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1970 WORLD POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS PROGRAMMES

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the reports of the thirteenth sessions of the Population Commission⁶ and the Statistical Commission,⁷

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1710 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 on the United Nations Development Decade, which requests the Secretary-General to develop proposals for the intensification of action in the fields of economic and social development with particular reference to the need to review facilities for the collection, collation, analysis and dissemination of statistical and other information required for charting economic and social development and for providing a constant measurement of progress towards the objectives of the Decade,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the development of 1970 World Population and Housing Census Programmes;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to give assistance under the technical co-operation programme to countries which require technical advice and help in the conduct of their censuses;

3. *Recommends* that Member States undertake to carry out population and housing censuses during the period 1965-1974, and preferably around the year 1970, and that they take into account the international recommendations⁸ in order that the censuses may meet national requirements and facilitate the study of population and housing problems on a world-wide basis.

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16 July 1965.*

1069 (XXXIX). Water desalination in developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling and reaffirming its resolution 1033 A (XXXVII) of 14 August 1964,

Having considered the report on water desalination in developing countries with special reference to costing procedures⁹ and having noted the supporting study prepared by the Secretariat¹⁰ and also the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,¹¹

Recognizing that wider dissemination of the increasing body of knowledge on the subject of water desalination,

⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 9 (E/4019).

⁷ See footnote 5.

⁸ *Official records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 13 (E/4045)*, paras. 138-148.

⁹ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 21, document E/4006.

¹⁰ *Water Desalination: Proposals for a Costing Procedure and Related Technical and Economic Considerations*, United Nations publication, Sales No.: 65.II.B.5.

¹¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (E/4026)*, paras. 28-36.

and on the use of nuclear and conventional power in the desalting process would be of benefit to all Member States concerned with desalination.

Appreciating the increased emphasis being given to desalination as a means of facilitating the process of economic development in water-short areas,

Noting with satisfaction the activities of the United Nations Secretariat, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency in the field of water desalination,

Taking into account the need to strengthen co-operation among the various agencies working on desalination problems and to stimulate the exchange of technical information as new developments occur,

1. *Draws the attention* of Member States to the above-mentioned report and study and to the usefulness of the latter as a tool for executives and engineers concerned with water desalination problems;

2. *Invites* the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development also to take this work into consideration;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To take the necessary steps to intensify the role of the Secretariat as a clearing-house for the exchange of information and as a focal point for co-operation in the broad field of desalination, while recognizing the specialized role of other organizations;

(b) To survey, and compile a report on, desalination studies and projects which have been or are being undertaken in the Member States, whether the project or study be governmental, international or private in origin;

(c) To submit the foregoing report for consideration at a future session of the Council and with a view to its subsequent circulation to Member States;

(d) To explore further possibilities, in consultation with the specialized agencies concerned and the International Atomic Energy Agency, for accelerating progress in the overall water desalination effort and its practical application in water-short areas, and to report thereon to the Council.

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1079 (XXXIX). Economic planning and projections

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1708 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 on planning for economic development, and Council resolution 979 (XXXVI) of 1 August 1963 on economic planning and projections,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 1939 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 on planning for economic development, which recommends that the exchange of experience in economic planning and projections should be intensified between countries already widely experienced in these matters and developing countries,

Recognizing that, in the general debate on the United Nations Development Decade, stress was laid on the

role and importance of planning and projections in the economic and social development of developing countries,

Bearing in mind that the implementation of plans must be regarded as an integral part of planning activities,

Recognizing the urgent need for developing countries to obtain information on the methods and techniques of economic planning and projections,

Having regard to the contribution made in this field on the one hand by the planning institutes established under the auspices of the regional economic commissions and on the other hand by the Secretariat of the United Nations, particularly by the Planning and Projections Centres at Headquarters and in the regions,

Bearing in mind the interest aroused by the seminars, conferences and meetings of experts which have been held on this subject under United Nations auspices,

Bearing in mind also the establishment of the United Nations Training and Research Institute,

Recalling Council resolution 1035 (XXXVII) of 15 August 1964 on economic planning and projections,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of Part I of the *World Economic Survey, 1964*,¹² which is devoted to economic planning and projections;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies to continue and intensify their activities with respect to economic planning and projections and to the transfer of knowledge on those subjects, with the co-operation of the Governments concerned;

3. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the Secretary-General's intention to set up, in consultation with interested Governments, a group of highly qualified experts representing different planning systems who would make their experience in development planning available to the United Nations for use in the formulation and execution of development plans;

The functions of this group should be, *inter alia*:

(a) To consider and evaluate the programmes and activities of the organs of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies relating to economic planning and projections and to propose measures for their improvement for consideration by the Council;

(b) To consider and evaluate, *inter alia*, the progress made, within the framework of the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, in the transfer of knowledge to developing countries and in the training of personnel of those countries in economic planning and projection;

(c) To analyse, with the help of the organs of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies, the major trends of planning and programming in the world, the principal problems and the solutions they are receiving, and in particular the progress made in that connexion relevant to the development of the less-developed regions;

(d) To study individual questions in the field of economic planning and programming referred to it by the

Council, by the Secretary-General or by the executive heads of the specialized agencies;

(e) To make any suggestions it may consider useful concerning the scope of its terms of reference;

(f) To make a provisional report to the forty-first session of the Council;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies to present their views and suggestions to this group of experts, thereby helping it in the performance of its task;

5. *Decides* to provide for the appointment of the members of the group of experts at its fortieth session.

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28 July 1965.*

1087 (XXXIX). Economic and social consequences of disarmament

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Economic and Social Consequences of Disarmament—Conversion to Peaceful Needs of the Resources released by Disarmament",¹³

1. *Takes note* of the Secretary-General's report;¹³

2. *Recommends* that Governments of Member States, particularly of those countries significantly involved, continue and attempt to develop national studies regarding economic and social aspects of disarmament and transmit them to the Secretary-General as early as feasible;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to inform the Council of the national studies he receives concerning the economic and social consequences of disarmament, of the international studies carried out as part of a co-ordinated programme of the Inter-Agency Committee, and of such studies undertaken by non-governmental organizations as he deems appropriate;

4. *Decides* that the Council will consider this item at its forty-first session.

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30 July 1965.*

1081 (XXXIX). Report of the Committee for Industrial Development¹⁴

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ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSIDERATIONS RELATING TO ITS PROGRAMME OF WORK

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 751 (XXIX) of 12 April 1960, and General Assembly resolution 1525 (XV) of 15 December 1960,

¹³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 6, document E/4042.*

¹⁴ *Ibid., Supplement No. 6 (E/4065).*

¹² E/4046/Rev.1, United Nations publication, Sales No.: 65.II.C.1.