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NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN ACHIEVING FAR-REACHING SOCIAL AND  
ECONOMIC CHANGES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOCIAL PROGRESS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1581 A (L) of 21 May 1971, an aide-mémoire and a questionnaire were sent to States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies to obtain information on their experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for purposes of social progress. Having examined the subsequent report (E/CN.5/478), the Council recommended, in resolution 1746 (LIV) of 16 May 1973, that the study should be continued and that a detailed analysis of this question should be included in reports on the world social situation.
2. A second report on this subject (E/CN.5/512/Add.18) was submitted to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-fourth session in connexion with the 1974 Report on the World Social Situation. The Commission deferred consideration of the question to its twenty-fifth session to be held in January 1977.
3. The General Assembly considered the question of national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes at its twenty-ninth session and adopted resolution 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the subject to the Assembly at its thirtieth session.
4. At its thirtieth session, the General Assembly, on 15 December 1975, having been unable for lack of time to consider the question of national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes, decided to include this item in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session. 1/
5. The General Assembly will have for its consideration the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress (A/10166).

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/10034), pp.99-100.