

1. *Decides that:*

(a) The Third Committee should devote enough time to its discussion of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights to be able to complete its consideration of the draft Covenants, if possible by the end of the thirteenth session of the General Assembly, for adoption by the Assembly at that session;

(b) The Third Committee should discuss, at the beginning of the twelfth session of the General Assembly, how many meetings should be devoted to the consideration of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights;

2. *Decides* to transmit to the Commission on Human Rights the official records and other documents relating to the important question of measures to be taken with respect to violations of human rights, discussed by the Third Committee at the eleventh session of the General Assembly.

*656th plenary meeting,
20 February 1957.*

1042 (XI). Long-range programme for community development

The General Assembly,

Having noted chapter VI, section I, of the report of the Economic and Social Council⁸ on the programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Economic and Social Council for its continuous attention to practical programmes for the integrated economic and social development of the under-developed countries;

2. *Agrees* with the emphasis placed by the Council on community development as part of the comprehensive measures taken by Governments for raising levels of living, in rural areas in particular;

3. *Observes with interest* the increasing application of community development principles and processes by national Governments in their programmes for promoting balanced growth of their countries and peoples;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in drawing up the recommendations called for by Council resolution 627 (XXII) of 2 August 1956 concerning the long-range programme for the promotion of community development which the Council and the Social Commission are to prepare, in collaboration with the specialized agencies, to take into account the views expressed by representatives in the Third Committee and, in particular, to lay stress upon:

(a) The integration of social and economic measures within such a programme;

(b) Adequate research into all factors affecting the planning and implementation of national community development programmes;

(c) The role of community development in raising levels of production, health, education and welfare and the importance of co-ordinating national and international efforts in comprehensive community development programmes;

(d) The study of the problems arising out of the migration of rural populations to urban centres;

(e) The assistance that should be given in particular to newly constituted States in planning and organizing community development programmes and in training the personnel required for implementing such programmes;

5. *Invites* Member States, either singly or acting in concert in regional groups, to continue to consider and propose additional measures in the field of community development which, in their view, will make the Council's programme more effective.

*658th plenary meeting,
21 February 1957.*

1043 (XI). International cultural and scientific co-operation

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations expressly stressing the importance of the development of international co-operation in the field of culture and education,

Considering that all nations contribute their valuable share in the common treasury of culture and science of the world,

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its ninth session on international scientific co-operation, the development of international cultural relations in general and mutual appreciation of Eastern and Western cultural values in particular,

Bearing in mind that the peoples of the world desire wide and intensified international cultural and scientific co-operation,

Noting the positive results achieved up to now by such international co-operation,

Recognizing that mutual knowledge and understanding of the culture and life of nations contribute to the strengthening of international confidence and to the maintenance of peace,

Bearing in mind the desirability of furthering the development of cultural and scientific relations among nations,

1. *Invites* all States to promote, by mutual agreements and other means, wider cultural and scientific international co-operation and to spare no effort in trying to achieve the implementation of these peaceful objectives;

2. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the other specialized agencies concerned to include in their annual reports to the Economic and Social Council a statement of their views and activities in the field of international cultural and scientific co-operation, and requests the Council to give special attention to such statements.

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⁸*Ibid.*, Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/3154).