

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1293 (XLIV) and 1294 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968 and World Health Assembly resolutions WHA18.47 of 20 May 1965, WHA20.42 and WHA20.43 of 25 May 1967 and WHA21.42 of 23 May 1968 urging controls on psychotropic substances not yet under international control,

Noting the progress made under the aegis of the Economic and Social Council to develop international control of psychotropic substances not yet under such control,

Requests the Economic and Social Council to call upon the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to give urgent attention to the problem of the abuse of the psychotropic substances not yet under international control, including the possibility of placing such substances under international control.

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2434 (XXIII). Technical assistance in the field of narcotics

The General Assembly,

Considering the responsibility that the United Nations exercises in the field of narcotic drugs under Chapter IX of the Charter of the United Nations and under the international narcotics treaties,

Conscious of the fact that narcotic drug abuse cannot be efficiently combated if the sources of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs are not suppressed,

Recognizing that countries in which the narcotic raw materials are grown may not be able, by their own effort alone, to put an end to illicit cultivation,

Bearing in mind the recent reports to the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and of the Permanent Central Narcotics Board,

Recalling its resolution 1395 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 which established a continuing programme of technical assistance for narcotics control,

Considering that drug addiction, where it is widespread, constitutes an obstacle to the economic and social development of the countries concerned and requires urgent and concerted efforts for its solution, which would have far-reaching and salutary effects on the ever-growing problem of drug abuse,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the International Narcotics Control Board and in consultation with interested Governments, to develop plans for putting an end to the illegal or uncontrolled production of narcotic raw materials and to submit these plans, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

2. *Invites* the specialized agencies, in particular the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, as well as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to participate fully in the preparation of these plans;

3. *Recommends* that the Governments concerned develop plans to seek assistance from these agencies, from the United Nations Development Programme and from bilateral sources in their efforts to develop alternative economic programmes and activities, such as the substitution of crops, as one of the most constructive

means of ending the illegal or uncontrolled cultivation of narcotic raw materials.

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2435 (XXIII). Assistance in cases of natural disaster

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2034 (XX) of 7 December 1965 on assistance to Governments in cases of natural disaster and its decision to review at its twenty-third session the experimental arrangements provided for in paragraph 5 of that resolution,

Having noted the views of the Economic and Social Council on the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations family of organizations in connexion with natural disasters,¹⁵

Noting with satisfaction that the arrangements provided for in General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX) and the assistance extended to Governments by the Secretary-General under that resolution have contributed towards relieving the distress and hardships which follow natural disasters,

Noting with appreciation the co-operation and assistance offered by certain Governments and provided by various United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies, as well as by the League of Red Cross Societies and other voluntary organizations, in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX),

Having considered the view of the Secretary-General that United Nations assistance under General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX) would be of considerably wider use and benefit to the developing countries subject to natural disasters if its conditions were broadened,

Recognizing the importance of scientific research and modern technology in reducing the impact of natural disasters on man and society,

Reiterating the importance it attaches to adequate pre-disaster planning by Member States, in order to mitigate the effects of natural disasters,

1. *Invites* Governments which have not already done so to make national preparations to meet natural disasters, including administrative arrangements and such measures as training of relief personnel, stockpiling of supplies needed for disaster relief, earmarking of means of transportation and the development of warning systems and of means of speedy communication;

2. *Invites* Governments and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as other organizations concerned, to give full recognition to the need to promote scientific research regarding the causes and early manifestations of impending disasters, to ascertain and assess areas and places of high vulnerability, and to encourage preventive and protective measures, such as the construction of disaster-resistant housing;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the organizations of the United Nations system as well as the League of Red Cross Societies and other organizations concerned, to consider ways of expanding assistance to Governments in the fields referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above;

¹⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Resumed Forty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 1, document E/4544.*

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give early consideration to the strengthening of staff arrangements within the United Nations Secretariat for dealing with natural disasters, including the establishment of a co-ordinating group whose members would be drawn, as appropriate, from the existing staff of the Secretariat;

5. *Appeals* to States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to consider offering, through the United Nations or otherwise, emergency assistance to meet natural disasters, including stand-by disaster relief units or the earmarking of similar units for service in foreign countries, and requests the Secretary-General to consult States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies on the types of emergency assistance they would be in a position to offer;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to complete at an early date the study undertaken by the Secretariat concerning the legal status of disaster relief units made available through the United Nations and in this connexion to consult, as appropriate, States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies;

7. *Decides* to extend for another three years the authority given to the Secretary-General in General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX), namely, to draw on the Working Capital Fund in the amount of \$100,000 in any one year for emergency aid in connexion with natural disasters, with a normal ceiling of \$20,000 per country in the case of any one disaster;

8. *Decides*, as an interim measure, to the extent that it does not prove necessary in any one year to make advances from the Working Capital Fund up to the maximum amount of \$100,000 for the purposes referred to in paragraph 7 above, to authorize the Secretary-General to advance the balance from the same source in the following year, in amounts not exceeding \$10,000 per country, for assistance to Governments, at their request, in co-operation with the organizations of the United Nations system and the League of Red Cross Societies where appropriate, in the elaboration of national preparations to meet natural disasters, it being understood that consideration will be given to obtaining, in the future, the necessary funds for such assistance from other sources;

9. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to review periodically programmes and projects throughout the United Nations system which relate to natural disasters, and to include appropriate recommendations thereon in its report to the Economic and Social Council;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit an interim report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council, at the latest at one of its sessions to be held in 1970, and a comprehensive report to the Council at its fifty-first session;

11. *Decides* to review at its twenty-sixth session, on the basis of the comprehensive report referred to in paragraph 10 above and the recommendations thereon by the Economic and Social Council, all aspects of the activities of the United Nations family of organizations in connexion with natural disasters.

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2436 (XXIII). World social situation

The General Assembly.

*Taking note with appreciation of the Report on the World Social Situation, 1967,*¹⁶ of the comments thereon by the Economic and Social Council,¹⁷ of Council resolution 1320 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968 and of the report of the Secretary-General setting out conclusions and suggestions for realizing substantial progress in the social field,¹⁸ prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2293 (XXII) of 11 December 1967,

Noting with deep concern that the world social situation continues to grow worse and that the gap in standards of living between the developed and developing countries continues to widen,

Noting with satisfaction the report of the International Conference of Ministers Responsible for Social Welfare¹⁹ and, in this respect, commending the Secretary-General for the preparation and organization of that Conference,

Recalling its resolution 2293 (XXII), in which it called upon the Economic and Social Council to request the Committee for Development Planning to take fully into account the role of social development in accelerating the attainment of the goals of development of nations, particularly for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2083 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1274 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967 on the development and utilization of human resources and Council resolution 1327 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968 on the access of women to education,

Further recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1353 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 on youth participation in international co-operation and 1354 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 on programmes of international action relating to youth,

Emphasizing the imperative need to ensure respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all with a view to effective participation of the members of society in achieving common objectives of development,

1. *Recommends* that Member States should incorporate social as well as economic objectives and targets in their national plans, programmes and research, giving attention, where appropriate, *inter alia*, to:

(a) Eliminating hunger, poverty and illiteracy, improving nutrition, health and education and providing housing for all;

(b) Considering, as they deem necessary, demographic problems, taking into account the objectives of raising standards of living and promoting social progress, as well as the importance of the family as a basic unit of society and the right of parents to decide freely and responsibly on the number and spacing of their children;

(c) Promoting industrialization with due regard for its social aspects;

(d) Increasing opportunities for full and productive employment in both urban and rural areas;

¹⁶ United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.IV.9.

¹⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7203)*, chapter X, section A; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 3A (A/7203/Add.1)*, chapter VI.

¹⁸ A/7248 and Corr.1.

¹⁹ E/4590 and Corr.1.