

also tend to stimulate agricultural production and general economic development by an integrated approach to the task of development,

Considering the important part played by programmes of land reform designed to improve progressively the condition of the rural population and conditions of tenure, and, as appropriate, to facilitate the ownership of land by the largest practicable number of the rural population in under-developed countries and territories,

Bearing in mind that the effective development of land reform programmes in those countries is dependent in large measure upon the enjoyment of economic, social and political equality, including the right to share equitably the benefits of public facilities,

1. *Recommends* that Member States, where appropriate, institute land reform measures to encourage, among other things, the ownership of land by the largest practicable number of the rural population and pursue fiscal and investment policies with a view to the expansion of the area under cultivation and the improvement of the methods of agricultural production;

2. *Recommends* that Member States, in implementing land reform programmes in the process of their economic development, observe the principle of equitable treatment in the economic, political and social fields with a view to improving the condition of the rural population; respect the free establishment of agricultural associations; promote the general welfare, including measures designed to provide agricultural workers with the possibility of earning adequate remuneration; and respect such institutions of the indigenous population as may be compatible with economic and social progress and modern techniques;

3. *Endorses* the recommendations of Economic and Social Council resolution 512 C (XVII), section II, concerning the formation and development of co-operatives;

4. *Endorses also* the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 512 C (XVII), section I, that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development give sympathetic consideration to loan applications from under-developed countries for development projects which are designed to implement their programmes of agrarian reform, including projects designed to bring new lands under agricultural cultivation, and invites the Bank, consistent with its maintenance as a self-supporting entity, to consider making any such loans on terms of interest and amortization designed to place the smallest feasible burden on the borrowing countries;

5. *Expresses its support* for Member States which are carrying out land reforms in conformity with General Assembly resolutions and expresses the hope that, in accordance with the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council, high priority will be given to requests for United Nations technical assistance for the purpose of studying or carrying out land reform programmes;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the other specialized agencies concerned, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to consider the best methods for the further implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 512 C (XVII).

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11 December 1954.*

827 (IX). Establishment of a world food reserve

The General Assembly,

Being convinced of the need for continued national action and international co-operation:

(a) To raise the levels of production and standards of consumption of food in many areas of the world where famine or chronic malnutrition is a major problem,

(b) To prevent unduly large short-term fluctuations in agricultural prices and to this end to promote the rational disposal of intermittent agricultural surpluses,

Considering that in some countries a food reserve has been established for various purposes and has operated efficiently,

Recalling the various resolutions adopted by international institutions on this subject in the past,

Considering that no factual report has been made dealing comprehensively with the following:

(a) The feasibility of establishing a world food reserve within the framework of the United Nations,

(b) The feasibility of such a reserve acting as an institution which would contribute to relieve emergency situations and to counteract excessive price fluctuations,

1. *Expresses* its appreciation of the valuable work being done in these fields by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the Food and Agriculture Organization, taking into account the discussions at the ninth session of the General Assembly and the proposals previously made on this subject, to prepare a factual and comprehensive report of what has been and is being done in this connexion, for submission to the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Further requests* the Economic and Social Council to report upon this matter, with its conclusions, to the General Assembly.

*511th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

828 (IX). Report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency

The General Assembly,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 410 (V) of 1 December 1950, 701 (VII) of 11 March 1953 and 725 (VIII) of 7 December 1953,

Taking note of the report⁹ of the Agent General on the work of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency for the period 1 October 1953 to 1 September 1954, and of the comments¹⁰ thereon by the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea,

Recognizing the particular importance of the continuation of the Agency's programme for the relief and rehabilitation of the Republic of Korea and the urgent need of additional contributions from Governments to enable the Agency to continue the implementation of that programme,

⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 20.*

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 17, document A/2810.