

to cope with all the problems emanating from different population levels, characteristics and trends, including assistance in developing a comprehensive demographic research and studies programme as well as training programmes and in providing advisory services in this field;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly in 1975, through the Economic and Social Council, a final report on the World Population Year.

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2684 (XXV). Increase in the production and use of edible protein

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2416 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968,

Recognizing the importance of assuring adequate levels of protein production and consumption in the context of economic and social development and the well-being of present and future generations in all countries,

Cognizant of the fact that the protein problem, because of its interdisciplinary implications, requires the concerted action of all sectors, at both the national and international levels, and an integrated approach, involving economic, managerial, social and scientific considerations,

Welcoming the increased level of activities and greater attention being given to this subject by the various agencies and organizations of the United Nations system as well as the growing interest being shown in the subject by Governments,

Expressing its appreciation for the activities undertaken at the technical and interagency levels by the Protein Advisory Group,

Recognizing, however, that the efforts being made fall far short of meeting the urgent requirements of the problem,

Concerned at the lack of a coherent plan of international action and a framework for stimulating action and concern at the governmental level in the field of protein, as called for by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and by the Secretary-General, and at the insufficient impact of current efforts to achieve better levels of protein production and consumption, especially in developing countries,

Reaffirming that, in order to deal effectively with the protein problem, further and fresh efforts are necessary and the maximum co-ordination of these efforts by all agencies and organizations of the United Nations system is essential,

1. *Takes note* of the Secretary-General's progress report on the protein problem;⁸²

2. *Takes note also* of the comments on the subject made at the forty-ninth session of the Economic and Social Council;⁸³

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account the statements made at the twenty-fifth session

of the General Assembly, to prepare, with the assistance of independent experts⁸⁴ and in close consultation with the agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, a concise report on the possible elements of a broad statement of strategy, as contemplated by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, suggesting the role of Governments and the contribution of the United Nations system in closing the protein gap and including recommendations regarding those proposals already put forward which are found to be both desirable and feasible, together with an indication of the possible means of their implementation;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit the report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session;

5. *Recommends*, in the meantime, that the Secretary-General should take all possible steps in pursuance of paragraphs 3 and 5 of General Assembly resolution 2416 (XXIII), that the United Nations Development Programme should give increased attention to projects directly related to the protein problem and that the Protein Advisory Group, the specialized agencies and other United Nations organizations should continue and intensify their current activities in this field.

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2685 (XXV). Economic and social consequences of disarmament

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1516 (XV) of 15 December 1960, 1837 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, 1931 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 and 2387 (XXIII) of 19 November 1968 on the conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament, resolution 2526 (XXIV) of 5 December 1969 on a day for peace and resolution 2602 E (XXIV) of 16 December 1969 declaring the decade of the 1970s as a Disarmament Decade, and also Economic and Social Council resolutions 891 (XXIV) of 26 July 1962, 982 (XXXVI) of 2 August 1963 and 1026 (XXXVII) of 11 August 1964 on the economic and social consequences of disarmament,

Recalling the report of the consultative group of experts on the economic and social consequences of disarmament⁸⁵ and the various reports of the Secretary-General on national studies of the subject,⁸⁶

Aware that progress towards general and complete disarmament would release substantial resources which could be utilized for accelerating economic and social development in general and in the developing countries in particular,

Encouraged that the great Powers are exerting efforts to prevent what might become an uncontrollable escalation of the nuclear arms race,

Recalling further that the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade⁸⁷ has called for a close link between the Disarmament Decade and the Development Decade,

⁸⁴ Subsequently referred to as the Panel to Assist the Secretary-General in the Formulation of a Strategy Statement on the Protein Problem Confronting the Developing Countries.

⁸⁵ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 62.IX.1.

⁸⁶ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 62.IX.2.

⁸⁷ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

⁸² E/4829 and Corr.1 and 2.

⁸³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8003 and Corr.1)*, chapter IV, paras. 92-97.

Recognizing likewise the importance of adopting appropriate measures to ensure that the link between the Disarmament Decade and the Second United Nations Development Decade shall be fully understood and utilized in as practical and comprehensive a manner as possible,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with such advisers³⁸ as he may deem it necessary to designate:

(a) To formulate suggestions for the guidance of Member States, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as other organizations of the United Nations system, with a view to establishing the link between the Disarmament Decade and the Second United Nations Development Decade so that an appropriate portion of the resources that are released as a consequence of progress towards general and complete disarmament would be used to increase assistance for the economic and social development of developing countries;

(b) To propose measures for the mobilization of world public opinion in support of the link between disarmament and development and thus encourage intensified negotiations aimed at progress towards general and complete disarmament under effective international control;

2. *Requests* Member States, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as other organizations of the United Nations system, to submit to the Secretary-General their comments and recommendations on the matters indicated in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report thereon, through the Economic and Social Council, in time for consideration by the General Assembly in 1973 at the first biennial review of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade.

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11 December 1970.*

2686 (XXV). Regional economic commissions

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations relating to economic and social development, particularly Chapter IX on international economic and social co-operation and Chapter X pertaining, *inter alia*, to the mandate and functions of the Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council on the terms of reference and functions of the regional economic commissions,

Taking into account the statements made in the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other United Nations bodies on the need for uniformity in nomenclature of these commissions, in keeping with their terms of reference and functions,

Noting the importance of the unified or integrated socio-economic approach to development which the regional economic commissions have adopted and will be called upon to put into practice, particularly in the

context of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,³⁹

Considering that the renaming of the regional economic commissions to correspond with the true nature of their activities in the economic and social fields would further emphasize the importance of an integrated socio-economic approach to development, particularly in the developing countries,

Recommends that the Economic and Social Council should consider, in consultation with the Secretary-General and taking into account the views of the regional economic commissions and those expressed on this subject at the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly, the renaming of the commissions as follows: Economic and Social Commission for Europe, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Far East, Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and Economic and Social Commission for Africa.

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2687 (XXV). Role of the regional economic commissions in the Second United Nations Development Decade

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the important role of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,⁴⁰

Conscious of the importance of making appropriate arrangements for conducting regular appraisals, on a regional basis, of progress made towards the implementation of the International Development Strategy,

Considering that the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut will be called upon to assume major responsibilities for review and appraisal at the regional level of the progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy, in collaboration with regional development banks and other regional or subregional institutions,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the contributions made by the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut towards the formulation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Requests* the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut to continue and further intensify their efforts in helping to promote, on a regional, subregional or interregional basis, trade expansion, economic co-operation and integration among their member countries as a concrete step towards the attainment of the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Affirms* that these efforts deserve the active support of the entire international community and particularly of the developed countries;

4. *Requests* the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut, in co-operation where appropriate with regional

³⁸ Subsequently referred to as the Group of Experts on the Economic and Social Consequences of Disarmament.

³⁹ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

⁴⁰ Resolution 2626 (XXV).