

2. *Urges* all Governments to take immediate steps to implement the agreements reached by the Committee at its second session;

3. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to convene the third session of the Committee prior to the commencement of the thirtieth session of the Governing Council of the Programme, to be held in 1983;

4. *Decides* that the organization of the session of the Committee in 1983 shall provide for plenary meetings and for meetings of only one working group;

5. *Invites* all participants in the United Nations Development Programme to undertake the necessary preparations for the third session of the Committee and to be represented at a high level;

6. *Requests* the executive heads of the organs, organizations and bodies in the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, within their spheres of competence, programmes of work and available resources and in close co-operation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to contribute to the preparation of the third session of the Committee and to participate actively therein.

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36/45. United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2951 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972, 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973, 3313 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974, 3439 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, 31/117 and 31/118 of 16 December 1976, 32/54 of 8 December 1977, 33/108 of 18 December 1978, 34/112 of 14 December 1979 and 35/54 of 5 December 1980,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University,¹²

Noting decision 5.2.1 of 2 October 1981, adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one hundred and thirteenth session,

1. *Welcomes* the development of the activities of the United Nations University under five themes with which the Council of the University expressed its general agreement at its seventeenth session;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the decision to move towards a six-year medium-term perspective;

3. *Welcomes* the opportunities under the medium-term perspective for greater collaboration at various levels between the United Nations University and the United Nations system and academic communities and institutions;

4. *Notes* that the enlarged scope of the programmes and activities of the United Nations University in promoting advanced research and training on global problems affecting mankind and in ensuring a more effective global dissemination of knowledge calls for greater resources for their implementation, and decides to encourage efforts to promote understanding of this enlarged scope of the work of the University, thereby helping to generate increased financial support from various sources, including non-governmental organizations;

5. *Earnestly appeals* to all Member States to give special attention to those encouraging developments and to contribute generously and urgently to the Endowment Fund

of the United Nations University and, additionally or alternatively, to make operating contributions to the University in order to enable it to fulfill effectively its global mandate.

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36/70. Assistance to the Palestinian people

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 33/147 of 20 December 1978, 34/133 of 14 December 1979 and 35/111 of 5 December 1980,

Recalling also its resolutions 3236 (XXIX) and 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1981/171 of 22 July 1981 and recalling the relevant resolutions of the Council,

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people,¹³

Taking note also of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-eighth session,¹⁴

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the action taken by the Administrator and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in response to the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

2. *Urges* the relevant agencies, organizations, organs and programmes of the United Nations system to take the necessary steps, in consultation and co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization, the representative of the Palestinian people, for the full implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on assistance to the Palestinian people;

3. *Strongly urges* all parties concerned to facilitate the full implementation of all the projects approved by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-sixth session;¹⁵

4. *Requests* the United Nations Development Programme to undertake direct execution of the projects in the occupied Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem, in co-ordination with the relevant local Palestinian organizations and bodies;

5. *Also requests* that United Nations assistance to the Palestinian people in the Arab host countries should be rendered through the specialized agencies, programmes, organs and other bodies of the United Nations system in consultation with the parties concerned and in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

*84th plenary meeting
4 December 1981*

36/71. International Year of Shelter for the Homeless

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/76 of 5 December 1980, in which it expressed the view that an international year de-

¹³ A/36/305 and Add.1 and 2.

¹⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11 (E/1981/61/Rev.1).*

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, 1979, *Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40 and Corr.1)*, chap XXI, sect. D, decision 79/18; see also A/36/305, para. 10, and DP/410.

¹² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/36/31).*

voted to the problems of homeless people in urban and rural areas of the developing countries could be an appropriate occasion to focus the attention of the international community on those problems,

Recognizing the grave and generally worsening situation of the homeless in the developing countries,

Emphasizing that the building, improvement and maintenance of shelter, related physical infrastructure and social facilities can contribute significantly to national development,

Convinced of the imperative need to mobilize effectively the considerable skill and resources that the homeless themselves possess for building, improving and maintaining their own shelter and neighbourhoods,

Convinced also that, because of their complexity and magnitude, the problems of the homeless require co-ordinated and concerted action at all levels,

Confident that an international year of shelter for the homeless could serve as a means of increasing public awareness at the local, national, regional and global levels and set in motion a process which would lead to significant improvement in the situation of the homeless,

Considering that human settlements activities are among the important policy measures for the attainment of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,¹⁶

Noting with satisfaction the follow-up action so far taken by Member States with regard to the implementation of the recommendations of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,¹⁷ and the support being provided by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to developing countries to facilitate that action,

Recalling in that connection its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on guidelines for international years and anniversaries,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/69 B of 24 July 1981 on the proposal to declare an international year of shelter for the homeless,

1. *Decides*, in principle, to designate 1987 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, on the understanding that the criteria for financing and organizing international years set out in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 are complied with;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to prepare a proposal containing a specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless and to report to the Economic and Social Council through the Commission on Human Settlements;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of that proposal, a report on the organizational matters regarding the holding of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless in 1987, including the availability of voluntary funds, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session through the Economic and Social Council during 1982;

4. *Appeals* to all States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public at large to indicate appropriate support for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

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¹⁶ See resolution 35/56, annex, paras. 159 and 160.

¹⁷ See *Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Vancouver, 31 May-11 June 1976* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7 and corrigendum), chap. II.

36/72. Human settlements

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements and 34/116 of 14 December 1979 on the strengthening of human settlements activities,

Recalling also its resolutions 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,

Further recalling the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 1976,¹⁸ and the other recommendations of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,¹⁹

Affirming the importance of the promotion of human settlements development as a distinct and specific policy measure for the attainment of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Reaffirming that human settlements development should be viewed and taken into account in the context of the national plans and priorities and the development of all countries, in particular the developing countries,

Recognizing that the Commission on Human Settlements has continued to address itself effectively to substantive issues in the field of human settlements of priority concern to Member States, particularly developing countries,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/69 A of 24 July 1981 on international co-operation in the field of human settlements,

Having considered the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fourth session,²⁰

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fourth session;

2. *Welcomes* resolution 4/1, entitled "Manila Communiqué on a Human Settlements Movement", adopted on 6 May 1981 by the Commission on Human Settlements at its fourth session;²¹

3. *Urges* the Commission on Human Settlements to continue to take account of and to provide adequate support to technical co-operation among developing countries in the formulation and implementation of its programmes on human settlements.

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B

RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 33/148 of 20 December 1978, 34/190 of 18 December 1979 and 35/204 of 16 December 1980 on the convening of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy,

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. I.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, chaps. II and III.

²⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/36/8).*

²¹ *Ibid.*, annex I.