

opment Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Convinced that the basic orientation of the activities of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, which fell under the mandate of the Commission for Social Development as the concept of "social integration", must be prolonged and reinforced,

1. *Reaffirms* the importance for social progress and development to secure for the less advantaged population groups in society full access to their country's social and economic institutions on the basis of full equality;

2. *Believes* that the application of a unified approach in the field of social integration is connected with social and economic structural changes;

3. *Emphasizes* the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in the study of popular participation of the specific groups within the broader framework of social development strategies and policies at the international, national and regional levels;

4. *Considers* that strategies and policies for social integration may be regarded as methods and instruments of social change which are aimed at eliminating obstacles and creating the necessary conditions for people, including less integrated population groups, to participate fully in development and to benefit therefrom;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with Governments and within the limits of existing resources, to arrange a study on the role of popular participation in the formulation and implementation of strategies and policies for social integration, in order to analyse and compare regional and national experience in this area and make those activities more effective;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to inform the Commission for Social Development on the results of those studies;

7. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development, at its twenty-ninth session, to consider recent trends in strategies and policies for the social integration of the less advantaged population groups in developing countries.

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1983/14. Youth in the contemporary world

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with great interest the importance attached by the General Assembly and other United Nations bodies to the concerns of youth,

Recalling its resolutions 1979/16 of 9 May 1979 and 1981/16 of 6 May 1981 on youth in the contemporary world, as well as General Assembly resolutions 35/126 of 11 December 1980, 36/28 of 13 November 1981 and 37/48 of 3 December 1982 on the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace, and 36/17 of 9 November 1981 and 37/50 of 3 December 1982 on channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations,

Noting with satisfaction that the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965, continues to provide a useful basis and incentive

for further action in the field of youth, at the national, regional, interregional and international levels,

Convinced that the preservation and strengthening of international peace and security are prerequisites for a secure and happy future for the youth of all countries,

Recognizing the importance of integrating young people in the overall life of society and of taking fully into account their special needs when formulating national plans and programmes,

Emphasizing the need to increase the quantity and quality of opportunities for young people for their active and productive participation in the general development of society,

Reaffirming the necessity of intensifying and consolidating the efforts of the United Nations so as to give effect to a co-ordinated and practical approach to the youth programmes of all the United Nations agencies involved, as well as strengthening co-operation with non-governmental youth organizations or organizations dealing directly with youth,

Noting the views on the question of youth in the contemporary world expressed in the report of the Secretary-General on the situation of youth in the 1980s²² and in the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-seventh session,²³

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the situation of youth in the 1980s;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session all relevant documents on the question of youth prepared for the Commission for Social Development;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the views expressed on youth in the Commission for Social Development in the preparation of the documentation to be submitted to the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit the present resolution to the five regional meetings devoted to the International Youth Year and to take all necessary organizational measures to ensure their success as provided by the General Assembly in paragraph 4 of its resolution 37/48;

5. *Decides* to include the item entitled "Youth in the contemporary world" in the agenda of the twenty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development; decides also that the Commission should consider under that item a report of the Secretary-General on the situation of youth in the 1980s in connection with the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace; and decides further that the report should be transmitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

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1983/15. National experience in promoting the co-operative movement

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2459 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974,

²² E/1983/3.

²³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 6 (E/1981/26)*

31/37 of 30 November 1976, 33/47 of 14 December 1978 and 36/18 of 9 November 1981, as well as Council resolution 1668 (LII) of 1 June 1972,

Desiring to promote the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Bearing in mind the fact that the establishment and growth of co-operatives is one of the important instruments for the full economic, social and cultural development of all members of society,

Reaffirming that co-operatives play an important role in the socio-economic development of developing countries,

Recognizing the necessity of training and educational programmes at various levels for the growth, diversification and professionalization of the management of co-operatives,

Convinced that the exchange among countries of national experience relating to the co-operative movement plays an essential role in strengthening co-operatives for the benefit of their members and in overcoming difficulties in the development of various co-operatives,

Convinced of the important role that co-operatives in the various sectors of the economy can play in improving the production, marketing and consumption of food, with particular reference to special population groups,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement;²⁴

2. *Invites* the regional commissions and specialized agencies concerned to make further efforts with a view to promoting the co-operative movement as an effective instrument for the improvement of the well-being of all people and, in particular, special population groups;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, with particular attention to developing countries, in consultation with Member States and relevant organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations, a comprehensive report on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement, paying special attention, *inter alia*, to the following aspects of the question:

(a) The role of co-operatives in overall social and economic development, particularly in rural areas;

(b) The role of co-operatives in improving the welfare of their members;

(c) The participation of all people, including women, youth, disabled persons and the aging in co-operatives;

(d) The interrelationship between agrarian reform and agricultural co-operatives;

(e) Strengthening of the "movement-to-movement" activities among co-operatives;

(f) The role of co-operatives in the various sectors in improving the production, marketing and consumption of food;

(g) Training and educational programmes to promote the effectiveness of co-operatives and make them more responsive to the needs of their members;

(h) Difficulties faced by countries in the establishment and development of co-operatives in urban, as well as rural, areas and their experience in overcoming them;

(i) The role of Government support in promoting co-operatives;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit that report, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fortieth session for discussion under the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress".

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1983/16. Welfare of migrant workers and their families

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1926 (LVII) of 6 May 1975, 1979/12 of 9 May 1979 and 1981/21 of 6 May 1981,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on pertinent regulations concerning the welfare of migrant workers and their families,²⁵

Concerned at the fact that bilateral agreements concluded between labour-employing and labour-supplying countries, as well as national legislative and administrative provisions, do not completely exclude the possibility of practices that discriminate against migrant workers and members of their families, particularly with regard to living conditions and access to national systems of social services,

Conscious of the fact that the social situation of migrant workers and their families has deteriorated as a result of present unfavourable economic trends,

Recognizing the need for further efforts to improve the welfare of migrant workers and their families,

1. *Expresses its general agreement* with respect to the need for action at the national, regional and international levels to improve the welfare of migrant workers and their families;

2. *Reaffirms* the need for full implementation of the principle of equal treatment for migrants and their families, in accordance with ratified international agreements, particularly with regard to their living conditions and access to national systems of social services;

3. *Affirms* the need for concerted action by the Governments of both labour-employing and labour-supplying countries to harmonize existing bilateral and multilateral agreements on migrant workers, to extend the coverage of services and benefits provided for them and their families and to eliminate provisions that are either discriminatory or contradictory;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to ensure the effective co-operation of inter-governmental organizations, specialized agencies and organs of the United Nations system with a view to affirming the rights of migrants and their families and ensuring their full implementation, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1926 B (LVII);

5. *Welcomes* the progress made by the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families, established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 34/172 of 17 December 1979;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to use the information received from Member States pursuant to paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution

²⁴ A/38/63.

²⁵ E/CN.5/1983/10.