

essential if maximum benefit is to be derived from the considerable investment in that resource, particularly its audio-visual component,

Bearing in mind the possibility of evolving regional audio-visual centres associated with regional arrangements for training, education, research and information exchange,

Expressing its appreciation also for the undertaking by Canadian authorities regarding the post-Conference use and dissemination of the audio-visual material prepared for the Conference,

1. *Decides* to establish a United Nations Audio-Visual Information Centre on Human Settlements;

2. *Invites* all participants in Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements to transfer, as appropriate, to the Secretary-General or his designated agents the internegatives and international copyright of their audio-visual material prepared for and made available to the Conference, including material prepared with the assistance of the United Nations Environment Programme;

3. *Invites* Governments of Member States, as an important part of a programme for augmenting the audio-visual material on human settlements, to make available to the United Nations Audio-Visual Information Centre on Human Settlements new or enriched audio-visual presentations prepared for their programmes of national action;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to conclude an agreement with the appropriate Canadian authorities for the latter to provide the facilities and financial support to the United Nations Audio-Visual Information Centre on Human Settlements to carry out the Centre's responsibilities for the custody, reproduction and international distribution, for the period up to March 1980, of the audio-visual material prepared for the Conference, to ensure the widest possible use of the material by Governments and interested bodies, and calls for a review of the agreement in 1979.

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31/116. Institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,³⁵ in particular the annex to Conference resolution 1 on programmes for international co-operation,³⁶

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 2040 (LXI) of 5 August 1976,

Recognizing that the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System is considering proposals that would have implications for institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements,

Considering that the most appropriate and effective action for dealing with human settlements problems is

action at the national level, but that action is also required at the regional and global levels with a view to improving the quality of life for all peoples, particularly in the developing countries,

Recognizing also that the momentum of the Conference must be maintained through further action and decisions within the United Nations system,

Considering also that co-operation in the field of human settlements is one of the important means of fostering the goals of over-all social and economic development,

Taking into account that further consideration is required with respect to definitive institutional arrangements for human settlements activities within the United Nations system,

I

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

1. *Takes into account* the paragraphs agreed to by Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, as contained in the preamble and in sections I to IX of the annex to Conference resolution 1, with due respect to the foot-note to section X of that annex;

2. *Decides* to defer until its thirty-second session the decision on the type of definitive intergovernmental body for human settlements and on the organizational link and location of the human settlements secretariat, when the guidelines from the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System will be in hand, the financial implications of alternative institutional arrangements will be worked out and studied in greater depth, and the regional consultations will have been completed;

II

INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

1. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System to make available to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session any conclusions it has reached in the light of its over-all responsibilities which might have implications for institutional arrangements for human settlements;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to devote the necessary time at the outset of its sixty-third session to the examination of the developments in human settlements and the follow-up to Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements;

3. *Recommends* that those meetings of the Economic and Social Council should be at the expert or highest appropriate level and with the active participation of all interested delegations and that the Council at its organizational session for 1977 should arrange the necessary modalities to this end;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session, as part of its agenda, to consider the report of the Secretary-General referred to in section III, paragraph 1 below, together with the views of the *Ad Hoc* Committee and of the regional commissions, with a view to taking action on the recommendations of the Conference regarding institutional arrangements, bearing in mind the terms of reference contained in paragraphs 29 to 31 of the annex to Conference resolution 1;

³⁵ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7 and corrigendum.

³⁶ *Ibid.*, chap. III.

5. *Further requests* the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session concrete recommendations on definitive institutional arrangements for human settlements within the United Nations;

6. *Decides* to take action on those recommendations, at the latest at its thirty-second session, taking into account the conclusions of the *Ad Hoc* Committee;

III

SECRETARIAT ARRANGEMENTS

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as an interim arrangement, to ensure, through the appropriate machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the co-ordination of the work of all the United Nations bodies concerned with respect to their activities in the human settlements field and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session on the progress made;

2. *Requests* that, since definitive arrangements for human settlements are yet to be decided upon, the Secretary-General should take appropriate measures to ensure effective preparations for the discussions on human settlements questions at the sixty-third session of the Economic and Social Council, bearing in mind the contributions made by the relevant components of the United Nations system as represented in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

3. *Requests* all the United Nations bodies concerned, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Centre for Housing, Building and Planning and the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, to ensure that the recommendations of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements are taken into account in their respective programmes related to human settlements and within their respective terms of reference, and to make their consultative services and resources available, as appropriate, for the implementation of national programmes of action and in strengthening regional co-operation in the field of human settlements;

IV

REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

Requests, in this regard, the United Nations bodies concerned, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme and the Centre for Housing, Building and Planning, to give all possible support to the regional commissions in the strengthening of regional co-operation in the field of human settlements and further requests the regional commissions to report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session on the results of regional co-operation in human settlements, including the progress made in the establishment of governmental regional committees on human settlements.

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31/117. United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2951 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972, 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973,

3313 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974 and 3439 (XXX) of 9 December 1975,

Recalling also its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University,³⁷ and the report of the Secretary-General,³⁸

Noting the satisfactory relationship developing between the United Nations University and the appropriate agencies and bodies of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,

Noting decision 5.2.2 of 26 May 1976, adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its ninety-ninth session, in which the Board, *inter alia*, reiterated its appeal to member States to contribute generously to the United Nations University in every manner possible,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the efforts made by the United Nations University to commence its programme activities and welcomes the fact that two of the three priority programme areas—world hunger and human and social development—have become operative, and that the third area, use and management of natural resources, is expected to begin in the near future;

2. *Encourages* the United Nations University to continue its efforts to launch unique and effective research activities on a global basis and to enlarge its network of scholars and research institutions throughout the world;

3. *Reiterates* the importance of full co-operation and co-ordination, within the framework established by the Charter of the United Nations for co-ordinating policies and activities in the economic, social, cultural and humanitarian fields, between the United Nations University and the appropriate agencies and bodies of the United Nations system;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Council of the United Nations University all the documents of the thirty-first session of the General Assembly relating to the University;

5. *Appeals* to all Member States to make substantial contributions to the Endowment Fund of the United Nations University and to give, where appropriate, financial and other support to specific programmes of the University, so as to enable the University to embark on its full activities while maintaining its academic autonomy and financial viability;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Rector of the United Nations University, the Council of the University and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, further to continue his efforts to raise more funds and to submit a report to the General

³⁷ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/31/31) and Supplement No. 31A (A/31/31/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1).

³⁸ A/31/281.