

voted to the problems of homeless people in urban and rural areas of the developing countries could be an appropriate occasion to focus the attention of the international community on those problems,

Recognizing the grave and generally worsening situation of the homeless in the developing countries,

Emphasizing that the building, improvement and maintenance of shelter, related physical infrastructure and social facilities can contribute significantly to national development,

Convinced of the imperative need to mobilize effectively the considerable skill and resources that the homeless themselves possess for building, improving and maintaining their own shelter and neighbourhoods,

Convinced also that, because of their complexity and magnitude, the problems of the homeless require co-ordinated and concerted action at all levels,

Confident that an international year of shelter for the homeless could serve as a means of increasing public awareness at the local, national, regional and global levels and set in motion a process which would lead to significant improvement in the situation of the homeless,

Considering that human settlements activities are among the important policy measures for the attainment of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,¹⁶

Noting with satisfaction the follow-up action so far taken by Member States with regard to the implementation of the recommendations of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,¹⁷ and the support being provided by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to developing countries to facilitate that action,

Recalling in that connection its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on guidelines for international years and anniversaries,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/69 B of 24 July 1981 on the proposal to declare an international year of shelter for the homeless,

1. *Decides*, in principle, to designate 1987 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, on the understanding that the criteria for financing and organizing international years set out in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 are complied with;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to prepare a proposal containing a specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless and to report to the Economic and Social Council through the Commission on Human Settlements;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of that proposal, a report on the organizational matters regarding the holding of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless in 1987, including the availability of voluntary funds, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session through the Economic and Social Council during 1982;

4. *Appeals* to all States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public at large to indicate appropriate support for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

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¹⁶ See resolution 35/56, annex, paras. 159 and 160.

¹⁷ See *Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Vancouver, 31 May-11 June 1976* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7 and corrigendum), chap. II.

36/72. Human settlements

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The General Assembly,

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

Further recalling the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 1976,¹⁸ and the other recommendations of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,¹⁹

Affirming the importance of the promotion of human settlements development as a distinct and specific policy measure for the attainment of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Reaffirming that human settlements development should be viewed and taken into account in the context of the national plans and priorities and the development of all countries, in particular the developing countries,

Recognizing that the Commission on Human Settlements has continued to address itself effectively to substantive issues in the field of human settlements of priority concern to Member States, particularly developing countries,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/69 A of 24 July 1981 on international co-operation in the field of human settlements,

Having considered the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fourth session,²⁰

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fourth session;

2. *Welcomes* resolution 4/1, entitled "Manila Communiqué on a Human Settlements Movement", adopted on 6 May 1981 by the Commission on Human Settlements at its fourth session;²¹

3. *Urges* the Commission on Human Settlements to continue to take account of and to provide adequate support to technical co-operation among developing countries in the formulation and implementation of its programmes on human settlements.

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B

RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 33/148 of 20 December 1978, 34/190 of 18 December 1979 and 35/204 of 16 December 1980 on the convening of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy,

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. I.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, chaps. II and III.

²⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/36/8).*

²¹ *Ibid.*, annex I.

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/69 C of 24 July 1981 on renewable sources of energy for human settlements,

Taking note, in this connection, of the *Report of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy*,²² held at Nairobi from 10 to 21 August 1981,

1. Welcomes the contributions made by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to the preparations for and success of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy;

2. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements to take the appropriate steps for the implementation of those recommendations of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy which are within the mandate of the Centre.

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C

MOBILIZATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/77 D of 5 December 1980, in which it urgently appealed to all States and appropriate financial institutions to make or to increase their voluntary contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation in support of the activities of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat),

Noting the continued need for financial resources for the full implementation of the projected activities of the Centre under the work programme for the biennium 1982-1983 and the draft medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 approved by the Commission on Human Settlements at its fourth session,²³

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/69 A of 24 July 1981, in particular paragraphs 4 and 5 thereof which refer to the need for adequate financing for the projected activities of the Centre,

Expressing its appreciation to those Governments that have so far made financial contributions to the activities of the Centre,

Reiterates its urgent appeal to Member States to contribute and, if possible, to increase their contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation in support of the activities of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and appeals to those that have not yet contributed, particularly developed countries and other countries in a position to do so, also to make voluntary contributions.

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36/73. Living conditions of the Palestinian people

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 1976,²⁴ and the relevant recommendations for na-

tional action²⁵ adopted by Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,

Recalling also resolution 3, entitled "Living conditions of the Palestinians in occupied territories", contained in the recommendations for international co-operation adopted by Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,²⁶ and Economic and Social Council resolutions 2026 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 and 2100 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977,

Recalling further its resolutions 3236 (XXIX) and 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974, 31/110 of 16 December 1976, 32/171 of 19 December 1977, 33/110 of 18 December 1978, 34/113 of 14 December 1979 and 35/75 of 5 December 1980,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people;²⁷

2. Denounces Israel for refusing to allow the Group of Experts on the Social and Economic Impact of the Israeli Occupation on the Living Conditions of the Palestinian People in the Occupied Arab Territories²⁸ to visit the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel;

3. Condemns Israel for the deteriorating living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories;

4. Affirms that the elimination of the Israeli occupation is a prerequisite for the social and economic development of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories;

5. Recognizes the need for a comprehensive report on the deterioration of the social and economic conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive and analytical report on the deteriorating living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General, in preparing the above-mentioned report, to consult and co-operate with the Palestine Liberation Organization, the representative of the Palestinian people.

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36/74. Comprehensive outline of a world survey on the role 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, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling further the provisions concerning the participation of women in development contained in the documents adopted at the World Conference of the United Nations

²² United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.1.24.

²³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/36/8)*, annex I, decisions 4/17 and 4/18.

²⁴ *Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Vancouver, 31 May-11 June 1976* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7 and corrigendum), chap. I.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, chap. II.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, chap. III.

²⁷ A/36/260 and Add.1-3.

²⁸ For the report of the Group of Experts, see A/35/533 and Corr.1, annex I.