

Recognizing the need for further study of the implications of the growth, structure and geographical distribution of population for economic and social development, including national health, nutrition, education and social welfare programmes carried out at all levels of government activity,

Believing that demographic problems require the consideration of economic, social, cultural, psychological and health factors in their proper perspective,

Recognizing the sovereignty of nations in formulating and promoting their own population policies, with due regard to the principle that the size of the family should be the free choice of each individual family,

1. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council, the Population Commission, the regional economic commissions, the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut and the specialized agencies concerned to study the proceedings of the 1965 World Population Conference when pursuing their activities in the field of population;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the decision of the World Health Organization to include in its programme of activities the study of the health aspects of human reproduction and the provision of advisory services, upon request, within its responsibilities under World Health Assembly resolution WHA 19.43, and the decision of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to stimulate and provide assistance towards scientific studies concerning the relations between the development of education and population;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To pursue, within the limits of available resources, the implementation of the work programme covering training, research, information and advisory services in the field of population in the light of the recommendations of the Population Commission contained in the report on its thirteenth session,⁴⁵ as endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1084 (XXXIX), and of the considerations set forth in the preamble of the present resolution;

(b) To continue his consultations with the specialized agencies concerned, in order to ensure that the activities of the United Nations system of organizations in the field of population are effectively co-ordinated;

(c) To present to the Population Commission at its fourteenth session, as envisaged in Economic and Social Council resolution 1084 (XXXIX), proposals with regard to the priorities of work over periods of two and five years, within the framework of the long-range programme of work in the field of population;

4. *Calls upon* the Economic and Social Council, the Population Commission, the regional economic commissions, the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut and the specialized agencies concerned to assist, when requested, in further developing and strengthening national and regional facilities for training, research, information and advisory services in the field of population, bearing in mind the different character of population problems in each country and region and the needs arising therefrom.

1497th plenary meeting,
17 December 1966.

⁴⁵ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/4019).

2212 (XXI). Headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

The General Assembly

Decides to locate the headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at Vienna.

1497th plenary meeting,
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2218 (XXI). United Nations Development Decade

A

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the solemn undertaking embodied in the Charter of the United Nations to promote economic and social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Recalling the high hopes raised by the proclamation, at its sixteenth session, of the United Nations Development Decade, the first world-wide effort to give concrete form to that solemn undertaking,

Endorsing Economic and Social Council resolution 1152 (XLI) of 4 August 1966, in which the Council, noting that progress during the United Nations Development Decade had been disappointingly slow, recommended a survey of the preparations required in order to further and facilitate planning for concerted international action for the period following the Decade, having regard to the experience gained,

Considering that further development efforts will produce satisfactory results only if, without delay, the necessary action, both national and international, is systematically prepared and oriented towards longer-term and increased efforts by Member States in the field of economic and social development and in particular development assistance,

Noting that the United Nations family of organizations has already made encouraging progress in promulgating various principles, directives and guidelines for action in the field of development,

Bearing in mind the fact that at its second session the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will have to consider taking steps to achieve a great measure of agreement on principles governing international trade relations and trade policies conducive to development,

Bearing in mind also its resolution 1942 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 concerning the necessity of drafting a declaration on international economic co-operation,

Recognizing that the formulation of a consolidated statement of the rights and duties of peoples and nations might sustain and enhance international development efforts and co-operation and could help to enlist wider public support for the strengthening of development policies,

Considering that the possibility and advisability of proclaiming a charter of development underlying international co-operation in the interest of economic, social and cultural development deserve further consideration,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the regional economic commissions, the United Nations

Economic and Social Office in Beirut and the executive heads of the intergovernmental organizations related to the United Nations, as appropriate, to prepare a concise and systematic survey of the various principles, directives and guidelines for action in the field of development, as contained in the resolutions, declarations and similar texts of the United Nations and related agencies and in other relevant sources;

2. *Emphasizes* that the preparation of this survey in no way prejudices the call addressed by it, in its resolution 2085 (XX) of 20 December 1965, to the Governments of States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to make the maximum efforts through the Conference, which attached great importance to principles governing international trade relations and trade policies conducive to development,⁴⁶ with a view to reaching, at the earliest possible moment, the broadest possible measure of agreement on principles and policies;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account the discussions on the subject at the twenty-first session, to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, a progress report on the preparatory work undertaken by him in accordance with paragraph 1 above.

1498th plenary meeting,
19 December 1966.

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1710 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 and 2084 (XX) of 20 December 1965, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1089 (XXXIX) of 20 July 1965 and 1152 (XLI) of 4 August 1966 on the United Nations Development Decade,

Recognizing the positive influence of the United Nations Development Decade as an organizing principle not only for the developmental activities of the United Nations family of organizations but also for national Governments for their separate and independent actions,

Noting with concern that the progress made so far does not offer sufficient assurance that the modest targets of the United Nations Development Decade will be attained by the end of the Decade,

Realizing that one of the reasons for the slow progress in achieving the modest targets set for the

⁴⁶ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development*, vol. I, *Final Act and Report* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 64.II.B.11), annexes A.I.1, A.I.2 and A.I.3, pp. 18, 25 and 26.

United Nations Development Decade has been the absence of a framework of international development strategy,

Considering that it is necessary to look ahead to the next decade so that concerted international action will be taken for the accelerated social and economic development of the developing countries in the light of the experience gained during the present decade,

Recognizing the need for the further mobilization by the developing countries of their domestic resources for development purposes,

Recognizing the need to delineate guidelines and general objectives for the next decade and to define in more precise quantitative terms the goals and targets for the development of human and natural resources,

Recognizing further that greater substance can be given to these goals and targets by defining the requirements that have to be met for their realization, with due regard to the principle that the choice of appropriate policies is a matter for decision by national Governments,

Recognizing also that the formulation of specific and realistic goals and targets can provide a world perspective within which individual countries can plan their development and enable appropriate international action to be taken in support of the efforts made at the national and regional levels,

Bearing in mind the important role that international trade should play in furthering the economic development of the developing countries during the next decade,

1. *Takes note* of the interim report prepared by the Secretary-General on the United Nations Development Decade;⁴⁷

2. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1152 (XLI);

3. *Calls upon* all concerned to make the utmost effort possible towards the realization of the modest targets of the present United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in responding to Economic and Social Council resolution 1152 (XLI), to elaborate and submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session, through the Council at its forty-third and forty-fifth sessions, a preliminary framework of international development strategy for the 1970's within which initial efforts could be concentrated on the elaboration of specific goals and targets for individual sectors and components.

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⁴⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 5, documents E/4196 and Add.3.

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Other decisions

Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters II to IX, X (section II), XII, XIII (sections II to VII), XIV and XV) (item 12)

At its 1497th plenary meeting, on 17 December 1966, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.⁴⁸

⁴⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document A/6613.