

Information and Policy Analysis of the Secretariat and other relevant organizations and bodies, in particular the United Nations Population Fund, to work closely in the preparation of reports for the Commission;

12. *Also invites* the Department, in its report to the Commission, to analyse and evaluate relevant comparative international information on population and development issues, to focus on issues that need further clarification and to submit suggestions for recommendations by the Commission;

13. *Recommends* that the General Assembly at its fiftieth session consider further, in the context of the comprehensive review of the implementation of its resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993, the establishment of a separate executive board for the United Nations Population Fund, taking into account the role of the Fund in the follow-up of the implementation of the Programme of Action and bearing in mind the administrative, budgetary and programme implications of such a proposal.

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1995/56. Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the guiding principles for providing humanitarian assistance as outlined in the annex to General Assembly resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991,

Recalling other relevant General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolutions 47/168 of 22 December 1992, 48/57 of 14 December 1993 and 49/139 A of 20 December 1994, and the relevant agreed conclusions of the coordination segment of the substantive session of 1993 of the Economic and Social Council,¹³⁰

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁰⁰

Noting the differences and the limitations in the capacity of agencies, organizations, programmes and funds of the United Nations system to address effectively and in a comprehensive and coordinated manner the need for preparedness and humanitarian response, as well as prevention, rehabilitation, recovery and development, in accordance with their mandates,

Recognizing the need to review and strengthen the capacity of the United Nations system for humanitarian assistance,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with relevant organizations of the United Nations system, to submit, at a date to be determined by the Council at its substantive session of 1996, a comprehensive and analytical report, including options, proposals and recommendations for a review and strengthening of all aspects of the capacity of the United Nations system for humanitarian assistance;

2. *Decides*, in order to facilitate that process:

(a) To encourage Governments to ensure coherence in the direction given to the governing bodies of relevant agencies, organizations, programmes and funds of the United Nations system, with the aim of improving the co-

ordination and effectiveness of humanitarian assistance in the United Nations system;

(b) To urge the governing bodies of relevant organizations of the United Nations system to review, during the period from 1995 to 1997, issues concerning the role and operational responsibilities, as well as the operative and financial capacities, of their respective organizations to respond, within their mandates, in the context of broad and comprehensive humanitarian programmes, bearing in mind section VII of the annex to General Assembly resolution 46/182 and the indicative list of issues contained in the annex to the present resolution;

(c) To request the Secretary-General and relevant agencies, organizations, programmes and funds of the United Nations system to include in their reports to the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1996, a section on the progress achieved in the review of those issues and on the full implementation of resolution 46/182;

3. *Calls upon* the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, in this context, to convene regular, informal and open information meetings with Member States, observer States and relevant intergovernmental and other organizations on the review of the above-mentioned issues so as to ensure that they are coherently addressed and appropriately reflected in the report of the Secretary-General.

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ANNEX

Indicative list of issues for consideration by the governing bodies of the appropriate agencies, organizations, programmes and funds of the United Nations system

Specific measures to strengthen local capacity and coping mechanisms.

Role and operational responsibilities of each specific organization in humanitarian situations, in regard to prevention, preparedness, humanitarian response, rehabilitation, recovery and development, as applicable.

Impact of the allocation of resources on the relationship between life-saving needs, prevention, preparedness and recovery.

Development of operative memoranda of understanding between different organizations to ensure interlinkages between, and coherence of, the operational activities of relevant actors.

Operational and financial capacity of each organization to act in a timely and effective manner in relation to its role and mandate.

Practical implications for each agency of participating fully in the coordinated programming of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat and in related consolidated appeals.

Development of strategies for comprehensive staff development, including inter-agency training modules.

Reporting, both operational and financial, and evaluation of programmes undertaken.

Administrative and other procedures which provide flexibility and facilitate rapid response.

Levels of delegation of authority to the field level.

1995/57. Capital punishment

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2857 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971, 32/61 of 8 December 1977, 39/118 of 14 December 1984 and 44/128 of 15 December 1989,

Recalling also its resolutions 1745 (LIV) of 16 May 1973, 1930 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975, 1984/50 of 25 May 1984 and 1990/51 of 24 July 1990,

¹³⁰ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/48/3/Rev.1), chap. III, sect. A.

Having considered the fifth quinquennial report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment and the implementation of the safeguards guaranteeing the protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty,¹³¹ submitted to it in pursuance of its resolution 1990/51 and its decision 1994/206 of 3 February 1994,

Conscious of the fact that only sixty-three Governments replied to the questionnaire which the Secretary-General sent to them asking them to provide the information required for the preparation of the fifth quinquennial report,

1. *Invites* Member States to reply to the questionnaire which the Secretary-General will send them with a view to the preparation of the sixth quinquennial report in the year 2000, providing him with the information requested;

2. *Notes* that, during the period covered by the report of the Secretary-General, an increasing number of countries abolished the death penalty and others followed a policy of reducing the number of capital offences and declared that they had not sentenced any offender to that penalty, while others retained it;

3. *Requests* the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to examine the report of the Secretary-General at its fifth session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the sixth quinquennial report, to draw on all available data, including current criminological research, and to invite the comments of specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council on this question;

5. *Recommends* that the quinquennial reports of the Secretary-General, like the one submitted to the Economic and Social Council in 1995, should continue to cover also the implementation of the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty.

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1995/58. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General¹³² and the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,¹³³

Having heard the statement by the Acting Chairman of the Special Committee,¹³⁴

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960 and resolutions of the Special Committee, as well as other

relevant resolutions and decisions, including in particular its resolution 1994/37 of 29 July 1994,

Bearing in mind the relevant provisions of the final documents of the successive Conferences of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries and of the resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, the South Pacific Forum and the Caribbean Community,

Conscious of the need to facilitate the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Noting that the large majority of the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories are small island Territories,

Welcoming the assistance extended to Non-Self-Governing Territories by certain specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme,

Stressing that, because the development options of small island Non-Self-Governing Territories are limited, there are special challenges to planning for and implementing sustainable development and that those Territories will be constrained in meeting the challenges without the continued cooperation and assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system,

Stressing also the importance of securing necessary resources for funding expanded assistance programmes for the peoples concerned and the need to enlist the support of all major funding institutions within the United Nations system in that regard,

Reaffirming the mandates of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to take all the appropriate measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to ensure the full implementation of resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions,

Expressing its appreciation to the Organization of African Unity, the South Pacific Forum and the Caribbean Community, as well as other regional organizations, for the continued cooperation and assistance they have extended to the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in this regard,

Expressing its conviction that closer contacts and consultations between and among the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and regional organizations help to facilitate the effective formulation of assistance programmes for the peoples concerned,

Mindful of the imperative need to keep under continuous review the activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in the implementation of the various United Nations decisions relating to decolonization,

Bearing in mind the extremely fragile economies of the small island Non-Self-Governing Territories and their vulnerability to natural disasters, such as hurricanes, cyclones and sea-level rise, and recalling other relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 49/41 of 9 December 1994 on cooperation and coordination of the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their assistance to Non-Self-Governing Territories,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on his consultations with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with

¹³¹ E/1995/78 and Add.1 and Corr.1.

¹³² A/50/212.

¹³³ E/1995/85.

¹³⁴ See E/1995/SR.51.