

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To publish the SITC, Rev.2, together with commodity indexes, the subdivided BTN and Correlation Codes between the SITC, Rev.2, and the BTN, and between the SITC, Rev.2, and the *Classification by Broad Economic Categories*⁵⁴ (BEC);

(b) To arrange that, beginning not later than with data for the full year 1976, the publication of SITC data by United Nations bodies, be, as far as possible, in the form of the SITC, Rev.2;

⁵⁴ United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.XVII.12.

3. *Requests* the Customs Co-operation Council:

(a) To distinguish in the BTN and in the associated classifications, for example the "Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System", the statistical sub-headings required to provide the agreed correlation with the SITC, Rev.2, and to recommend that its members incorporate these either in their legal tariff or in their national statistical nomenclature;

(b) To eliminate, where possible, the economically insignificant BTN headings.

1951st plenary meeting
7 May 1975

DECISION

97 (LVIII). Report of the Statistical Commission

At its 1951st meeting, on 7 May 1975, the Council took note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its eighteenth session.⁵⁵

⁵⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 2* (E/5603 and Corr.1).

Resolutions and decisions adopted on the reports of the Social Committee

RESOLUTIONS

1921 (LVIII). Prevention of disability and rehabilitation of disabled persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 309 E (XI) of 13 July 1950 entitled "Social rehabilitation of the physically handicapped" and 1086 K (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965 entitled "Rehabilitation of the disabled", and General Assembly resolution 2856 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 entitled "Declaration on the Rights of Mentally Retarded Persons",

Mindful of the pledge of Member States under the Charter of the United Nations to take joint and separate action in co-operation with the Organization to promote higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development,

Aware that the implementation of this pledge is even more imperative in the case of the disabled,

Recalling the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights,⁵⁶ the Declaration of the Rights of the Child⁵⁷ and the standards already set for social progress in the constitutions, conventions and recommendations of the United Nations Children's Fund, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and the other organizations concerned,

Emphasizing that the Declaration on Social Progress and Development⁵⁸ has proclaimed the necessity of protecting the rights and assuring the welfare and rehabilitation of the physically and mentally disadvantaged,

Aware that, because of physical and mental disabilities and of society's reactions to them, hundreds of millions of persons are prevented from enjoying fully the rights and opportunities of the communities in which they live,

Noting that progress in the prevention of disability and in the development of rehabilitation services to assist disabled persons in overcoming or reducing the effects of disability has been achieved thanks to the efforts of Governments and of voluntary organizations in various countries and to technical and other assistance provided by the United Nations organizations, by Governments on a bilateral basis and by non-governmental organizations, but that such progress has not been sufficient to prevent disabilities and reduce significantly the incidence of disability or to provide effective aid to more than a small proportion of the disabled persons in the world,

Believing that the problem of disability is an appreciable component of the economic and social condition of every country and, consequently, that programmes to prevent disability and to rehabilitate the disabled are an essential part of comprehensive plans for economic and social development, responsibility for which must be assumed by Governments working, as appropriate, with non-governmental organizations,

1. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the increasing magnitude of the problem of disability and disabled persons throughout the world;

2. *Requests* Governments:

(a) To take progressively legislative measures to facilitate the prompt identification and prevention of disability and the effective organization of services for disabled persons;

(b) To identify and evaluate existing services, including those provided by non-governmental organizations;

⁵⁶ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁵⁷ General Assembly resolution 1386 (XIV).

⁵⁸ General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).

(c) To incorporate in their development plans measures for the establishment of appropriate services or the improvement of services already in operation, especially with a view to achieving better integration of disabled persons into the community through the co-ordination of programmes and activities of governmental and non-governmental organizations;

(d) To consider the possibility of including projects in the field of the prevention of disabilities and rehabilitation of disabled persons in their country programmes and of making requests for assistance in that field to the United Nations Development Programme;

(e) To endeavour to assure for all categories of disabled persons—physical, sensory or mental—care, education, training, vocational guidance and suitable work as well as social security benefits;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue and to expand, within the limits of existing resources, activities in this field in co-operation with the organizations concerned:

(a) To assist Governments, at their request, in the planning, establishment and expansion, including extension to early childhood, of programmes for the prevention of physical and mental disability and for rehabilitation of disabled persons;

(b) To undertake studies of special problems in this field, in particular those faced by the developing countries, the financing of prevention and rehabilitation services, the needs of particular groups such as the mentally ill and retarded, the blind, the deaf, the multi-handicapped and others, the elimination of social prejudice and discrimination affecting disabled persons, rehabilitation counselling, co-ordination between rehabilitation and social security services and the mental health aspects of disability, as well as studies of the limitations of segregated education and training and full integration into society;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to consider measures for strengthening the activities of the regional commissions designed to assist the planning, establishment and improvement of prevention and rehabilitation services for the disabled;

5. *Suggests* that the organizations concerned should engage in regular exchanges of information about their plans and activities in this field, particularly at the regional level;

6. *Requests* the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and interested non-governmental organizations in official relations with the Economic and Social Council to join with the United Nations in well co-ordinated activities to assist all Governments, especially those of the developing countries, in the planning and conduct of comprehensive programmes to prevent physical and mental disability and to provide suitable rehabilitation services, and further requests the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organization to intensify assistance to Governments, especially those of the developing countries, in the formulation of programmes and the training of instructors for the prevention of disability and rehabilitation of disabled persons throughout the world.

1948th plenary meeting
6 May 1975

1922 (LVIII). Feasibility of voluntary contributions in support of United Nations youth programmes

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3125 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973 and 3140 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

Decides to request the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider at its twentieth session, and to refer back to the Economic and Social Council with a view to adoption at its fifty-ninth session, the following draft resolution on the United Nations Volunteers programme:

"Youth policies and programmes

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3125 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973 and 3140 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

"Taking note with appreciation of the note by the Secretary-General on the feasibility of voluntary contributions in support of United Nations youth programmes,⁵⁹

"Aware of the increasing difficulties with which millions of youth in many parts of the world are faced as they seek to take constructive roles in the development of their societies,

"Believing that the United Nations must intensify its efforts to implement practical programmes to assist young people to take such roles, including the means of financing such programmes,

"Acknowledging the role in the achievement of national and international development goals that has been entrusted to the United Nations Volunteers programme, and the potential of that programme for the advancement of youth's role in development,

"1. Recommends that the General Assembly at its thirtieth session approve the recommendation of the Secretary-General⁶⁰ that the United Nations Volunteers programme be designated as the principal operational unit of the United Nations for the execution of youth programmes, especially of pilot projects and training programmes for youth workers, such projects and programmes to be undertaken only after consultation with the Governments of the countries concerned;

"2. Recommends further that the General Assembly at its thirtieth session approve the expansion of the terms of reference of the Special Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Volunteers to include the receipt of additional contributions for the purposes described in the preceding paragraph;

"3. Appeals to Governments and other potential sources for contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund, to be used to help finance United Nations youth programmes sponsored by the United Nations Volunteers programme;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to hold joint intersecretariat consultations at least once every year to discuss the implementation of programmes to be undertaken as described in paragraphs 1 through 3 above, on the basis of prin-

⁵⁹ E/CN.5/502.

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, para. 14 (a).