

and Development, which, *inter alia*, reaffirms the important role of housing and human settlements in overall national development,

Further taking note of the recognition by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development of the need to establish appropriate national finance institutions to mobilize domestic capital to finance these activities,

Reaffirming in particular recommendations 1, 15, 16 and 17 of the Action Plan for the Human Environment⁵⁰ adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,

1. *Recommends* that all development assistance agencies such as the United Nations Development Programme and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development should in their development assistance activities also give high priority to requests from Governments for assistance in housing and human settlements;

2. *Recommends* that, in its lending policies in this sector, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development should provide funds on terms and conditions which fully reflect the unique nature and characteristics of housing and related investments.

3. *Recommends* that in establishing criteria for eligibility for loans under more favourable terms and conditions the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development should take into account, in addition to economic and monetary criteria, such critical socio-economic factors as levels of unemployment, rates of urban growth, population density, and the general condition of the housing stock in the developing countries;

4. *Further recommends* that as a matter of priority the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, in agreement with requesting Governments, should implement its stated policy of providing seed capital loans on favourable terms, taking into account the recommendations in paragraph 3 above, for the establishment of domestic financial institutions and organizations to mobilize and allocate capital for housing and related investments;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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15 December 1972*

2999 (XXVII). Establishment of an international fund or financial institution for human settlements

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,⁵¹

Concerned with the lack of improvement in the deplorable world housing situation, particularly the critical shortage of low-cost housing or minimal standards of housing in developing countries,

Aware that the environment cannot be improved in conditions of poverty, one of the palpable manifestations of which is the substandard quality of human settlements, particularly in developing countries,

⁵⁰ See A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1, chap. II.

⁵¹ A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1.

Recognizing the need for intensified and more concrete international action to strengthen national programmes in the planning, improvement and management of rural and urban settlements, thereby narrowing the growing gap between housing needs and available supply and improving the environmental quality of human settlements,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General entitled *Proposals for Action on Finance for Housing, Building and Planning*,⁵²

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1170 (XLI) of 5 August 1966 and 1507 (XLVIII) of 28 May 1970 on a proposed international institution to support domestic savings and credit facilities in housing,

Noting in particular recommendation 17 of the Action Plan for the Human Environment,⁵³ adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, that Governments and the Secretary-General should take immediate steps to establish an international fund or financial institution that would provide seed capital and technical assistance for the effective mobilization of domestic resources for housing and the environmental improvement of human settlements,

1. *Endorses* in principle the establishment of an international fund or financial institution for the purpose envisaged in recommendation 17 of the Action Plan for the Human Environment;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account the views expressed on this subject at the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly, to prepare a study on the establishment and operations of such a fund or institution, together with his recommendations and proposals, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its twenty-ninth session through the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Invites* the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to collaborate in the preparation of the study referred to in paragraph 2 above.

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3000 (XXVII). Measures for protecting and enhancing the environment

The General Assembly,

Noting the report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,⁵⁴

Cognizant of the effective contribution of the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment and the Preparatory Committee for the Conference,

Expressing its appreciation to the Government of Sweden for acting as host to the Conference,

Convinced that actions at the national level can complement and perfect the Action Plan for the Human Environment⁵⁵ adopted by the Conference,

Recalling its resolution 2849 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 entitled "Development and environment" and

⁵² United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.IV.4.

⁵³ See A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1, chap. II.

⁵⁴ A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1.

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, chap. II.

the set of recommendations of the Conference pertaining to development and environment,⁵⁶

Recalling further paragraphs 2 (e) and 5 (d) of Conference resolution 1 (I) of 15 June 1972⁵⁷ on institutional and financial arrangements,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 1718 (LIII) of 28 July 1972,

1. *Stresses* the importance of action at the national level for protecting and enhancing the environment;

2. *Calls upon* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme⁵⁸ to explore at its first session ways and means of promoting effective regional programmes in the field of the environment;

3. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, in formulating environmental programmes, to ensure the compatibility of the implementation of these programmes with:

(a) The policy measures and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade⁵⁹ relating to science and technology;

(b) Policy measures and objectives that are to be recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development upon consideration of the *World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development*;⁶⁰

4. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Committee on Review and Appraisal to keep this matter under review and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the steps taken with regard to paragraph 3 above.

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3001 (XXVII). United Nations Conference-Exposition on Human Settlements

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution 2718 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, in which it recommended broad directions and measures essential for the improvement of human settlements,

Noting the urgency of the world-wide human settlement problems, present and future,

Taking into account the *World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development*,⁶¹

Considering the important role assigned to housing as part of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,⁶²

Recognizing the need for international efforts to develop new and additional approaches to these problems, especially in the developing countries,

Desiring to maintain the momentum of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in this

area through a conference-exposition on human settlements, the preparation for which should generate a review of policies and programmes for human settlements, national and international, and should result in the selection and support of a series of demonstration projects on human settlements sponsored by individual countries and the United Nations,

Taking into account recommendation 2.2 of the Action Plan for the Human Environment⁶³ adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,

1. *Decides* to hold a United Nations Conference-Exposition on Human Settlements;

2. *Accepts* the offer of the Government of Canada to act as host to the Conference-Exposition in 1975;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme⁶⁴ at its first session a report containing a plan for, and anticipated costs of, the Conference-Exposition.

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3002 (XXVII). Development and environment

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2849 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 entitled "Development and environment",

Considering its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 on institutional and financial arrangements for international environmental co-operation,

Noting the set of recommendations of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment pertaining to development and environment,⁶⁵

Reaffirming the importance of implementing the objectives and policy measures of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade⁶⁶ and the need to provide adequate resources for their fulfilment,

Bearing in mind that the funds available to the international community for research and action in the fields of the protection and enhancement of the environment will tend to be scarce in relation to the needs,

1. *Stresses* that, in the implementation and financing of the objectives set forth in section III, paragraphs 2 and 3, of General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), such environmental measures and programmes as may also constitute a necessary part of the process of accelerating the economic development of developing countries should receive special consideration in the formulation of programmes and priorities by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

2. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme in formulating environmental programmes to ensure, in accordance with the principles set forth in General Assembly resolution 2849 (XXVI), the compatibility of these programmes with the objectives and policy measures of global strategies and sectoral guidelines for the economic

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, chap. II, sect. B.

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, chap. III. Paragraphs 2 (e) and 5 (d) were incorporated in resolution 2997 (XXVII) without change (see sect. I, para. 2 (e), and sect. II, para. 2 (d), of that resolution).

⁵⁸ See resolution 2997 (XXVII), sect. I.

⁵⁹ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

⁶⁰ United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.II.A.18.

⁶¹ *Ibid.*

⁶² Resolution 2626 (XXV).

⁶³ See A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1, chap. II.

⁶⁴ See resolution 2997 (XXVII), sect. I.

⁶⁵ See A/CONF.48/14 and Corr.1, chap. II, sect. B.

⁶⁶ Resolution 2626 (XXV).