THE SOCIAL COMMISSION

Notes the request of the Economic and Social Council at its tenth session, Resolution 270 (X), that the Social Commission at its sixth session give urgent attention to the study on the continuing needs of children and make specific recommendations to the eleventh session of the Council on this study;

Notes with general satisfaction the report of the Secretary General, E/CN.5/201, "Essential Long-Range Activities for Children";

Recognizes that measures taken on behalf of children offer a strategic opportunity for improving conditions for all groups of society and thus fulfilling one of the aims of the Charter;

Recognizes that the postwar emergency for which the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund was primarily created is terminating, and that, therefore, Resolution 57 (I) should be reviewed by the Economic and Social Council at its eleventh session and by the General Assembly at its fifth session;

Recognizes that direct assistance to government programs holds the greatest promise for improving the conditions of children on a continuing basis and that there are substantial possibilities for the improvement in the welfare of children through technical aid, including the provision of supplies for demonstration projects;

Recognizes the necessity for the United Nations and the specialized agencies for improving and expanding programs for children as part of their regular activities on a continuing basis;

Recognizes that the activities for children now being undertaken by the United Nations and the specialized agencies, cover a wide and varied field and require closer coordination and joint planning between the specialized agencies and the United Nations than are now available;

Recognizes the necessity of raising funds additional to those now available to the United Nations and the specialized agencies in their regular budgets for activities on behalf of children;

Recommends that the Economic and Social Council at its eleventh session:

(a) Approve the foregoing conclusions of the Social Commission;
(b) Approve the following activities for children, as appropriate, for being undertaken within the United Nations system on a continuing basis: (1) coordinated international action on social and economic questions affecting children, including the promotion, when appropriate, of international conventions and agreements; (2) the promotion of adequate standards of nutrition for children, and adolescents; (3) the promotion of health and treatment of disease; (4) the promotion of adequate educational facilities; (5) the development of services concerned with vocational training, vocational education, placement in and conditions of employment of juveniles; (6) development of social services for children, particularly those who are handicapped, socially, physically, or mentally; (7) direct assistance to government programs in the form of a combination of technical aid and supplies for demonstration projects to develop the foregoing activities as appropriate, and (8) the undertaking of other activities on behalf of children including emergency action in case of catastrophic events if and when requested by the General Assembly or the Economic and Social Council, or as otherwise authorized.

(c) Request the General Assembly at its fifth session to: (1) Provide that the Social Commission, with four additional governments elected by ECOSOC, and sitting in special session, shall serve as the United Nations Children's Board, to carry out joint planning and coordination of children's work with special emphasis on technical aid programs for children on an expanded basis under the direction of ECOSOC and in accordance with general policies established by it; (2) authorize the Secretary General, in consultation with the Directors General of the appropriate specialized agencies, to establish a Committee to consist of the SYG or his representative as Chairman, and the Directors General or their nominees competent in the Children's Program of their respective agencies for the purpose of developing and implementing specific projects requested by governments; (3) authorize the Secretary General to make such staff and other arrangements as necessary to assist the Children's Board and the Children's Committee in the discharge of their respective functions in carrying out a program for technical aid for children.

(d) Formulate proposals for securing funds through the United Nations budget and other sources necessary to carry out the activities referred to in (b) and (c) above.

(e) Transmit to the General Assembly at its fifth session those proposals referred to in (c) and (d) above.

(f) Requests the Secretary General to submit to the Economic and Social Council recommendations on the implementation of the organizational arrangements proposed by the Social Commission.