

Noting with appreciation the report of the Meeting of Experts on Social Policy and Planning in National Development,²⁵

1. *Confirms* the need for a unified approach to development analysis and planning which would fully integrate the economic and social components in the formulation of policies and programmes at the national and international levels;

2. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1494 (XLVIII) of 26 May 1970, in which the Council emphasized the views expressed in the report of the Meeting of Experts on Social Policy and Planning in National Development on the aims and content of such an approach;

3. *Supports*, in particular, the views of the experts regarding the need to include in such an approach components which are designed:

(a) To leave no sector of the population outside the scope of change and development;

(b) To effect structural change which favours national development and to activate all sectors of the population to participate in the development process;

(c) To aim at social equity, including the achievement of an equitable distribution of income and wealth in the nation;

(d) To give high priority to the development of human potentials, including vocational and technical training, the provision of employment opportunities and meeting the needs of children;

the above criteria to be borne in mind in development analysis and planning processes, as well as in their implications, according to the particular developmental needs of each country;

4. *Requests* those bodies responsible for the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,²⁶ as well as for the various social and economic long-term plans and programmes worked out within the United Nations system in the context of the Decade and for the review and appraisal of objectives and policies during the Decade, to aim at the most effective integration of policy measures across the different sectors, based, *inter alia*, on the principles and guidelines embodied in the unified approach;

5. *Further requests* the Economic and Social Council to ensure the contribution of the Commission for Social Development to the aspects of the International Development Strategy directly related to matters within the Commission's competence;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to suggest, in co-operation with other organizations of the United Nations system and the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, specific measures for the refinement and unification of methods for collecting and evaluating social data and information at the national and international levels, in the context of the study requested by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1494 (XLVIII);

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the above-mentioned study, to evolve methods and techniques for the application of a unified approach to development, to be put at the disposal of Governments at their request;

8. *Stresses* the need, in the context of the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade, for financial and technical assistance to support initiatives leading to the achievement of a unified approach to development.

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2682 (XXV). Multilateral food aid

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2096 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and 2300 (XXII) of 12 December 1967 on the programme of studies on multilateral food aid and resolution 2462 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968,

Recognizing that the world food problem is an inseparable part of the broader problem of development,

Having examined the report entitled "Food aid and related issues during the Second Development Decade", prepared by the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme,²⁷ as well as the comments of the Economic and Social Council in its report,²⁸

Taking note of the recommendations and observations contained in the report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme, in particular those concerning the direction of food aid through multilateral channels, the doubling or more of the target level of the World Food Programme and the improvement of the procedures of the Programme,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme and invites member States to take account of the relevant recommendations and observations therein while considering the implementation of the policy measures set out in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;²⁹

2. *Reaffirms* that the ultimate solution to the food problem of the developing countries lies in increased production in the developing countries with a food deficit, in the context of their general economic development, with the co-operation of the developed countries;

3. *Recommends* to member States that:

(a) Such food supplies as are in excess of commercial demand should be used to an increasing extent constructively to meet the unsatisfied food needs of people in the developing countries and to assist in their economic and social development, particularly through a project-oriented approach;

(b) They give full consideration to the advantages of directing a greater proportion of food aid through multilateral channels;

(c) When expanding multilateral food aid, they should place special emphasis on using the World Food Programme in order to take advantage of the experience already gained by the Programme and of its access to the experience of both donor and recipient countries with bilateral aid and the expertise and

²⁷ See E/4835.

²⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8003 and Corr.1), chapter X, paras. 447-451.*

²⁹ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

²⁵ E/CN.5/445 and Corr.1.

²⁶ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

co-ordinating facilities of the United Nations system of organizations;

4. *Draws the attention* of member States to the fact that recent experience demonstrates that the World Food Programme could effectively utilize resources up to double or more than double the target level agreed for pledges in 1971 and 1972 without basic changes in the existing procedures of the Programme;

5. *Requests* Governments of member States to endeavour, wherever possible and without prejudice to the obligations arising from existing international agreements, to raise their cash contribution to the World Food Programme above the amounts required for transport, insurance and other services for operations of the Programme so as to enable it to increase its purchases from exporting developing countries at world market prices;

6. *Requests* the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme and the Executive Director of the World Food Programme to take appropriate action on the suggestions contained in the report of the Committee²⁷ concerning the improvement of the Programme's procedures and administration;

7. *Requests* the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme, drawing on assistance as appropriate from the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other interested organizations within the United Nations system, to review at its twenty-third session the progress made on the proposals contained in the report of the Committee and to submit its findings to the Economic and Social Council for transmission to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

8. *Reminds* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations of the contents of paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 2462 (XXIII) and requests them, in consultation with the executive heads of other interested agencies and programmes, to report on this subject, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly as soon as possible;

9. *Notes* that, in pursuance of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 2462 (XXIII), the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has given active consideration to, and has consulted with member States on, possible ways of making appraisals of prospective food deficits and food aid needs and of ensuring that sufficient food-stuffs are available to cope with unforeseen urgent situations, including the establishment of food reserves, further notes that the Director-General has submitted his conclusions to the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and invites him to report to the Economic and Social Council as soon as possible.

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2683 (XXV). World Population Year

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2211 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 on population growth and economic development,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1484 (XLVIII) of 3 April 1970 on the Third World Population Conference,

Noting also that the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade³⁰ provides for action, both at the national and international levels, to deal with the problem of population growth in those countries which, in accordance with their concept of development, consider that their rate of population growth hampers their development,

Taking into account the progress made by Member States in coping with those aspects of the population problem which are relevant to their respective economic, social, humanistic and cultural development,

Recognizing that, in spite of the progress made so far in this regard by Member States and international organizations, and particularly the important role being played in the population field by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, varied aspects of the population problem require further attention from Member States and international organizations,

Recognizing further that a way of focusing international attention on different aspects of the population problem would be for Member States and international organizations to devote the year 1974 especially to appropriate efforts and undertakings in the field of population in the context of their respective needs and areas of competence,

Confident that the designation of the year 1974 for encouraging appropriate and relevant co-operative activity in the field of population would make a significant contribution to the realization of the objectives in this field,

1. *Designates* the year 1974 as World Population Year;

2. *Acknowledges* that the formulation and implementation of population policies and programmes are matters falling under the internal competence of each country and, consequently, that international action in the population sphere should be responsive to the varied needs and requests of individual Member States;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with interested Member States, a detailed programme of proposed measures and activities to be undertaken by the organizations of the United Nations system during the year 1974, taking into account the different character of population problems in each country and region, the population policies of Member States, as well as the proposals contained in the Secretary-General's report on the question of holding a Third World Population Conference,³¹ and to submit the programme to the Economic and Social Council in 1972 through the Population Commission at its sixteenth session;

4. *Invites* interested organizations of the United Nations system to render the necessary assistance to the Secretary-General in preparing the programme of measures and activities for the World Population Year;

5. *Invites* Member States to participate fully in the World Population Year in the context of their capacities and policies;

6. *Stresses* that assistance from organizations of the United Nations system and interested Member States should continue to be available upon request for evolving and implementing a dynamic population policy

³⁰ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

³¹ E/CN.9/224 and Add.1.