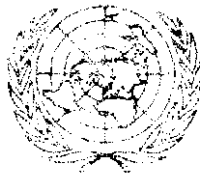




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Implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development

Note by the Secretary-General

1. On 11 December 1969, the General Assembly adopted the Declaration on Social Progress and Development (resolution 2542 (XXIV)). On the same date it adopted resolution 2543 (XXIV) on the implementation of that Declaration in which it requested the Secretary-General "to inform the General Assembly, in a summary form in annexes to the reports on the world social situation, of the measures adopted by Governments - not included in other reports provided on a regular basis - and by the international organizations concerned for the realization of the provisions of the Declaration".
2. In response to that request, the Secretary-General submitted, as an addendum to the mimeographed version of the 1974 Report on the World Social Situation, a report based on information provided by Member States and the specialized agencies (E/CN.5/512/Add.19).
3. At its twenty-fourth session, in January 1975, the Commission for Social Development decided to consider under a separate agenda item the report on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for purposes of social progress (E/CN.5/512/Add.18) and the report on the implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development (E/CN.5/512/Add.19). Subsequently, however, the Commission deferred consideration of the item until its twenty-fifth session.
4. The above-mentioned report on the implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development (E/CN.5/512/Add.19), together with a note by the Secretary-General (E/CN.5/544), was considered by the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-fifth session and by the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-second session.

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5. On the recommendation of the Commission for Social Development, the Economic and Social Council adopted, on 13 May 1977, resolution 2069 (LXII), in which it recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see annex).

ANNEX

Resolution recommended by the Economic and Social Council

Implementation of the Declaration on Social
Progress and Development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the importance of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, contained in its resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, for the formulation and implementation of national policies and measures conducive to rapid social and economic progress,

Recalling its resolution 2543 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 on the implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development and other United Nations documents bearing on socio-economic development, in particular the Declaration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, contained in General Assembly resolution 3201 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, and the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, contained in Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974,

Convinced that in conformity with the Declaration on Social Progress and Development the primary task of all States and international organizations is to eliminate all obstacles to social progress, in particular such evils as inequality, exploitation, war, colonialism and racism,

Conscious of the fact that further social development contributes to peaceful coexistence, détente and the strengthening of international peace and security,

Recalling that 1979 will mark the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,

1. Urges all Governments to take due account of their ultimate responsibility of ensuring the social progress and well-being of their people, inter alia by adhering to the principles espoused in the Declaration on Social Progress and Development;
2. Recommends that international organizations and agencies concerned with development should continue to consider the Declaration as an important international document in the formulation of strategies and programmes designed to achieve social progress and development;
3. Decides, in order to mark the tenth anniversary of the Declaration, to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session a separate item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development";

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4. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, essentially from the information already available, a comprehensive report, in lieu of an annex to the 1978 Report on the World Social Situation as provided for in Assembly resolution 2543 (XXIV), on the implementation of the Declaration during the period 1969-1979 by Governments, international organizations and agencies concerned with development.
