

should consider the need to co-operate closely with the international programmes of the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the provision of services for and by youth with regard to employment.

5. In the context of paragraph 4 above, the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, within their mandates, should consider the promotion and co-ordination within their respective regions of all activities regarding the integration and participation of youth in development.

6. The regional commissions should consider the possibility of organizing regional workshops on questions relating to youth.

7. The regional commissions should, with the assistance of regional liaison officers, strengthen their co-operation with youth organizations.

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8. The Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should continue arrangements for the promotion and co-ordination of activities in the field of youth and the integration of those activities into the over-all programmes of social and economic development. This could be done by, *inter alia*, regularly including the item concerning youth in its agenda or convening *ad hoc* interagency meetings on youth, or both.

9. The practice of providing internships for youth should be expanded in order to give a broad section of young people from all regions of the world the opportunity of being acquainted with the United Nations and thereby learning of its activities. Those internships should not be confined to United Nations Headquarters.

10. The Joint United Nations Information Committee should take into account the views of youth organizations representative of all regions of the world on all phases of production of United Nations publications of interest to youth and ensure the broadest possible circulation of such publications.

11. The Secretary-General should continue to strengthen and promote the relationship with, and assistance to, the Geneva informal meetings of international non-governmental youth organizations as an important channel of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations.

### 36/18. National experience in promoting the co-operative movement

#### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 33/47 of 14 December 1978 on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement and other relevant resolutions referred to in that resolution,

*Desiring* to promote the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>36</sup>

*Reaffirming* that co-operatives play an important role in the socio-economic development of developing countries,

*Convinced* that the exchange among countries of national experience relating to the co-operative movement plays an essential role in strengthening the co-operatives for the benefit of their members and in overcoming difficulties in the development of various co-operatives,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement;<sup>37</sup>

2. *Invites* the regional commissions and specialized agencies concerned to make further efforts with a view to promoting the co-operative movement as an effective instrument for the improvement of the well-being of the population;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with Member States and relevant organizations of the United Nations system, a comprehensive report on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement, paying special attention, *inter alia*, to the following aspects:

(a) Role of co-operatives in over-all social and economic development, particularly in rural areas;

(b) Participation of peasants, including landless peasants, as well as of women and youth in co-operatives;

(c) Ability of co-operatives to increase the material welfare of their members;

(d) Interrelationship between agrarian reform and agricultural co-operatives;

(e) Difficulties faced by countries in the establishment and development of co-operatives and their experience in overcoming them;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, the above-mentioned report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session for discussion under the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress".

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### 36/19. National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress

#### *The General Assembly,*

*Guided* by the desire to promote a higher standard of life, full employment and conditions for economic and social progress and development,

*Bearing in mind* the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,<sup>38</sup>

*Mindful* of the provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order<sup>39</sup> as well as the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,<sup>40</sup>

*Noting* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1581 A (L) of 21 May 1971, 1667 (LII) of 1 June 1972 and 1746 (LIV) of 16 May 1973 concerning the importance of fundamental structural socio-economic changes for the strengthening of national independence and the achievement of the ultimate goals of social progress,

*Recalling* its resolutions 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and 31/38 of 30 November 1976, in which it reaffirmed the importance for every State to exercise its inalienable right to carry out fundamental social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress and the necessity of studying national experience in this field,

*Desirous* of securing a speedy and complete removal of all obstacles to the economic and social progress of peoples, especially colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, military, political and economic intervention and pressures, foreign aggression and occupation or alien domination as well as all forms of inequality and exploitation of peoples,

*Convinced* that peaceful coexistence and co-operation among States as well as measures in the field of disarmament create favourable international conditions for the socio-economic development of all countries, in particular developing ones,

<sup>36</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex.

<sup>37</sup> A/36/115.

<sup>38</sup> Resolution 2542 (XXIV), annex.

<sup>39</sup> Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

<sup>40</sup> Resolution 3281 (XXIX).

*Desirous* of contributing to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>41</sup>

1. *Reaffirms* the sovereign and inalienable right of every State to choose its economic and social system in accordance with the will of its people, without outside interference in whatever form it takes;

2. *Considers* that the exchange of national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress would contribute to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Invites* Member States to give special attention in their national development plans and programmes to the social aspects of development with a view to increasing the well-being of the population on the basis of its full participation in the process of development and a fair distribution of the benefits therefrom;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make arrangements for holding, within the programme of advisory services, regular interregional and regional seminars to study the national experience of developing and developed countries in carrying out far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with Member States, a report on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress and for safeguarding national independence within the context of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, taking into account social aspects of development and the role of existing concepts and practices in the development process, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth 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 above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General.

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### 36/20. Question of the elderly and the aged

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 34/153 of 17 December 1979 on the question of the elderly and the aged,

*Recalling also* its resolution 33/52 of 14 December 1978, in which it decided to convene a World Assembly on Aging in 1982 to launch an international programme of action on aging,

Considering that the international programme of action on aging should respond to the socio-economic implications of the aging of populations and to the specific needs of older persons, and should pay due regard to the special situation of developing countries, in particular of the least developed countries,

*Convinced* that the objectives of an international plan of action on aging must be adapted to the aims of the new international economic order and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>42</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* the preparatory work for the World Assembly on Aging,<sup>43</sup> and the leading role being played by the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat in the work of the United Nations in the field of aging,

*Aware* of the need for the continuing role of the Commission for Social Development and other appropriate United Nations bodies in the monitoring and evaluation of the international plan of action that would result from the World Assembly on Aging,

*Appreciating* the efforts of the specialized agencies and regional commissions and of the non-governmental organizations concerned in the promotion of awareness of the situation of the aging,

*Recognizing* the important role of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities in furthering solutions to the problems of the elderly and the aged,

*Noting* that a United Nations Trust Fund for the World Assembly on Aging has been established by the Secretary-General in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 35/129 of 11 December 1980.

*Taking note with appreciation* of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the question of the elderly and the aged,<sup>44</sup>

1. *Recommends* that Governments should continue to give attention to the question of aging, particularly in the formulation of national development policies and programmes in accordance with their national priorities;

2. *Invites* Member States to consider designating in their respective countries a "Day for the Aging" devoted to activities by, and on behalf of, the elderly and the aged and to report their views and comments to the Secretary-General;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session the views and comments received from Member States pursuant to the invitation contained in paragraph 2 above;

4. *Appeals* to Member States to make voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for the World Assembly on Aging;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to use the Trust Fund to encourage further interest in the field of aging among developing countries, particularly the least developed among them, within the context of the World Assembly on Aging;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session on the status of the Trust Fund and to include in his report an account of project activities financed by the Fund;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen, within the limits of existing resources and voluntary contributions, activities in the field of aging in co-operation with the organizations concerned, and in particular:

(a) To assist Governments, at their request, in the formulation and implementation of policies and programmes for the elderly;

(b) To continue to monitor and research the implications of aging populations, especially in developing countries;

(c) To promote technical co-operation among developing countries in the exchange of information and technology in this field;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session on the implementation of paragraph 7 above and also to report any views received from Member States on the problems of the elderly and the aged;

<sup>41</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex.

<sup>42</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>43</sup> See resolution 36/30 below.

<sup>44</sup> A/36/70.