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NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT ON RESOLUTIONS OF CONCERN OR OF POSSIBLE
INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION, ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AT ITS TWENTIETH SESSION AND BY
THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT
ITS THIRTY-NINTH SESSION

The Secretariat wishes to draw the attention of the Economic Commission for Latin America to a number of resolutions relating to the Commission's work adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth session or by the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-ninth session^{1/} after 17 May 1965, the closing date of the eleventh session of the Commission. This Note, which summarizes the relevant portions of the resolutions of the above-mentioned bodies that clearly concern the Commission, and may call for some action on its part, and the second with resolutions of possible interest to the Commission.

^{1/} The corresponding document submitted to the eleventh session of the Commission (E/CN.12/723) made only a brief reference to the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its nineteenth session, which at that time (February 1965) had not yet terminated, and it was not possible to refer to the resolutions adopted at the thirty-eighth session of the Economic and Social Council, which was held subsequently. As the documents concerned (A/5815 and E/4017) show, no resolution adopted on either of those occasions was of interest to the Committee of the Whole.

^{2/} The full text of these resolutions is reproduced in separate United Nations documents, of which copies are held by the secretariat.

I

RESOLUTIONS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMISSION
FOR ITS CONSIDERATIONA. Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth session

2043 (XX) - World campaign for universal literacy (1391st plenary meeting, 8 December 1965)

In operative paragraph 9 the General Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council and the regional economic commissions to study, within the framework of the United Nations Development Decade, the most appropriate measures for promoting the effective integration of literacy in development. In paragraph 10 the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of UNESCO, to report to it in due course on the progress achieved in the implementation of the resolution.

2084 (XX): United Nations Development Decade (1404th plenary meeting, 20 December 1965)

In operative paragraph 2 of this resolution the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the regional commissions to report jointly on the goals and objectives which have been established by the United Nations family of organizations; to make every effort, within the possibilities of their regular budget and of appropriate funds in trust, to establish such goals and objectives in appropriate fields where they have not yet been precisely defined; to explore, as the work of the group of experts in development planning referred to in ECOSOC resolution 1079 (XXXIX) progresses, the possibility of establishing a more comprehensive and coherent set of goals and objectives, so that a balance-sheet of the United Nations Development Decade and subsequent periods may be prepared and a method devised for the systematic evaluation of progress and prospects; and to review their plans and programmes in the light of the above-mentioned goals and objectives in order that appropriate international action may be taken in support of efforts at the national and regional levels. The General Assembly in operative paragraph 3 requested the Secretary-General to submit

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a progress report to the Council at its forty-first session, together with the report on the review of work programmes requested by the Council in operative paragraph 2 of its resolution 1089 (XXXIX); and to transmit these reports, together with the comments and recommendations of the Council, to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session.

2085 (XX): United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (1404th plenary meeting, 20 December 1965)

In operative paragraph 12 of this resolution the General Assembly noted with satisfaction that arrangements are already in progress to ensure a close working relationship between the Conference, the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency. In operative paragraph 13 it invited the above-mentioned bodies, and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to continue to take into account the recommendations of the Conference falling within their competence in the elaboration and implementation of their respective programmes and to contribute, as appropriate, to the work of the Conference and the Board.

2089 (XX): Activities in the field of industrial development (1404th plenary meeting, 20 December 1965)

This resolution embodies, inter alia, the following main decisions by the General Assembly:

1. It decided to establish within the United Nations an autonomous organization for the promotion of industrial development to be known as the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development.
2. It decided that the administrative and research activities of this organization shall be financed from the United Nations regular budget, and its operational activities shall be financed from voluntary contributions to it by the Governments of the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as through participation in the United Nations Development Programme on the same basis as other participating organizations.
3. The General Assembly decided that the principal organ of the organization shall be the Industrial Development Board.

4. It expressed its satisfaction at the decision taken by the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-ninth session on the holding of international and regional symposia on industrial development. It requested the Secretary-General, in preparing the organization of the symposia, to take into account the decisions embodied in this resolution.

2090 (XX): The role of the United Nations in training national technical personnel for the accelerated industrialization of the developing countries (1404th plenary meeting, 20 December 1965)

In this resolution the General Assembly noted with appreciation the valuable report prepared by the Secretary-General in co-operation with the specialized agencies (E/3901 and Add. 1 and 2).

In operative paragraph 3 of the resolution it requested the United Nations Centre for Industrial Development to continue and expand activities in training national technical personnel for the industrialization of developing countries, financed from the funds of the United Nations Development Programme, and to co-ordinate them with the related activities of the specialized agencies concerned, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the regional economic commissions.

In operative paragraph 4 it requested the regional economic commissions, among others, to consider the recommendations contained in the above-mentioned report and to transmit to the Secretary-General their comments and suggestions.

The General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report on the action taken in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of this resolution, and on proposals for further measures in this field, to the seventh session of the Committee for Industrial Development, which should present its recommendations on the question to the forty-third session of the Economic and Social Council for its consideration and for submission to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session.

B. Resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-ninth session

1053 (XXXIX): Relations with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (1365th plenary meeting, 30 June 1965)

According to the terms of this resolution, representatives of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries could attend, as observers, meetings of the Commission, and of its subsidiary bodies, that deal with matters of interest to the Organization.

1078 (XXXIX): Progress in land reform (1392nd plenary meeting, 28 July 1965)

In operative paragraph 2 of this resolution the Council called on the regional economic commissions, among others, to co-operate actively with the Secretary-General and the FAO in the preparation and organization of the 1966 World Land Reform Conference, to be held in June-July 1966 in Rome.

1079 (XXXIX): Economic planning and projections (1392nd plenary meeting, 28 July 1965)

In this resolution, the Council recorded its appreciation of the contributions in the field of economic planning and projections made by, among others, the planning institutes established by the regional economic commissions, and in operative paragraph 2, requested the Secretary-General, the commissions and the specialized agencies "to continue and intensify their activities with respect to economic planning and projections and to the transfer of knowledge on those subjects."

1081D (XXXIX): Report of the Committee for Industrial Development: Activities of the United Nations system in the field of industrial development (1394th plenary meeting, 30 July 1965)

The Council considered that the preparation of a single analytical annual report summarizing the work of the United Nations, including the regional economic commissions and the agencies in the field of industrial development, would greatly help the Centre for Industrial Development to discharge its role as "the focal point for co-ordination" of the work done in this field by the United Nations system. In operative paragraph 3 of the resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General to study the

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possibility of developing a framework for such a co-ordinated report, which would provide information on subjects such as training, industrial development institutes, regional and sub-regional activities and pilot projects, together with related organizational arrangements. A progress report with a preliminary sample of the consolidated report is to be submitted to the forty-first session of the council.

1081E (XXXIX): Report of the Committee for Industrial Development: United Nations machinery in the field of industrial development
(1394th plenary meeting, 30 July 1965)

The Council referred to the interest of the Special Fund and the Technical Assistance Board in increasing the volume of resources devoted to assistance to manufacturing industry and in receiving requests for well-conceived projects in this field. It invited the Secretary-General and the regional economic commissions to "take all appropriate steps" to assist developing countries in the preparation of such projects, and expressed the hope that the Secretary-General would use the resources of the Centre for Industrial Development with flexibility "by making available to the regional economic commissions, as necessary, specialists in various branches of industry from the staff of the Centre."

1082 A (XXXIX): Travel, transport and communications: transport development
(1394th plenary meeting, 30 July 1965)

In operative paragraph 2 of this resolution, the Council recommended that the Secretary-General undertake, "in consultation with the interested United Nations agencies as appropriate", a programme of studies on the development of transport in the developing countries, that he carry out a survey of completed and continuing research projects on technical aspects of transportation development in such countries, and that he organize, "in consultation with Member States and with the regional economic commissions, as appropriate," further regional and inter-regional seminars on transport development, particularly on regional and inter-regional roads.

1082 B (XXXIX): Travel, transport and communications: Revision of the Convention on Road Traffic and of the Protocol on Road Signs and Signals, done at Geneva, 19 September 1949

In this resolution the Council decided to convene, in principle in 1967, an international conference to prepare a new convention on road traffic and a new instrument on road signs and signals. A definitive decision on the date and place of the conference will be taken by the Council at its forty-first session.

In operative paragraph 3 the regional economic commissions are requested "to study, by the end of 1966, in so far as their programme of work and the structure of their subordinate bodies permit" the draft Conventions prepared by the Secretary-General "with a view to reaching regional agreements on the amendments to those provisions which may appear appropriate". The Secretary-General is also asked to ensure close co-ordination of the work of the regional commissions and to submit to the conference any amendments to the draft text.

1084 (XXXIX): Work programme and priorities in population fields (1394th plenary meeting, 30 July 1965)

In this resolution the Council considered the need to intensify and extend the scope of the work relating to population questions, and in operative paragraph 3 it invited the regional economic commissions and the interested specialized agencies to consider possibilities of modifying and expanding their programmes of activities in the population fields along the lines indicated by the recommendations of the Population Commission in its report (E/4019), which in Annex IV contains a note on the financial implications, both at Headquarters and in the regions.

1086 C (XXXIX): Social progress: Concerted practical action in the social field: research-training programme on regional development (1395th plenary meeting, 30 July 1965)

This resolution was based very largely on the resolution on regional development adopted by the Social Commission at its sixteenth session. The subject matter of the resolution was discussed at the meeting of Executive Secretaries last July, at which it was agreed to designate one officer in each of the regional secretariats to act as the liaison with

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Headquarters in development of the draft research-training programme, in connexion with the regional development projects presently under way, that the Secretary-General has been asked by the Council to prepare in operative paragraph 2 (a) of this resolution. This paragraph also requested that the draft programme be submitted to, inter alia, the regional economic commissions, to obtain their views and comments, all of which must be submitted to the Social Commission at its seventeenth session and to the Council at its forty-first session.

1093 (XXXIX): Work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields and its budgetary requirements
(1396th plenary meeting, 31 July 1965)

In operative paragraph 4, the Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare a work programme covering the various units of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, including the regional economic commissions, and describing fully the purpose, scope and timing of each major project with particular emphasis on the work scheduled for 1966 and 1967.

II

RESOLUTIONS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION

A. Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth session

2029 (XX): Consolidation of the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in a United Nations Development Programme
(1383rd plenary meeting, 22 November 1965)

Under this resolution the General Assembly decided to combine the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund in a programme to be known as the United Nations Development Programme, to be headed by an Administrator (Mr. Paul Hoffman) and a Co-Administrator (Mr. David Owen). It reaffirmed the principles, procedure and provisions governing the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund, and declared that they shall continue to apply to relevant activities within the United Nations Development Programme.

The General Assembly established a single inter-governmental committee of thirty-seven members, to be known as the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, to perform the functions previously exercised by the Governing Council of the Special Fund and the Technical Assistance Committee, including the consideration and approval of projects and programmes and the allocation of funds. The members of the Governing Council would be elected by the Economic and Social Council from among States Members of the United Nations, or members of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Nineteen seats on the Council shall be filled by developing countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America, and Yugoslavia, and seventeen seats by developed countries (fourteen from Europe and other parts of the world, and three from East Europe). The thirty-seventh seat shall rotate among the above-mentioned six groups of countries according to a nine-year cycle.

In place of the Technical Assistance Board and the Consultative Board of the Special Fund, the General Assembly decided to establish an advisory committee, to be known as the Inter-Agency Consultative Board of the United Nations Development Programme, to meet under the chairmanship of the Administrator or Co-Administrator of the Programme, and to include the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency or their representatives; the Executive Directors of the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme should be invited to participate as appropriate.

2035 (XX): World social situation (1390th plenary meeting, 7 December 1965)

In operative paragraph 2 of this resolution the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the specialized agencies, and in the light of relevant discussions and decisions of the Social Commission, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, to prepare, for submission by the Council to the Assembly at its twenty-first session, a draft long-range social programme of the United Nations and a report on the implementation of Assembly resolution 1916 (XVIII).

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The General Assembly also requested the Economic and Social Council, in co-operation with the specialized agencies, to submit proposals in respect of vital social problems on which the General Assembly might appropriately take action and make recommendations in accordance with article 13 of the Charter. The General Assembly decided to consider at its twenty-first session the possibility and advisability of preparing a declaration on social development, which would lay down broad lines for the objectives of social development and for the means of achieving it, and for this purpose requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the specialized agencies, to provide the relevant documentation, data and any other appropriate information.

2036 (XX): Housing, building and planning in the United Nations Development Decade (1390th plenary meeting, 7 December 1965)

In this resolution the General Assembly recommended that Member States should take a number of specific measures in the field of housing, building and planning. It also recommended that international assistance to developing countries in the field of housing, building and planning, whether multilateral or bilateral, be directed towards the financing of housing, the establishment of national, or, if necessary, State building materials and components industries, and of national, or if necessary, State building design, construction and financing organizations, the training of national cadres of architects and construction engineers and workers, the establishment of national bodies in charge of housing construction and town building, and the planning and execution of emergency programmes in urban and rural areas and pilot projects contributing to the earliest possible solution of the housing problem.

The General Assembly suggested that the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions, prepare biennial progress reports on the application of this resolution. The Assembly invited the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning to work out, on the basis of those reports, additional practical and effective measures for the implementation of the above recommendations and the solution of the housing problem.

2082 (XX): Science and technology (1404th plenary meeting, 20 December 1965)

By this resolution the General Assembly endorsed, inter alia, the views of the Advisory Committee that:

(a) It would not only be possible, but highly desirable, to develop a programme of the kind envisaged in resolution 1944 (XVIII) to strengthen existing programmes, to add appropriate new arrangements to round out the total effort, and to draw the attention of world opinion to the work of the Advisory Committee;

(b) the Economic and Social Council itself should be the appropriate body, under the authority of the General Assembly, to initiate and guide the programme, through its links with organizations in the United Nations family, the regional economic commissions and non-governmental organizations, and through the co-operation of the States Members of the United Nations, and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The General Assembly commended the comprehensive proposals and suggestions, made by the Advisory Committee in Part IV of its second report, to the attention of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, all organizations of the United Nations family concerned with the application of science and technology to development, and all similarly interested non-governmental organizations.

The General Assembly also invited the Advisory Committee to continue to examine in more detail the needs and possibilities - and, where appropriate, the role of the United Nations family - in relation, inter alia, to the establishment or strengthening of institutions for scientific and technological research in the developing countries and of co-operative arrangements among such institutions, especially on a regional basis, with a view to the widest dissemination of the possibilities of applying scientific and technical knowledge to development.

2088 (XX): Accelerated flow of capital and technical assistance to the developing countries (1404th plenary meeting, 20 December 1965)

The General Assembly requested the competent United Nations bodies and/or other international financial institutions to take urgent steps to implement the recommendations contained in annex A.IV.5 of the Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development relating to the problem of servicing the external debt of the developing countries. It also requested the Secretary-General to continue the study requested of him in its resolution 1938 (XVIII) and to submit his proposals to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-first session and to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session.

2095 (XX): Continuation of the World Food Programme (1404th plenary meeting, 20 December 1965)

By this resolution the General Assembly decided to extend the United Nations/FAO World Food Programme, on a continuing basis, for as long as multilateral food aid is found feasible and desirable, on the understanding that the Programme will be regularly reviewed before each pledging conference and that, if circumstances so require, it may be enlarged, curtailed or terminated at the end of any period for which resources have been pledged. The General Assembly established for the three years 1966 to 1968 a target for voluntary contributions of \$275 million of which not less than 33 per cent should be in cash and services, and urged States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization to make every effort to ensure the early attainment of the target.

A Pledging Conference was held on 18 January, and the initial estimate of total pledges amounted to \$205,105,800 for the three-year period. Of this total \$139,592,500 was pledged in commodities, \$33,590,000 in services, \$31,373,300 in cash and \$55,000 was unspecified.

2097 (XX): Review and reappraisal of the role and functions of the Economic and Social Council (1404th plenary meeting, 20 December 1965)

The General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit detailed proposals to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-first session and to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session on ways in which the

Council might adapt its procedures and working methods so as to enable it effectively to fulfil its role, taking into account the comments of Member States and the suggestions made during the thirty-eight and thirty-ninth sessions of the Council and the twentieth session of the General Assembly.

B. Resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed thirty-ninth session

1054 B (XXXIX): Report of the Statistical Commission: World Population and Housing Census Programmes (1385th plenary meeting, 16 July 1965)

The Council requested the Secretary-General to proceed with the development of the 1970 World Population and Housing Census Programmes, and to assist countries which require help in conducting their censuses. It recommended that Member States undertake censuses during the period 1965-1974, preferably around 1970.

1065 (XXXIX): Annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America (1385th plenary meeting, 16 July 1965)

The Council took note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America (E/4032/Rev.1 and E/4032/Rev.1/Add.1) and endorsed the programme of work and priorities contained therein.

1081 A (XXXIX): Report of the Committee for Industrial Development: Activities of the Centre for Industrial Development and considerations relating to its programme of work (1394th plenary meeting, 30 July 1965)

The Council, bearing in mind, among other things, paragraph 1 of recommendation A.IV.10 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development that economic integration should be promoted among developing countries, declared that particular attention should be paid to the promotion of co-ordinated industrial development on the regional and sub-regional levels; to the study and promotion of the complementarity of regional and sub-regional industries; and to the increase of technical assistance to Governments and enterprises for such integration and complementarity.

In operative paragraph 2 of the resolution the Council requested that, in rendering this assistance, the United Nations agencies be guided by the decisions and recommendations of United Nations economic bodies on industrial development.

1081 B (XXXIX): Report of the Committee for Industrial Development: International and regional symposia on industrial development (1394th plenary meeting, 30 July 1965)

The Council noted, among other things, the resolutions adopted by the regional economic commissions on the holding of an international symposium on industrial development preceded by regional symposia, and the scheduling for 1966 (now postponed to 1967) of the second United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and welcomed, in operative paragraph 1, ECLA's decision to hold a regional conference on industrial development in 1966.

The Council also expressed satisfaction with the close co-operation between the Centre for Industrial Development and the regional economic commissions in the preparation for these symposia. It requested the Secretary-General to complete the necessary preparations for holding the regional symposia as scheduled and for an international symposium early in 1967. It also requested the Secretary-General to complete the necessary preparations for holding the regional symposia as scheduled and for an international symposium early in 1967: the Secretary-General was asked to report to the Council's forty-first session on the results of the regional symposia and on the preparations for the international symposium, including the agenda for the latter.

1083 (XXXIX): Report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development (1394th plenary meeting, 30 July 1965)

In part IV of this resolution the Council requested all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and the IAEA, using, as appropriate, the regional economic commissions, to assist the Advisory Committee by every possible means in giving effect to the recommendations and suggestions contained in the Committee's second report (document E/4026).

1086 I (XXXIX): Social progress: Reappraisal of the United Nations Social Service Programme (1395th plenary meeting, 30 July 1965)

The Council, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the reappraisal of the United Nations social service programme, urged, in operative paragraph 6, that consideration be given by the appropriate authorities of the United Nations to the need for increasing substantially the social welfare staff, both at Headquarters and in the regional economic commissions.

1090 E (XXXIX): General review of the development, co-ordination and concentration of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency as a whole: Documentation

In part I of this resolution the Council, noting the difficulties caused by delays in the production and distribution of documents, believed that appropriate measures "by all concerned" were needed to remedy this situation, since it was impairing the effectiveness of the Council. It requested the Secretary-General to submit proposals for reducing the volume of documentation submitted to the Council, to ensure that the information in such documents be of a kind to be useful to Governments, to prepare a summary and pertinent conclusions for longer reports and studies and to ensure that documents be available to Member States in good time in the working languages. The Secretary-General was also requested to submit to the Council for approval, at each session, a short list of the main Secretariat reports to come before the Council at the following session, indicating the dates on which reports are scheduled to appear, and providing a list of those documents which cannot be made available in good time. In Part III of the resolution the Council further requested the Secretary-General to make proposals for improving the publication and dissemination of economic and social documents.