

of international protection by considering accessions to relevant instruments for the benefit of refugees, the effective implementation of these instruments and the scrupulous observance of humanitarian principles with respect to the granting of asylum and the *non-refoulement* of refugees;

7. *Commends* the increasing number of contributors to the High Commissioner's programmes and, emphasizing the need for a wider sharing of the financial burden, calls upon Governments to provide him with necessary funds to attain the objectives of his humanitarian programme.

63rd plenary meeting
29 November 1978

33/47. National experience in promoting the co-operative movement

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2459 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and 31/37 of 30 November 1976, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1668 (LII) of 1 June 1972,

Bearing in mind that the establishment and growth of co-operatives is one of the important instruments for the full economic, social and cultural development of all members of society,

Recognizing the necessity of training and educational programmes at various levels for the growth, diversification and professionalization of the management of co-operatives,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement;²²

2. *Reiterates* the necessity of an international exchange of experience as a contribution to the growth and diversification of the co-operative movement;

3. *Stresses* the role of co-operatives in the development of weaker sections of the community and in over-all social and economic advancement, particularly in developing countries;

4. *Recognizes* that co-operatives are an important means of increasing employment opportunities for women and integrating them, as active members of society, into the development process;

5. *Stresses also* the important social role of co-operatives in involving people at the grass-roots level in the planning and decision-making which affect their daily lives;

6. *Invites* Member States, relevant specialized agencies and other United Nations organs to pay special attention to the training and education aspects of the co-operative movement at the local, national and international levels;

7. *Also invites* Member States, relevant specialized agencies and other United Nations organs to submit follow-up reports on their experience in promoting the co-operative movement, referring especially to the participation of women in the co-operative movement and to the role of co-operatives in achieving over-all social and economic development;

²² E/1978/15 and Corr.2.

8. *Invites* those Member States which have not already done so to submit reports on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a follow-up report on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement, referring especially to the participation of women in the co-operative movement and to the role of co-operatives in achieving over-all social and economic development, based on data already available and on additional contributions from Member States and relevant specialized agencies;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress" and to consider under this item the follow-up report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement.

84th plenary meeting
14 December 1978

33/48. World social development

The General Assembly,

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Recalling its resolutions 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development and 2771 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971 and 31/84 of 13 December 1976 on the world social situation,

Recalling also its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Convinced that the improvement of the living conditions of peoples, particularly in the developing countries, depends on their rapid economic and social progress,

Considering, however, that the desired pace of socio-economic progress in the developing countries is hindered because of the magnitude of their economic difficulties arising from the unjust international economic order which has existed hitherto,

Considering also that the world socio-economic situation is characterized by the deterioration of the economic situation in the developing countries and the continually widening gap between the developing countries and the developed countries,

Considering further that the objective of increasing the real national income of the developing countries and their social progress necessitates far-reaching changes in the structure of the existing world economic system as provided in the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

Desiring to achieve the rapid and complete elimination of the obstacles to the economic and social progress of peoples, particularly colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, aggression, occupation and foreign domination and all other forms of inequality and exploitation of peoples,

Mindful of the social aspects of the elaboration of the new international development strategy,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,²³ prepared on the basis of information provided by Governments, on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of all nations to pursue freely their economic and social development and to exercise full and complete sovereignty over all their natural resources;

2. *Welcomes* the active and growing participation of all members of society in economic and social development programmes;

3. *Reaffirms also* that the elimination of all forms of dependence and oppression such as aggression, foreign occupation, colonialism, *apartheid* and racial discrimination constitutes a prerequisite for world social and economic progress;

4. *Urges* the developed countries to make the structural changes included in the resolutions on the new international economic order aimed at eliminating the inequities and imbalances characterizing international economic relations which are necessary for the progress of the developing countries;

5. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, the Commission for Social Development, the Committee for Development Planning and the regional commissions to pay particular attention to studies and analyses concerning national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bear in mind, in preparing the reports on the world social situation, the close relationship between economic development and social development, and the over-all situation of the developing countries in international economic relations;

7. *Considers* that the new international development strategy should duly stress the need for each country to define within the context of its development plans and priorities an appropriate social development policy taking account of its socio-economic structure and its degree of development;

8. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to consider at its twenty-sixth session the report on the world social situation in the context of the work on the new international development strategy and to transmit its recommendations to the body entrusted with the preparation of that strategy;

9. *Requests* the Committee for Development Planning and the regional commissions, in their contribution to the work of the body entrusted with the preparation of the new international development strategy, to ensure that social development objectives are integrated in the strategy in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions;

²³ E/1978/19 and Add.1.

II

Recalling resolution 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, in which the General Assembly reaffirmed the right of every State to carry out social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress and the need to continue the study of national experience in that field, and Economic and Social Council resolution 2074 (LXII) of 13 May 1977, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the findings of various specialized agencies and organs of the United Nations system relating to the distribution of national income,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General²⁴ on the equitable distribution of national income,

1. *Affirms* that the social progress of all countries implies, among other things, a just and equitable distribution of income at the national and international levels;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the conclusions of the study requested in Council resolution 1086 (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965.

84th plenary meeting
14 December 1978

33/49. Preservation and further development of cultural values

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3026 A (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 3148 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973 and 31/39 of 30 November 1976,

Noting the resolutions adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its nineteenth session, held at Nairobi from 26 October to 30 November 1976, in particular its resolutions 4.12 on preservation and presentation of the cultural heritage of mankind and 4.13 on cultural development,²⁵

Taking into account the results of the meeting of the Committee of Experts on the Preservation and Further Development of Cultural Values, convened by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at Warsaw from 24 to 28 October 1977,²⁶

Noting with appreciation the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the preservation and further development of cultural values,²⁷

Noting with satisfaction that, since the adoption of General Assembly resolution 3148 (XXVIII), the attention of Governments and international organizations, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, has been focused on the importance of the preservation, renewal and continuous creation of cultural values and that cooperation between States has been developing to this end,

²⁴ E/1978/29.

²⁵ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Nineteenth Session*, vol. 1, *Resolutions*, pp. 46-53.

²⁶ See the final report of the Committee of Experts (CC-77/CONF.614/COL.9).

²⁷ See A/33/157.