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HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING

Report of the Joint Second and Third Committee

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1. The General Assembly at its forty-sixth plenary meeting on 31 October 1946, referred to the Joint Second and Third Committee the question of the convening of a Preparatory Conference of technical experts on housing and town planning.
2. The Delegation of France had originally requested that this question be included in the agenda, and submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly a draft resolution (document A/BUR/38). The Delegation of the United Kingdom presented a revised draft of this proposal which was accepted by the Delegation of France (document A/C.2 and 3/30).

Various members of the Committee, during the course of the general debate, stressed the importance of the problems of housing and town planning.

The Delegation of the United States presented an amendment to the French-United Kingdom proposal, which also included certain changes suggested by the Delegations of Chile and Venezuela. The resolution, as amended, was adopted unanimously by the Committee.

3. The Joint Second and Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

In view of the magnitude and gravity of housing problems in various parts of the world, and the advisability of providing for exchange of views and constant liaison between the technical experts of the various nations;

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In view of the recommendation already made by the special meeting on emergency housing problems convened by the Emergency Economic Committee for Europe, and also of the recommendations of the housing sub-committee of the Emergency Economic Committee for Europe;

DECIDES to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it instruct the appropriate Commissions to expedite their study of housing problems with special reference to the organization and unification of international exchanges of information relating in particular to town planning principles, building techniques and the climatic, economic and financial, legal and legislative aspects of housing and town planning questions, and to consider the desirability of holding an international conference of experts to advise on the need for establishing an international mechanism to collate such information, lay down guiding principles for new technical research on materials, methods of use and prefabrication, and to define standards capable of general application.

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