Considering that some Member nations may need expert advice in the various fields of economic, social and cultural development:

Recognizing the responsibility of the United Nations under the Charter for assisting in such development;

Recognizing the importance of such development for the peace and prosperity of the world;

Recognizing the responsibility of the specialized agencies in their respective fields;

Decides to refer to the Economic and Social Council for study the question of providing effective ways and means for furnishing, in co-operation with the specialized agencies, expert advice in the economic, social and cultural fields to Member nations who desire this assistance.

Sixty-fifth plenary meeting, 14 December 1946.

53 (1). Housing and Town Planning

The General Assembly,

Considering 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;

Considering 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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1 Documents E/156 and E/156/Add. 2.