

Expresses its sincere appreciation to Mr. Schnyder for his work during the years he has served as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

*1390th plenary meeting,
7 December 1965.*

2057 (XX). United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 57 (I) of 11 December 1946, 417 (V) of 1 December 1950, 802 (VIII) of 6 October 1953, 1773 (XVII) of 7 December 1962 and 1919 (XVIII) of 5 December 1963,

1. *Applauds* the award of the Nobel Peace Prize for 1965 to the United Nations Children's Fund, which reinforces understanding of the importance for peace in the world of the welfare and rearing of children in a spirit of friendship among nations;

2. *Endorses* the policy of the United Nations Children's Fund in supporting the importance of viewing the needs of the child as a whole, and of making, in national programmes for economic and social development, adequate provision for children and young people and thereby preparing them for their future participation in their country's development;

3. *Notes with approval* the programmes of the United Nations Children's Fund, which now include assistance to Governments in the fields of maternal and child health, disease control, nutrition, social welfare, education and vocational training, and which are carried out in close co-operation with the technical agencies concerned in the United Nations family;

4. *Welcomes* the emphasis of the United Nations Children's Fund on assistance to young children of pre-school age, and on the improvement and extension of elementary education;

5. *Notes with satisfaction* the decision of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund that in seeking the most effective uses of Fund aid stress should continue to be placed on developing the basic services which benefit children, on priority programmes directed at their main problems and on the training of national personnel as an essential element of programmes, and the decision that full advantage should be taken of the relevant experience of all countries in seeking ways of meeting the problems of children and youth;¹⁷

6. *Welcomes* the decision of the United Nations Children's Fund to hold the next regular session of its Executive Board in Africa in May 1966;¹⁸

7. *Urges* Governments and private groups to intensify their efforts substantially to increase the resources of the United Nations Children's Fund.

*1397th plenary meeting,
16 December 1965.*

2058 (XX). Town twinning as a means of international co-operation

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1028 (XXXVII) of 13 August 1964,

Considering that experience in recent years has shown the great value of town twinning, practised without any discrimination,

Considering that town twinning promotes the achievement of the great ideals enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Considering that the first African Conference of World-wide Inter-Community Co-operation, held at Dakar from 1 to 3 April 1964, laid special emphasis on "twinning co-operation",

1. *Considers* town twinning to be one of the means of co-operation which the United Nations should encourage, both in connexion with the International Co-operation Year and on a permanent basis;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, in collaboration with the appropriate non-governmental organizations in consultative status and taking into consideration the decisions of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on town twinning, to prepare a programme of measures through which the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization might take concrete steps to encourage further the achievement of the largest possible number of twinned towns;

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session a report on the programmes of action that have been taken to comply with the present resolution;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take, through his offices, all suitable measures to encourage this form of co-operation.

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16 December 1965.*

2059 (XX). United Nations assistance for the advancement of women

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 771 H (XXX) of 25 July 1960 and General Assembly resolution 1509 (XV) of 12 December 1960 concerning special assistance by the United Nations and the specialized agencies for the advancement of women in developing countries,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1777 (XVII) of 7 December 1962 and 1920 (XVIII) of 5 December 1963,

Reaffirming Economic and Social Council resolution 1068 A (XXXIX) of 16 July 1965, in which the Council took note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its eighteenth session,¹⁹ which was held at Teheran from 1 to 20 March 1965,

Recognizing the importance of the work accomplished by the Commission on the Status of Women,

Recognizing the contribution of the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations in the matter of improving the status of women,

Believing that the co-ordination and development of the various programmes concerning the status of women should be implemented through a unified, long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women,

Recognizing that it is appropriate to draw the attention of world public opinion to the importance of the contribution which women can make to national development and to the consequent need to solve the problem of the status of women and their emancipation,

¹⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (E/4083/Rev.1), para. 74.*

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, para. 237.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7 (E/4025).

1. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 1068 E (XXXIX) of 16 July 1965, in which the Council recommended to Member States, and especially to those making use of technical assistance, that they give greater priority to projects and programmes directed towards the advancement of women, and invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the executive heads of the specialized agencies to encourage the participation of women in projects submitted by Member States;

2. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 1068 C (XXXIX) of 16 July 1965, in which the Council emphasized the importance of training appropriate cadres, especially in the developing countries, in order to enable women to participate fully in the economic, social, cultural and political life of their respective countries;

3. *Welcomes* the support given by the Economic and Social Council to the other recommendations made by the Commission on the Status of Women at its eighteenth session;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies and the international non-governmental organizations to continue their efforts for the improvement of the status of women;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to study especially the possibility of expanding the assistance which can be rendered for the advancement of women in developing countries;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to co-operate with the Commission on the Status of Women to these ends;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly informed on developments in this respect, especially with regard to the possibility of establishing a unified, long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women;

8. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Iran for its generous invitation, which enabled the Commission on the Status of Women to hold its eighteenth session at Teheran in conditions that were particularly favourable for its work.

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16 December 1965.*

2060 (XX). Advisory services in the field of human rights

The General Assembly,

Noting that proposals have been made to hold an international seminar on *apartheid* in 1966,

Recalling that these proposals were brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-ninth session,²⁰

Requests the Secretary-General to organize in 1966, in consultation with the Special Committee on the Policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Commission on Human Rights, an international seminar on *apartheid* and authorizes him to use such funds as may be necessary for the purpose, making appropriate readjustments within the budgetary allocations approved for section 14 (Human rights advisory services), part V (Technical programmes), of the United Nations budget.

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16 December 1965.*

²⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/6003)*, para. 549.

2061 (XX). Freedom of information

The General Assembly,

Noting that the heavy agenda of the Third Committee at the twentieth session has not allowed the Committee to consider either the draft Convention on Freedom of Information or the draft Declaration on Freedom of Information which was submitted to it by the Economic and Social Council,

Reiterating that freedom of information forms an important part of the human rights and fundamental freedoms, to the promotion of which the United Nations is dedicated,

Decides to devote, at its twenty-first session, as much time as it deems necessary to the consideration of the item on freedom of information.

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16 December 1965.*

2062 (XX). Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Considering that the agenda of its twentieth session included the item entitled "Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights",

Considering that owing to other priorities the proposal relating to this question could not be considered,

Convinced that it would be useful to obtain the opinion of the most appropriate United Nations organ to deal with the matter,

1. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to transmit to the Commission on Human Rights the proposal for the creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, for study of all aspects of the matter and for report, through the Council, to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all pertinent documents concerning that proposal to the Commission on Human Rights.

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16 December 1965.*

2080 (XX). Draft International Covenants on Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Considering that the Third Committee, owing to its heavy agenda, has not been able to consider the draft International Covenants on Human Rights at the present session,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1075 (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965 on organizational and procedural arrangements for the implementation of conventions and recommendations in the field of human rights,

1. *Decides* to defer to its twenty-first session the further consideration of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights;

2. *Invites* Governments of Member States to consider the measures of implementation and the final clauses of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights prepared by the Commission on Human Rights, the explanatory paper prepared by the Secretary-