

areas and that, although some progress has been achieved in these directions, much remains to be accomplished,

Recognizing that it is necessary to translate the recommendations of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements into action-oriented programmes and thereby renew the spirit and sense of purpose proclaimed at the Conference,

Recognizing also that the provision of housing, infrastructure and services can constitute a major instrument and thrust for combating poverty, improving the environmental conditions and quality of life, increasing productivity, generating employment and income and extending the fruits of economic progress to the poor and the needy,

Noting with satisfaction that the Commission on Human Settlements, at its third session, reviewed especially, as selected themes of importance, the upgrading of urban slums and squatter settlements and the development of rural settlements and growth centres, and requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to continue to give high priority to these two subjects within the work programme and the medium-term plan of the Centre and to assist developing countries in related practical programmes and pilot demonstration projects,¹⁴⁰

Considering that the international community should take concrete steps to support the efforts of the developing countries to improve living conditions in both their urban and their rural sectors, especially for the benefit of underprivileged groups,

1. *Urges* Member States, within the framework of their national plans and priorities, to strengthen their policies regarding human settlements and to undertake concrete action-oriented programmes to implement the recommendations adopted by Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, with special emphasis on the provision of adequate shelter, infrastructure and services to the people living in squatter settlements and slums of urban and rural areas;

2. *Calls upon* the Commission on Human Settlements and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to provide all possible support to Member States in the implementation of the above-mentioned programmes;

3. *Expresses the view* that an international year devoted to the problems of homeless people in urban and rural areas in the developing countries could be an appropriate occasion to focus the attention of the international community on those problems;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements to submit a report, after appropriate consultations with Governments, to the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission on Human Settlements at its fourth session, on the implications of declaring an international year, which would be committed to providing homes for the poor and the homeless and would focus world-wide attention on the rehabilitation of the shanty-dweller, taking into account the guidelines for future international years adopted by the Council in its resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 and by the General Assembly in its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980, and in accordance also with the goals and objectives of the Inter-

national Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade in the social field;¹⁴¹

5. *Requests* the Commission on Human Settlements to review the report at its fourth session and to transmit it, with the Commission's comments, to the Economic and Social Council for consideration at its second regular session of 1981, taking into account the guidelines referred to in paragraph 4 above.

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35/77. Human settlements

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements and its resolution 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,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/47 of 23 July 1980 on international co-operation in the field of human settlements,

Affirming that the development of human settlements should be viewed in the context of national plans and priorities and the development objectives of all countries, in particular the developing countries,

Recognizing that the Commission on Human Settlements has addressed itself meaningfully to substantive issues in the field of human settlements, which are of priority concern to Member States, particularly to developing countries,

Reaffirming the need to enhance the effectiveness and improve the co-ordination of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat),

Having considered the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its third session,¹⁴²

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its third session.

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B

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT) AND THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

The General Assembly,

Recalling section VI, paragraph 1, of its resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977, by which it urged the

¹⁴¹ See resolution 35/56 above, annex, sect. II.

¹⁴⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/35/8)*, annex I, decisions 3/13 and 3/14.

¹⁴² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/35/8)*.

Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the bureau of the Commission on Human Settlements to meet biannually with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the bureau of the Governing Council of the Programme,

Noting the recommendation of the Commission on Human Settlements at its third session¹⁴³ and that of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its eighth session¹⁴⁴ that such meetings should be held annually,

Approves the holding of joint meetings of the bureaux of the Commission on Human Settlements and of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme with the two Executive Directors once a year, rather than on a biannual basis.

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C

PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT) IN THE WORK OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION

The General Assembly,

Recalling section II, paragraph 4 (b), of its resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977, in which it called upon the Commission on Human Settlements to follow closely the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system and other international organizations in the field of human settlements and to propose, when appropriate, ways and means by which the over-all policy objectives and goals in the field of human settlements within the United Nations system might best be achieved,

Recalling also section III, paragraphs 5 (a) and (b), of its resolution 32/162, in which it called upon the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to ensure the harmonization at the intersecretariat level of human settlements programmes planned and carried out by the United Nations system and to assist the Commission on Human Settlements in co-ordinating human settlements activities in the United Nations system, to keep them under review and to assess their effectiveness,

Noting with satisfaction that the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements is now a fully integrated organization with a programme of work, including technical assistance, research, training and the dissemination of information in the field of human settlements,

Invites the Secretary-General to arrange, in consultation with the members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, for the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to participate in all aspects of the work of that Committee and its subsidiary machinery.

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¹⁴³ *Ibid.*, annex I, resolution 3/6.

¹⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 25 (A/35/25), annex I, decision 8/5.

D

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT)

The General Assembly,

Welcoming the initiative taken by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) in providing technical assistance in the field of human settlements to a large number of developing countries,

Noting the concern expressed by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1980/47 of 23 July 1980 at the inadequacy of the voluntary contributions so far made available in support of the activities of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Governments that have so far made financial contributions for the activities of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat);

2. *Urgently appeals* to all States and appropriate financial institutions to respond favourably to the appeal of the Commission on Human Settlements for increased financial support for the work programme of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements by making or increasing their voluntary contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation.

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35/78. Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

The General Assembly,

Recalling 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, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic cooperation and 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,

Recalling further its resolution 34/204 of 19 December 1979 on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development,¹⁴⁵

Bearing in mind the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,¹⁴⁶

Reaffirming the relevant recommendations made by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14 to 30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I.

¹⁴⁵ A/35/82.

¹⁴⁶ See resolution 35/56 above, annex.

¹⁴⁷ See Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14 to 30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I.