

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of the contents of the report of the Committee of Experts:

(a) To incorporate in the Recommendations prepared by the Committee of Experts⁴¹ the amendments set forth in the report of the Committee on its ninth session;⁴²

(b) To publish the amendments so adopted;

(c) To circulate the recommendations as soon as possible to Governments of Member States, to the specialized agencies, to the International Atomic Energy Agency and to the other international organizations concerned;

4. *Invites* Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other international organizations concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General such comments as they may wish to make on the amended recommendations and to indicate to what extent they will be applied, and requests the Secretary-General to transmit these observations to the Committee of Experts for consideration at its tenth session;

5. *Invites* the Committee of Experts, in consultation with other bodies concerned, particularly the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Air Transport Association and the regional commissions, to continue its study of an international convention on the transport of dangerous goods by all modes of transport, taking into account the special problems, if any, of developing countries, and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene sufficient meetings of the Committee of Experts and its subsidiary bodies to permit satisfactory progress to be made on outstanding tasks and to this end requests the Secretary-General to convene in 1979 additional meetings of the Group of Rapporteurs consisting of a total of ten working days in preparation for the Group's report to the Committee at its eleventh session to be held in 1980;

7. *Decides* that any member of the Committee of Experts may participate and vote in the work of that Committee's subsidiary bodies, if he notifies the Secretariat of his intention to do so.

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2051 (LXII). Action by the United Nations to implement the recommendations of the World Population Plan of Action

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Population Commission on its nineteenth session,⁴³

Bearing in mind that the World Population Conference, which was held at Bucharest from 19 to 30 August 1974, adopted a World Population Plan of

⁴¹ *Transport of Dangerous Goods* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.VIII.2).

⁴² See ST/SG/AC.10/2, annexes 1-13.

⁴³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5913).*

Action as a policy instrument within the broader context of the internationally adopted strategies and of international progress,

Also bearing in mind the efforts made by Governments, by the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to apply an integrated approach to social and economic development,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 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,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 31/182 of 21 December 1976, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Committee for Development Planning as well as with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and other relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations system, to collect data and information relevant to the formulation of a new international development strategy, and decided to consider at its thirty-second session appropriate action for the preparations for a new international development strategy,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 3344 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, in which the Assembly took note with satisfaction of the report of the World Population Conference,⁴⁴ including the resolutions and recommendations of the Conference and the World Population Plan of Action,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in pursuing the task of collecting data and information relevant to the formulation of a new international development strategy, to take due account of the World Population Plan of Action as one of the inputs of particular relevance to that task;

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that, when it considers the question of preparing a new international development strategy, the role of population and the importance of population policies and activities in their relationship to the establishment of a new international economic order should be given due weight, and should be duly integrated into the goals, objectives, policy measures and targets to be contained in any new strategy.

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2052 (LXII). Population Information System (POPINS)

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the recommendations of the World Population Conference, in particular those contained in the World Population Plan of Action,⁴⁵ especially in para-

⁴⁴ *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3).

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, chap. I.

graphs 15, 80, 90, 91, 100 and 102, which place emphasis on the exchange, sharing and dissemination of information in the field of population,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 3344 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, which deals with the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action,

1. *Takes note* of the findings of the study undertaken with regard to the establishment of a world-wide population information system (POPINS);⁴⁶

2. *Affirms* the importance of intensified efforts towards the dissemination of scientific and technical information in the field of population, especially in the developing countries; the need to promote easier access to such information for users, particularly those directly or indirectly concerned with economic and social development; the need to develop at the national level appropriate institutional arrangements and supporting programmes to promote the sharing and exchange of information; the importance of establishing or strengthening regional capacities in the field of population information; and the desirability of establishing appropriate co-ordination and linkages among the already existing information activities and services in the field of population;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Governments, with the collaboration of the regional commissions and the specialized agencies and with the advice of experts in relevant areas, to continue exploratory studies concerning the establishment of a world-wide population information system, with particular emphasis on:

(a) Gathering information about the volume of literature, institutions, potential users and their needs, especially by means of in-depth studies on a small number of national and regional institutions to estimate the amount of information which exists and to identify current and future needs of users;

(b) Consultations at the national and regional levels on arrangements for collaboration with existing programmes, especially as far as discussions with possible funders of the system are concerned;

(c) Aspects related to the design of the system, with particular attention to the operating costs of the possible options of the system at the national, regional and international levels;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to endeavour to obtain the necessary funding for the proposed activities through extrabudgetary resources;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit the findings of these exploratory studies to the Population Commission at its twentieth session for its consideration.

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2053 (LXII). Work programme in the field of population

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the recommendations of the World Population Conference and particularly of the World Popu-

⁴⁶ E/CN.9/332.

lation Plan of Action,⁴⁷ General Assembly resolution 3344 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on the World Population Conference, and General Assembly resolution 3345 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on research on the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development, and the emphasis in the World Population Plan of Action on human rights and the role of women,

Recalling also its decision 87 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975 concerning the monitoring, review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action, its decision 89 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975 concerning the biennial review in depth by the Council of population matters with special reference to the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action, its resolution 1943 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975 and its decision 169 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 on guidelines on population-related factors for development planners, and its resolution 1946 (LVIII) of 7 May 1975 on activities in the field of population,

Aware of the need to take steps for the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action, and the need to strengthen the monitoring, review and appraisal functions of the Secretariat,

Aware also of the important supportive role of the United Nations system to Governments in achieving the goals of the World Population Plan of Action through research, exchange of information and technical co-operation,

Stressing the supportive role of the work programme of the United Nations system in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and the pursuit of goals of economic co-operation,

Taking note of the discussions of the Population Commission at its nineteenth session on the progress of work, the work programme for the biennium 1978-1979 and the medium-term plan for the period 1978-1981,⁴⁸

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the progress of work, the work programme for the biennium 1978-1979 and the medium-term plan for the period 1978-1981;

2. *Draws the attention* of the General Assembly, in its consideration of the work programme and budget, to the need to strengthen the work of the Secretariat, including the regional commissions, arising from the World Population Conference, taking note of General Assembly resolution 31/93 of 14 December 1976;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue and strengthen the work on population trends and structure, demographic estimates and projections, factors affecting patterns of reproduction, population and development, and population policy;

(b) To arrange for the continuation of the monitoring of population trends and policies and for the establishment of appropriate machinery for the review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action

⁴⁷ *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

⁴⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 4* (E/5913), chaps. IV and V.