

Noting the progress achieved in the implementation of the programme,

Recognizing the importance of achieving permanent solutions for the refugees in camps as quickly as possible,

Considering that the closure of the refugee camps will be practicable only to the extent that adequate funds are made available,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee on its sixth session (special) and in particular resolution No. 6³⁴ adopted at that session,

1. Endorses the request made to the High Commissioner in that resolution to the effect that he should intensify his programme to the fullest extent possible in order to achieve permanent solutions for the maximum number of refugees remaining in camps, without losing sight of the need to continue to seek solutions for the problems of refugees outside camps;

2. Recommends that the General Assembly authorize the High Commissioner to make an appeal to States Members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies for the purpose of raising funds needed for closing the refugee camps.

989th plenary meeting,
24 July 1957.

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A

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMISSION (ELEVENTH SESSION)

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Social Commission (eleventh session);³⁵

2. Approves the work programme of the Social Commission for the period 1957-1959.

994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.

B

MAINTENANCE OF FAMILY LEVELS OF LIVING: SOCIAL POLICY RELATING TO SOCIAL INSURANCE, SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND RELATED SOCIAL SERVICES

The Economic and Social Council

1. Expresses appreciation and general approval of the important work done by the Working Group of Experts and considers that its report³⁶ should be the basis of continuing research and studies for positive action by Governments, the United Nations, and the International Labour Organisation, with the assistance of the other specialized agencies and appropriate non-governmental organizations, with the object of encouraging and helping

³⁴ *Ibid.*, annex III, appendix, transmitted to the Council under document E/3015/Add.2.

³⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3008).*

³⁶ E/CN.5/321, appendix I.

Governments in the development of a co-ordinated social policy;

2. Authorizes the Secretary-General and invites the International Labour Organisation and other specialized agencies to include in their programmes provision for:

(a) Further joint study of the ways and means gradually to achieve, in the countries now entering upon a more rapid economic and social development, a comprehensive system of social security and related social services, taking into account the variety of national problems and resources;

(b) Continuing study of the co-operative arrangements required by intergovernmental and non-governmental agencies to assist countries in achieving co-ordinated social policy;

3. Requests the regional economic commissions to consider the economic implications of the report within their respective regions;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the report, his observations and those of the Social Commission, the International Labour Organisation, and the other specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations, to Governments and to appropriate non-governmental organizations for comment, and to prepare an analysis of the replies received in a report to the Social Commission at its twelfth session, so that the Commission may be able to present its recommendations to the Council at its twenty-eighth session.

994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.

C

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST UNITED NATIONS CONGRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS

I

The Economic and Social Council

1. Approves the *Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners* adopted by the First United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;³⁷

2. Draws the attention of Governments to those *Rules and recommends*:

(a) That favourable consideration be given to their adoption and application in the administration of penal and correctional institutions;

(b) That the Secretary-General be informed every five years of the progress made with regard to their application;

(c) That Governments arrange for the widest possible publicity to be given to the *Rules*, not only among governmental services concerned but also among non-governmental organizations interested in social defence;

³⁷ A/CONF/6/I, annex I, A. United Nations publication, Sales No. : 1956.IV.4.

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to make arrangements for the publication, as appropriate, of the information received in pursuance of sub-paragraph 2 (b) above and to ask for supplementary information if necessary.

994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.

II

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Endorses* the recommendations on the selection and training of personnel for penal and correctional institutions, on open penal and correctional institutions, and on general principles of prison labour, adopted by the first United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;³⁸

2. *Draws the attention* of Governments to those recommendations, and *recommends* that they take them as fully as possible into account in their administration of penal and correctional institutions and when considering legislative and administrative reforms;

3. *Invites* Governments to give the widest publicity to these recommendations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the periodical collection and publication, as appropriate, of information on:

(a) The selection and training of personnel for penal and correctional institutions;

(b) Open penal and correctional institutions.

994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.

D

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: REPORT ON CONCEPTS AND PRINCIPLES AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON FURTHER PRACTICAL MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 1042 (XI) of 21 February 1957 on community development, the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Concepts and principles of community development and recommendations on further practical measures to be taken by international organizations",³⁹ the views of different Governments as summarized in that report and the discussion that took place in the Social Commission at its eleventh session,⁴⁰

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the growing understanding of the basic principles of community development, and the increasing recognition of the community development movement in its different forms as an essential instrument of national and international action, particularly in the under-developed regions, for promoting economic and social progress;

³⁸ A/CONF/6/1, annex I, B, C and D. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1956.IV.4.

³⁹ E/CN.5/325 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

⁴⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3008)*, chap. VI, paras. 74 to 88.

2. *Commends to the attention* of all Governments and international organizations the latest formulation of the essential character and requirements of the principles and techniques of the community development process embodied in the twentieth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to the Council⁴¹ and incorporated in the report of the Secretary-General;⁴²

3. *Recognizes* that assistance by international organizations to Governments in the field of community development should be organized on a long-term basis, and endorses the proposals contained in the Secretary-General's report to this end;

4. *Recommends* to the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, so far as may be practicable, the following steps for improving community development and for strengthening international action for that purpose:

(a) The co-ordinated operation, with special emphasis on their bearing upon community development plans in each country, of the relevant parts of the programmes of the specialized agencies and of the organizations functioning under the guidance of the United Nations, such as the United Nations Children's Fund and other bodies responsible for measures of relief and rehabilitation;

(b) More effective co-ordination, at the country level, of the international agencies assisting Governments in general or particular aspects of their community development programmes, taking into account for this purpose the activities under bilateral assistance programmes and the activities of non-governmental organizations;

(c) Further study of the essential elements of the community development process and of the prerequisites of a well balanced community development programme, particularly with regard to the training and supervision of personnel;

(d) Further exploration of the possibilities of extending the application of the principles and programmes of community development to urban areas;

(e) Initiation and assistance in the organization of conferences, seminars, workshops and study tours at the international, regional and national levels, for the promotion of better understanding of community development processes and techniques, both in their general and technical aspects, as well as for the establishment and improvement of training facilities for all personnel, both paid and voluntary, concerned with the planning and execution of community development programmes;

(f) Initiation and assistance of programmes of research and publication on particular aspects of community development, as suggested in paragraph 5 of Council resolution 585 C (XX) of 23 July 1955 and in the work programme of the Social Commission for 1957-1959,⁴³ taking into account the resources of international, regional

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 4, document E/2931.

⁴² E/CN.5/325.

⁴³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3008)*.