specialized agencies and organs of the United Nations system, relating to the distribution of national income. The Council also requested the General Assembly to include, as a one-time measure, an item on this subject in the agenda of its thirty-third session.
2. The report of the Secretary-General entitled "Distribution of income: trends and policies" (E/1978/29), prepared in response to that resolution, was considered by the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session, 1978. In its decision 1978/17 of 5 May 1978, the Council took note of the report and decided to include it in the documentation for its second regular session, 1978, under the item on general discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments.
3. The General Assembly will have available the report for its consideration under agenda item 80.

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