

2. *Encourages* the Fund to increase aid to countries passing through difficult transitional stages, particularly in Africa, without prejudicing the level of aid to other countries requiring assistance;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the Fund will receive the necessary financial support to enable it not only to continue its successful work but also increasingly to meet the challenge of extending its services.

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12 December 1960.*

#### **1508 (XV). Low-cost housing and related community facilities**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1393 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 regarding low-cost housing,

*Having noted* section I of chapter V of the report of the Economic and Social Council<sup>4</sup> on progress made towards the implementation of the long-range programme of concerted international action in the field of housing and related community facilities,

*Recognizing* the importance of adequate housing and community facilities and services for a rise in the levels of living of the lower income groups in the congested urban areas,

*Recognizing* the significant role of Governments in the planning, financing and execution of programmes for low-cost housing and community facilities,

*Considering* that, owing to limited resources, the developing and newly independent countries have difficulty in meeting demands for simultaneous investment in economic development projects and in housing, health and education,

*Recognizing* the need to utilize more fully the peoples' own resources and the local sources of materials and finances for the solution of the housing and urban development problem,

1. *Requests* Member States to review their housing requirements, policies and programmes as well as the extent of investment in this field from all sources in their countries, and to indicate to the United Nations the areas in which outside assistance is most needed;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in connexion with the concerted programme of practical action in this field, to investigate in consultation with interested Member States the possibility of obtaining technical services, equipment and funds for establishing or multiplying pilot projects:

(a) In low-cost housing and related community facilities, services and utilities in the areas of rapid urbanization in the developing countries;

(b) In the production from local sources of suitable materials, accessories and construction elements and equipment for the execution of housing and urban development programmes;

3. *Further requests* the Economic and Social Council to investigate, on the basis of work already done by its functional commissions and regional economic commissions, the possibilities for domestic and international financing of low-cost housing programmes in less developed countries;

4. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to submit to the General Assembly a report on the implementation of the present resolution together with the com-

ments of the Social Commission, the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies concerned.

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#### **1509 (XV). United Nations assistance for the advancement of women in developing countries**

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note* of section VIII of chapter VI of the report of the Economic and Social Council<sup>4</sup> and of Council resolution 771 H (XXX) of 25 July 1960 concerning United Nations assistance for the advancement of women in under-developed countries,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 1163 (XII) of 26 November 1957 concerning the work of the Commission on the Status of Women and the progress achieved in the field of women's rights,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the Commission is showing a special interest in the condition of women in developing countries,

1. *Expresses the hope* that the Governments of Member States, and particularly those of the developing countries, will take full advantage of existing United Nations programmes designed to improve the status of women, that they will collaborate with the Secretary-General in the study which he has undertaken in compliance with Economic and Social Council resolution 771 H (XXX) and that the United Nations and the specialized agencies will, for their part, direct their programmes to a greater extent towards achieving this end;

2. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on the Status of Women to pursue their efforts in the matter and take, in connexion with this study, appropriate measures that would lead to special assistance by the United Nations and the specialized agencies for the advancement of women in the developing countries.

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#### **1510 (XV). Manifestations of racial and national hatred**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that the fundamental purposes of the United Nations are to maintain international peace and security and to develop friendly relations among nations and that, to this end, it is necessary to strengthen co-operation among peoples and nations and to educate the younger generation in this spirit,

*Noting with gratification* that the manifestations of racial and national hatred, religious intolerance and racial prejudice which still exist in the world have been consistently condemned by the United Nations,

*Sharing the grave concern* of the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities about these manifestations,

*Being alarmed* by the fact that tendencies to racial and national hatred are still not sufficiently combatted in many parts of the world by orienting youth in accordance with the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations,

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/4415).

*Expressing the principle* that the United Nations is duty bound to combat these manifestations, to establish the facts and the causes of their origin, and to recommend resolute and effective measures which can be taken against them,

1. *Resolutely condemns* all manifestations and practices of racial, religious and national hatred in the political, economic, social, educational and cultural spheres of the life of society as violations of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

2. *Calls upon* the Governments of all States to take all necessary measures to prevent all manifestations of racial, religious and national hatred.

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**1511 (XV). Teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations and its related agencies**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 137 (II) of 17 November 1947, which recommended to the Governments of all Member States that they take measures to encourage the teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations in schools,

*Noting* the action which the Economic and Social Council has taken in the intervening years in promoting this objective,

*Noting in particular* Economic and Social Council resolution 748 (XXIX) of 6 April 1960,

1. *Believes* that teaching about the United Nations and its related agencies in schools is important as a means of promoting interest in, and support for, their work;

2. *Believes further* that knowledge and understanding of the aims and activities of the United Nations and its related agencies contribute to the fostering among young people of the ideas of peace and international co-operation and should therefore be promoted as widely as possible;

3. *Endorses* the action taken by the Economic and Social Council in encouraging the implementation of the recommendation contained in General Assembly resolution 137 (II);

4. *Expresses its appreciation* of the co-operation shown by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the other specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations in advancing the United Nations idea;

5. *Urges* all those concerned to continue their efforts to promote in primary and secondary schools, as well as in faculties of the social and human sciences and audio-visual education centres, the teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations and its related agencies;

6. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, with the co-operation of the United Nations, to assist by preparing basic material which may be used for these purposes.

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12 December 1960.*

**1512 (XV). Main trends of inquiry in the natural sciences, dissemination of scientific knowledge and application of such knowledge for peaceful ends**

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* the important role which the natural sciences in general continue to play in promoting the economic and social progress of mankind,

*Having received* the survey of the main trends of inquiry in the field of natural sciences, the dissemination of scientific knowledge and the application of such knowledge for peaceful ends,<sup>5</sup>

*Noting* Economic and Social Council resolution 804 B (XXX) of 3 August 1960 requesting wide dissemination of the survey and seeking comments from Governments of Member States, the appropriate specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency,

1. *Endorses* the decision of the Economic and Social Council to give detailed consideration to the survey at its thirty-second session, taking into account such views thereon as may be expressed by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

2. *Recommends* Governments of Member States, agencies related to the United Nations, and appropriate non-governmental organizations to publicize this survey as widely as possible;

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, taking into account the views obtained by the Secretary-General in pursuance of Council resolution 804 B (XXX) and the discussion on this item at the fifteenth session of the General Assembly, to report further on this matter to the Assembly at its sixteenth session and to recommend concrete measures including those relating to:

(a) The possibility of utilizing the present achievements in the natural sciences for peaceful purposes, for furthering the economic progress and welfare of mankind, and especially for accelerating the economic and social progress of the less developed countries;

(b) The possibility of extending international co-operation in the exchange of scientific information and experience in the field of the natural sciences.

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12 December 1960.*

**1570 (XV). Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information**

*The General Assembly,*

*Not having been able* to consider at its fifteenth session the draft Declaration on Freedom of Information submitted by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 756 (XXIX) of 21 April 1960,

*Decides* to consider the draft Declaration at its sixteenth session.

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

**1571 (XV). Draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum**

*The General Assembly,*

*Not having been able* to consider at its fifteenth session the draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum,

<sup>5</sup> See A/4461.