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3. Second United Nations Development Decade.
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  - (b) Export credits as a means of promoting exports from developing countries.
5. Report of the Industrial Development Board.
6. Regional co-operation:
  - (a) Reports of the regional economic commissions and of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut;
  - (b) Report on the meetings of the executive secretaries;
  - (c) Role of the regional economic commissions in development planning.
7. Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme:
  - (a) United Nations Development Programme;
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8. Feasibility of creating an international corps of volunteers for development.
9. Outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries.
10. Multilateral food aid:
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11. Increase in the production and use of edible protein.
12. Development of natural resources.
13. The sea:
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14. Questions relating to science and technology:
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  - (b) Future institutional arrangements for science and technology;
  - (c) Science education.
15. Application of computer technology for development.
16. United Nations Conference on the Human Environment.
17. Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.
18. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
19. Tax treaties between developed and developing countries.

20. Development of tourism:
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  - (b) Review of the programmes and activities of the United Nations system of organizations for the development of tourism.
21. Co-ordination at the national level.
22. Assistance in cases of natural disaster.
23. Feasibility of an international university.
24. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.
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28. Measures to improve the organization of the work of the Council.
29. Calendar of conferences.
30. Election of one member of the Commission on the Status of Women.
31. Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly.
32. Measures to be taken following the earthquake in Peru.\*
33. Measures to be taken for famine relief in the Yemen Arab Republic.\*\*
34. United Nations action against drug abuse: special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.\*\*

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\* Supplementary item.

\*\* Additional item.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS FORTY-NINTH SESSION

### ECONOMIC QUESTIONS

#### 1520 (XLIX). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe

*The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe for the period 24 April 1969 to 24 April 1970,<sup>1</sup> of the views expressed in the discussion and of the resolutions and other decisions adopted by the Commission during its twenty-fifth session;<sup>2</sup>

2. *Endorses* the programme of work and priorities contained in the report.<sup>3</sup>

*1709th plenary meeting,  
16 July 1970.*

#### 1521 (XLIX). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East for the period 29 April 1969 to 27 April 1970 and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in parts II and III of that report,<sup>4</sup>

*Endorses* the programme of work and priorities contained in part V of the report.

*1709th plenary meeting,  
16 July 1970.*

#### 1522 (XLIX). Headquarters of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East in its resolution 104 (XXVI)<sup>5</sup> to declare Bangkok the headquarters

of the Commission and to amend its terms of reference accordingly,

*Taking note further* that the Commission has requested it to recommend to the General Assembly that the United Nations accept the offer of the Government of Thailand to make available additional plots of land for the construction of a new building in addition to the existing working site,

1. *Decides* to replace paragraph 18 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East by the following text: "The headquarters of the Commission shall be located at Bangkok, Thailand";

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly accept the above-mentioned offer of the Government of Thailand subject to the conclusion of terms and conditions for the use of the land mutually acceptable to the United Nations and the Government.

*1709th plenary meeting,  
16 July 1970.*

#### 1523 (XLIX). Admission of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea as an associate member of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the recommendation contained in the annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East with regard to the request of the Government of Australia for the inclusion of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea within the geographical scope of the Commission and the admission of the Territory as an associate member,<sup>6</sup>

1. *Approves* the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East that the Territory of Papua and New Guinea be included in the geographical scope of the Commission and admitted as an associate member;

2. *Decides* to amend paragraphs 2 and 4 of the terms of reference of the Commission accordingly.

*1709th plenary meeting,  
16 July 1970.*

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/4822).*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, part III.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, part V.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2 (E/4823).

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, part III.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2 (E/4823), para. 244.

**1524 (XLIX). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America covering the period from 24 April 1969 to 7 May 1970<sup>7</sup> and of the resolution contained in part III of that report.

*1709th plenary meeting,  
16 July 1970.*

**1525 (XLIX). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa covering the period 15 February 1969 to 14 February 1970.<sup>8</sup>

*1709th plenary meeting,  
16 July 1970.*

**1526 (XLIX). Annual report of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the annual report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut covering the period 1 May 1969 to 15 April 1970.<sup>9</sup>

*1709th plenary meeting,  
16 July 1970.*

**1527 (XLIX). Report of the Industrial Development Board**

*The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its fourth session<sup>10</sup> and transmits it to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

2. *Welcomes* resolution 29 (IV) of the Industrial Development Board relating to the proposal to hold a Special International Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in 1971;<sup>11</sup>

3. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the importance of the agenda items proposed for discussion at the Conference.

*1711th plenary meeting,  
20 July 1970.*

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4 (E/4806).

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5 (E/4824).

<sup>9</sup> E/4825.

<sup>10</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/8016)*, transmitted to the Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/4874).

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, annex III.

**1535 (XLIX). Development of natural resources**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1287 (XLIII) of 18 December 1967, 1316 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968 and 1426 (XLVI) of 6 June 1969, including its conviction that international co-operation through the United Nations should continue to play an important role in assisting the efforts of Governments in the investigation, development and utilization of natural resources and related developments in infrastructure,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 626 (VII) of 21 December 1952 concerning the right of each country to exploit freely its own natural wealth and resources,

*Having considered* the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Survey Programme for the Development of Natural Resources on its second session<sup>12</sup> and the report of the Secretary-General<sup>13</sup> to that Committee,

*Appreciating* the growing and productive activities of the United Nations in connexion with the development of natural resources,

*Convinced* that the activities of the United Nations in this field should be widened, accelerated and given more adequate intergovernmental leadership and guidance in the Second United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Decides* to dissolve the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Survey Programme for the Development of Natural Resources;

2. *Further decides* to establish a standing committee on natural resources composed of twenty-seven States Members of the United Nations, to be elected by the Council on the basis of equitable geographical distribution at its resumed forty-ninth session in the autumn of 1970, the representatives of States Members on the standing Committee being, as far as possible, experts in the field of natural resources;

3. *Decides also* that the term of office for members of the Committee shall be four years, that for the initial period thirteen members shall serve for two years and the remaining fourteen for four years, the term of each member to be determined by lot, and that retiring members shall be eligible for re-election;

4. *Decides further* that the terms of reference of the Committee on Natural Resources shall include, with due respect for the concept of the sovereignty of every nation, responsibilities for:

(a) Assistance to the Council in providing guidance in the programming and implementation of activities in the United Nations system for the development of natural resources, particularly with regard to the development of water, energy and mineral resources, keeping in mind requirements for planning for the Second United Nations Development Decade and for the protection of the human

<sup>12</sup> E/4797.

<sup>13</sup> E/AC.55/6.

environment, and new technological developments in the field of natural resources;

(b) The establishment of guidelines for the provision and for the improvement and strengthening of advisory services to the Governments of Member States, to be made available at their request, for the planning, development and utilization of their natural resources within the framework of their over-all development plans;

(c) The substantive review and reformulation of the survey programme as originally planned;<sup>14</sup>

(d) The analysis of existing resolutions in the field of natural resources, with a view to recommending the consolidation and streamlining of their legislative basis;

(e) The selection and follow-up of priority questions concerning long-term problems and trends of world-wide significance in the field of natural resources;

(f) The examination of reports concerning operational and research activities in connexion with natural resources, including reports from relevant panels and seminars already in the programme and from such as may develop;

(g) Appropriate attention to the problems of research promotion and of the exchange and dissemination of experience and information in the fields of the development, utilization and conservation of natural resources;

(h) Recommendations to the Economic and Social Council and, through the Council, to Governments and also to other bodies, such as the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, on appropriate priorities, programme emphasis and other relevant matters concerning the exploration and exploitation of natural resources;

(i) Assistance to the Council and the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in maintaining the necessary liaison between the activities in the field of natural resources of the regional economic commissions, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other bodies doing relevant work, with a view to ensuring the utmost efficiency and co-operation;

(j) Such other relevant functions as the Council may assign to the Committee from time to time;

5. *Decides also* that the Committee on Natural Resources is to meet and report to the Council at least every other year;

6. *Decides moreover* that the Committee on Natural Resources is to give high priority in its initial work programme to the formulation and submission of appropriate recommendations to the Council in regard to operative paragraph 4 (d) above;

7. *Authorizes* the Committee to maintain and circulate summary records of its proceedings;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make arrangements, including the preparation of adequate documentation with reviews and proposals, for convening the Com-

mittee on Natural Resources so as to enable it to submit its initial report to the Council at its fiftieth session.

*1718th plenary meeting,  
27 July 1970.*

## **1540 (XLIX). Development of tourism**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2529 (XXIV) of 5 December 1969,

*Having in mind* that the Extraordinary General Assembly of the International Union of Official Travel Organizations will meet from 17 to 25 September 1970 in Mexico City in order to revise the statutes of the Union, thus enabling it to acquire an intergovernmental character,

*Considering* that the United Nations can conclude an agreement with the transformed Union establishing an operational link only after the statutes of the Union have been revised,

1. *Invites*, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2529 (XXIV), the Governments of States whose national tourist organizations are members of the Union to give the necessary instructions and powers to their representatives at the forthcoming Extraordinary General Assembly of the Union so that the statutes by which the Union shall be transformed into an international tourism organization of intergovernmental character may be duly approved and adopted;

2. *Recognizes* that consideration by the Council of proposals on co-operation and relations between the United Nations and the transformed Union must await the revision of the statutes of the Union;

3. *Decides* to postpone until its fiftieth session consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation and relations between the United Nations and the Union.<sup>15</sup>

*1720th plenary meeting,  
28 July 1970.*

## **1541 (XLIX). Tax treaties between developed and developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1273 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967 and 1430 (XLVI) of 6 June 1969 on tax treaties between developed and developing countries,

*Having considered with satisfaction* the progress report of the Secretary-General<sup>16</sup> and the second report of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries,<sup>17</sup>

*Noting* the Group's unanimous view endorsed by the Secretary-General that substantial progress has been made

<sup>14</sup> Council resolution 1218 (XLII) dated 1 June 1967; see also *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/4302.

<sup>15</sup> E/4861 and Corr.1.

<sup>16</sup> E/4858; see also E/4858/Add.1.

<sup>17</sup> ST/SG/AC.8/R.10/Rev.1 and Add.1.

in evolving suitable specific guidelines for tax treaties through the study and formulation of texts of solutions which had the general support of the members of the Group,<sup>18</sup>

*Considering* that the mutual accommodation of differing interests is of great importance for international tax relations between developed and developing countries, and that the guidelines already formulated by the Group represent an important form of technical assistance for the conclusion of future treaties,

*Welcoming* the Group's consideration of the questions referred to it by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on how the tax treaty provisions on the exchange of information could be utilized to combat tax evasion and capital flight,<sup>19</sup>

*Mindful* of the great satisfaction expressed by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination with the work of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts,<sup>20</sup>

*Noting with great interest* that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination unanimously endorsed the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the third meeting of the Group be convened in 1971, as recommended by the Group, to continue its successful work,<sup>21</sup>

1. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries to continue its work as envisaged in operative paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1273 (XLIII);

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene the Group in 1971, preferably in the first quarter of the year, and to make the appropriate financial allocation to enable the Group to continue its work;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to report to the Council on the results of the third meeting of the Group.

*1721st plenary meeting,  
30 July 1970.*

## **1552 (XLIX). Development planning advisory services**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the regional economic commissions in development planning<sup>22</sup> and the relevant parts of the report of the meetings of the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions held in 1970,<sup>23</sup> the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on

its fifth session<sup>24</sup> and annex II of the thirty-sixth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,<sup>25</sup>

*Taking account* of recent discussions and decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, including in particular the consensus at its tenth session on the general principles of United Nations Development Programme country programming,<sup>26</sup>

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolution 2563 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969 referring to the intensification and improvement of advisory services in the fields of development planning, plan implementation, public administration and management,

*Considering* that the provision of such technical assistance in the form of advisory services through subregional interdisciplinary teams, at the request of the Governments concerned, may be a particularly useful way of assisting some developing countries to build up their own services in these fields,

*Considering, however,* the need for very careful preparation of this form of technical assistance, and for the closest consultation with the regional economic commissions and other appropriate organizations within the United Nations system, in order to avoid duplication with advisory services in these fields provided from other sources,

1. *Takes note* of the experimental nature of this scheme and of the two teams to be established as set out in paragraph 16 of the report of the meetings of the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions held in 1970;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to examine different ways of financing further projects of this nature;

3. *Invites further* the Secretary-General to pursue his consultations with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme regarding the participation of the Programme in the preparation of projects of this kind, and as one of the sources of finance;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Council:

(a) On the results of his examination and consultations in accordance with operative paragraphs 2 and 3 above;

(b) On the activities of the two teams referred to in operative paragraph 1 above, paying particular attention to the way in which their activities relate to the over-all technical assistance provided through the United Nations development system;

(c) On the extent to which maximum use has been or would be made of the staff and services of the regional economic commissions, in particular the United Nations

<sup>18</sup> See E/4858, paras. 13, 16 and 17, and ST/SG/AC.8/R.10/Rev.1, para. 141.

<sup>19</sup> See ST/SG/AC.8/R.10/Rev.1, chap. V.

<sup>20</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10* (E/4877), para. 75.

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 76.

<sup>22</sup> E/4875.

<sup>23</sup> See E/4859, chap. III.

<sup>24</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 9*, (E/4846/Rev.1).

<sup>25</sup> E/4840/Add.1/Rev.1.

<sup>26</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6A* (E/4884/Rev.1), para. 94, draft resolution, annex, paras. 2-12; see also Council resolution 1530 (XLIX), of 22 July 1970, annex, paras. 2-12.

regional advisers, as well as those of the specialized agencies concerned.

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30 July 1970.*

#### **1553 (XLIX). Preparatory study on regional structures**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* the note by the Secretary-General on the terms of reference and financial implications of the proposed preparatory study on regional structures,<sup>27</sup>

*Emphasizing* the necessity of taking into full consideration the views of the States of the respective regions individually and collectively within the framework of their regional economic commissions,

*Bearing in mind* the fact that problems of regional co-operation vary from one region to another,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with other organizations of the United Nations system a questionnaire on the various aspects of regional structure and to forward it to the Governments of Member States with the request that they send their answers to their respective regional economic commissions;

2. *Requests* the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions to prepare reports on the basis of the answers to the questionnaire and to submit them to the regional economic commissions at their next annual session in order to elicit comments from Governments;

3. *Requests also* the Director of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to prepare a report on the basis of the answers to the questionnaire received from Governments covered by the Office and to submit it to the Secretary-General;

4. *Further requests* the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions to submit their reports, together with the comments of Governments, to the Secretary-General;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Council as early as possible and not later than at its fifty-second session the results of the preliminary inquiry and to recommend concrete measures.

*1721st plenary meeting,  
30 July 1970.*

#### **1556 (XLIX). Second United Nations Development Decade**

##### **A**

##### **COMPLETION OF AN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE 1970s**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its relevant resolutions and those of the General Assembly on an international development strategy for the 1970s,

<sup>27</sup> E/AC.24/L.379.

*Having considered* item 3 of the agenda of its forty-ninth session entitled "Second United Nations Development Decade",

*Having noted* that a draft strategy for the Second Development Decade has not yet been completed,

*Having noted further* that there are still certain difficulties in the choice of an agreed basis to ensure the participation of all member Governments in the preparation of such a strategy,

1. *Decides* to transmit to the General Assembly documents A/7982, TD/B/299 and E/4776;

2. *Draws the attention* of the General Assembly to the comments and observations made in the Council on the subject and reflected in its report<sup>28</sup> and in its relevant summary records;<sup>29</sup>

3. *Deeply appreciates* the contribution made by the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system in the preparation of a draft of an international development strategy;

4. *Expresses* its concern that it has not so far been possible to reach agreement on a number of substantive issues, particularly in relation to certain important policy measures in the field of international trade and aid;

5. *Affirms* that the completion of such a draft strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade will require, *inter alia*, a solution to the following issues:

- (a) Proposals regarding target dates for the transfer of resources from developed to developing countries and proposals regarding the target for the official component of such transfers;

- (b) Proposals regarding target dates concerning terms and conditions of assistance;

- (c) Proposals regarding the question of a link between the allocation of new reserve assets under the scheme of special drawing rights and the provision of additional development finance to developing countries;

- (d) Shipping;

- (e) Proposals regarding target dates in the field of international trade;

- (f) Adjustment assistance measures;

- (g) Restrictive business practices;

- (h) Proposals regarding assistance by developed countries to developing countries in the field of science and technology;

- (i) Proposals relating specifically to the contribution of centrally planned economies of Eastern Europe to the Second Development Decade;

6. *Stresses* that an international development strategy will gain considerably in significance if implementation of the policy measures for achieving the goals and objectives of the Decade is, to the greatest extent possible, given a specific time dimension;

<sup>28</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3, (A/8003), chap. I.*

<sup>29</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, 1696th to 1704th and 1722nd meetings; see also E/AC.6/SR. 510-513, 516, 518, 521 and 522.*

7. *Considers* that the strategy for the Decade should not only provide for dealing with existing problems of development, but also with problems which may arise during the course of the implementation of policy measures;

8. *Urges* Governments to give consideration at the appropriate political level, *inter alia*, to the issues mentioned in operative paragraph 5 above, in order that these may be resolved in time for the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly;

9. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue its efforts at its tenth session to reach agreement on those issues within its competence which still remain unresolved;

10. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should arrange for the Second Committee to begin its work in the first week of the twenty-fifth session of the Assembly and that the Committee should take up the subject of an international development strategy from the beginning of its meetings and as the only priority item, in order to reach final agreement on a draft in time for the strategy to be adopted and the Decade to be launched at the commemorative meeting of the General Assembly on 24 October 1970;

11. *Further urges* Governments to consider representation at a high political level during the final phase of work on a draft strategy at the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly in order to facilitate the completion of this work with a view to the adoption of the strategy and the launching of the Decade on 24 October 1970.

1722nd plenary meeting,  
31 July 1970.

## B

### PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that, after the adoption of the international development strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, it will be appropriate to prescribe the procedure to be followed in evaluating the progress made in its implementation,

*Considering further* that the Council will be called upon to assume responsibility for assisting the General Assembly in the task of the over-all review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the strategy and, therefore, will have to organize its work in keeping, *inter alia*, with this new responsibility,

1. *Expresses* its readiness to assume responsibility for assisting the General Assembly in the task of the over-all review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the strategy on the basis of reviews and appraisals at national, regional and sectoral levels, of the comments and recommendations made within the framework of a specific mandate by the Committee for Development Planning, and of appropriate documentation and reports prepared by the Secretary-General;

2. *Decides* to elaborate, in the light of the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session and at the earliest possible opportunity after the launching of the Decade, the detailed procedure for such over-all review and appraisal.

1722nd plenary meeting,  
31 July 1970.

## OTHER DECISIONS

### Regional co-operation

At its 1719th meeting, on 27 July 1970, the Council decided to postpone to its fifty-first session consideration of draft resolution E/L.1335 and Corr.1 regarding the payment of travel subsistence expenses of members of the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa.

### Development of natural resources

At its 1719th meeting, on 27 July 1970, the Council decided to request the Committee on Natural Resources, established by its resolution 1535 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970, to examine the recommendations contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>30</sup> submitted to the

Council at its forty-eighth session, taking into account the comments in the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>31</sup> giving due weight to advice to be given by the specialist on space applications appointed by the Secretary-General, and in close consultation with the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and with the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee, bearing in mind in particular that the Sub-Committee at its seventh session, held from 14 to 24 April 1970, gave preliminary consideration to the Secretary-General's recommendations<sup>32</sup> and that for the time being one of the ways of dealing with this question would be for the Sub-Committee to continue its consideration of these recommendations.

<sup>30</sup> E/4779/Add.1.

<sup>32</sup> A/AC.105/82; see also *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/8020)*.

<sup>30</sup> E/4779 and Corr.1-3.



## **Financing of economic development of the developing countries**

At its 1721st meeting, on 30 July 1970, the Council decided:

(a) To confirm the importance of external financing for the economic development of developing countries;

(b) To take note of the reports of the Secretary-General entitled "The External Financing of Economic Development: International flow of Long-term Capital and Official Donations, 1964-1968";<sup>33</sup> and "Export credits and export promotion in developing countries: Practical considerations relating to the establishment and operation of multinational export credit insurance schemes";<sup>34</sup> of the progress report of the Secretary-General entitled "Export credits as a means of promoting exports from developing countries";<sup>35</sup> of the preliminary report of the Secretary-General entitled "International flow of long-term capital and official donations, 1969";<sup>36</sup> together with the comments made during the discussions on this subject at the 519th and 520th meetings of the Economic Committee.<sup>37</sup>

## **Outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries**

At its 1721st meeting, on 30 July 1970, the Council decided:

(a) To defer to its fiftieth session the consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries<sup>38</sup> and the report by the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on the same subject,<sup>39</sup> together with draft resolution E/AC.6/L.417;

(b) To request the General Assembly to decide at its twenty-fifth session to defer consideration of this question to its twenty-sixth session.

## **Multilateral food aid**

At its 1721st meeting, on 30 July 1970, the Council decided:

<sup>33</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.70.II.A.3.

<sup>34</sup> E/4834.

<sup>35</sup> E/4857.

<sup>36</sup> E/4873.

<sup>37</sup> E/AC.6/SR.519 and 520.

<sup>38</sup> E/4820 and Add.1.

<sup>39</sup> E/4798.

(a) To take note of the eighth annual report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and to the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, transmitted to the Council by a note by the Secretary-General<sup>40</sup> and containing, in particular, the report entitled "Food aid and related issues during the Second Development Decade";

(b) To transmit the said annual report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session.

## **Increase in the production and use of edible protein**

At its 1721st meeting, on 30 July 1970, the Council decided:

(a) To transmit to the General Assembly the progress report of the Secretary-General on the increase in the production and use of edible protein,<sup>41</sup> the note by the Secretary-General on the same subject<sup>42</sup> and the summary records of the 514th to 516th meetings of the Economic Committee;<sup>43</sup>

(b) To draw the attention of the General Assembly to the necessity of intensifying the efforts of the organizations of the United Nations system in this field;

(c) To state that, during the discussions which took place on this subject, a certain number of delegations expressed the opinion that the remarkable results already obtained allowed the United Nations to dispense with special institutional and financial measures to reach these ends, while other delegations expressed themselves in favour of the suggestions made with regard to such measures.

## **Question of an increase in the membership of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries**

At its 1722nd meeting, on 31 July 1970, the Council decided to request the Secretary-General to consider a modest increase in the membership of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries and, if this proposal is found feasible, to take into account the interest evinced by the Government of Ceylon in becoming a member of the *Ad Hoc* Group.

<sup>40</sup> E/4835.

<sup>41</sup> E/4829 and Corr.1 and 2

<sup>42</sup> E/L.1330.

<sup>43</sup> E/AC.6/SR.514-516.

## QUESTIONS RELATING TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### 1536 (XLIX). United Nations Conference on the Human Environment

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 2398 (XXIII) of 3 December 1968 and 2581 (XXIV) of 15 December 1969,

*Noting* that the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, established by General Assembly resolution 2581 (XXIV) has initiated its work with a constructive and productive first session in March 1970,<sup>44</sup>

*Further noting* that the Preparatory Committee at that session, on the basis of a sectoral review of environmental problems which serves to define the total scope and subject matter of the Conference, recommended possible types of action to be taken in the context of the Conference at the national, regional and international level,

*Noting with appreciation* the steps that have been taken by a number of specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to assist in the preparatory work,

*Stressing* the need for vigorous pursuance of the preparations for the Conference,

1. *Takes note* of the progress report of the Secretary-General regarding the present stage of the preparations for the Conference;<sup>45</sup>

2. *Reaffirms* the action-oriented character of the Conference;

3. *Looks forward with interest* to the proposals of the Secretary-General concerning priorities in drawing up the agenda for the Conference;

4. *Agrees* with the Preparatory Committee that areas for immediate action should be identified prior to the 1972 Conference and that to this end work should be started by the Preparatory Committee at its second session, taking into account the various economic, social and other aspects involved;

5. *Believes it essential* that, when drawing up the agenda for the Conference, due account be taken of such environmental problems as are particularly acute in developing countries and relevant to their needs;

6. *Reiterates* that for the Conference to achieve its objectives, it is essential that its agenda be selective, its organizational structure simple and efficient and its documentation reasonably limited;

7. *Earnestly hopes* that the preparations for the Conference and the Conference itself will promote, in particular, the aims of the Second United Nations Development Decade by contributing to sound economic and social development;

8. *Stresses* the value of national reports and case studies for Governments both as a means of collecting important information for the Conference and of helping the Governments to evaluate and take steps to improve the situation in their respective countries;

9. *Recommends* that Governments make every effort to prepare national reports and submit proposals for case studies within the time limits set by the Secretary-General;

10. *Recommends* that the Conference be presented with a draft declaration on the human environment, which should be a document of basic principles in regard to the human environment, and that careful preparation of the declaration should be initiated on the basis of the suggestions in the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session;<sup>46</sup>

11. *Underlines* that, in conformity with Council resolution 1448 (XLVII) of 6 August 1969, every effort be made to keep the financial implications to the minimum compatible with the task of fulfilling the objectives of the Conference;

12. *Recommends* that the second session of the Preparatory Committee take place early in 1971 at Geneva, in view of the need to ensure the closest possible co-operation with the specialized agencies in drawing up the agenda for the Conference;

13. *Invites* the Secretary-General to make his report available to the members of the Preparatory Committee not later than six weeks before the opening of the second session of that Committee;

14. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General arrange for an informal meeting with the members of the Preparatory Committee in New York before the end of 1970 for an exchange of views concerning his plans, in particular for the agenda of the Conference;

15. *Recommends* that the following session or sessions of the Preparatory Committee be held later in 1971 at a place or places to be determined by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

16. *Recommends further* that the Secretary-General investigate immediately the possibility of providing assistance to developing countries for the preparation of national reports and case studies;

17. *Requests* the regional economic commissions to report at their earliest convenience within the framework of the preparations for the Conference on their current and planned activities in the environmental field, and to co-operate closely in these preparations;

18. *Calls upon* the Governments, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to give all possible support to the Secretary-General and the Preparatory Committee in their efforts to prepare effectively for the Conference.

*1719th plenary meeting,  
27 July 1970.*

<sup>44</sup> A/CONF.48/PC/6.

<sup>45</sup> E/4828.

<sup>46</sup> See A/CONF.48/PC/6, para. 27, II.

## 1537 (XLIX). Marine co-operation

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2580 (XXIV) of 15 December 1969 and the Council's decision at its forty-eighth session,<sup>47</sup> to instruct its Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to examine the need for a comprehensive review of existing activities of the United Nations system relating to the seas and oceans in the light of present and emerging needs of Member States,

*Noting* the part of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its sixth session concerning this subject,<sup>48</sup>

*Recalling* previous reports submitted to it on the exploitation of the sea, including in particular the Secretary-General's reports entitled "Resources of the sea beyond the continental shelf",<sup>49</sup> and "Marine Science and Technology",<sup>50</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the importance of increasing international co-operation in the exploration and exploitation of the resources of the sea, having regard to the special needs and interests of developing countries,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with organizations of the United Nations system, and also with other recognized sources of scientific and technical advice outside the United Nations system, to prepare a general but concise background review of about fifty pages on:

(a) Trends in the various traditional uses of the seas, under such headings as fisheries, shipping, mineral exploitation;

(b) Foreseeable new uses, as well as the likely growth in intensity of existing uses, by the second half of the 1970s;

(c) The likely effect of these uses and of other technological advances on the marine environment;

(d) Conflicts likely to arise over technical use;  
this background review to be prepared by making full use of material already available in the United Nations and the specialized agencies (including material being prepared for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment) and also from other sources, such as the International Council of Scientific Unions;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, on completion of this background review, to communicate it to the Governments of Member States;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, at that time, to invite the Governments of Member States to communicate to him any proposals they may wish to make for strengthening international co-operation in the marine environment;

<sup>47</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 1*, p. 7.

<sup>48</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 10 (E/4877), chap. VIII, sect. A.

<sup>49</sup> E/4449 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>50</sup> E/4487 and Corr.1 and 2.

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after obtaining the views of the Governments of Member States in accordance with paragraph 3 above and the comments of the other organizations of the United Nations system, and taking into account the results of the Conference on the Human Environment, to submit a brief report to the Council on the manner in which international co-operation relating to the seas might be strengthened in areas where this appears to be required.

1719th plenary meeting,  
27 July 1970.

## 1538 (XLIX). Application of computer technology for development

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* the increasing importance of the application of science and technology for speeding up the economic and social development of all countries, and more especially the developing countries,

*Considering* the different activities already undertaken by the organizations of the United Nations system to promote wider international co-operation for the application of science and technology to development,

*Convinced* that the use of computers and computation techniques can make a substantial contribution to economic and social development,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2458 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 on international co-operation with a view to the use of computers and computation techniques for development,

*Recognizing* that international co-operation calls for the intensification of activities concerning the use of computer techniques for development,

*Taking note* of the summary<sup>51</sup> of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>52</sup> prepared in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2458 (XXIII),

*Having undertaken* a preliminary examination of the summary of that report pending a thorough discussion of the latter, which was not possible owing to its publication only in mid-session,

*Considering* that the main recommendations and conclusions contained in that summary may, pending a more detailed study of the report itself, call for appropriate action by the United Nations and other international organizations concerned with the question of the use of computers and related problems,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take forthwith the necessary steps to ensure wide circulation of his report among the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, and also to other international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with this question;

2. *Decides* to discuss the question of the use of computer techniques for development at its fiftieth session;

<sup>51</sup> E/4800/Summary.

<sup>52</sup> E/4800.

3. *Requests therefore* that the General Assembly defer its consideration of this question from its twenty-fifth to its twenty-sixth session;

4. *Recommends* that the regional economic commissions, the United Nations Development Programme, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, and also other interested international organizations, continue to assist the Secretary-General in the study of the question, and particularly in the formulation of any suggestions he may wish to make when his report is discussed, with a view to ensuring wide co-operation in this field.

*1720th plenary meeting,  
28 July 1970.*

### **1543 (XLIX). Report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development**

#### *The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Notes with appreciation* the seventh report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development;<sup>53</sup>

2. *Draws the attention* of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Development Programme to the relevant sections of the Committee's report, particularly to its recommendations;<sup>54</sup>

3. *Approves* the Advisory Committee's programme of meetings for 1970 and 1971;<sup>55</sup>

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to ensure that those of the Advisory Committee's reports that are intended for publication be printed most expeditiously, within existing budgetary provisions;

5. *Further draws the attention* of the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Development Programme to the fact that shortage of adequately trained manpower constitutes one of the major constraints on the application of science and technology to the development of African countries and *calls upon* them to take action aimed at overcoming this problem;

6. *Invites* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to consider the help which the members of the Advisory Committee could give to his proposed long-term planning staff, in accordance with the suggestion contained in paragraph 23 (c) of the report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development on future institutional arrangements for science and technology;<sup>56</sup>

<sup>53</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/4780).*

<sup>54</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 57.

<sup>55</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 7-9.

<sup>56</sup> E/4827.

7. *Commends* to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme the idea of supporting as appropriate, at the request of Governments, the establishment of bilateral links between research and educational institutions in developed and developing countries;

8. *Invites* the Advisory Committee to continue to keep the Council fully informed through its annual reports of plans for major studies in its work programme;

9. *Invites* all bodies and organizations of the United Nations system to make use, if and where appropriate, both individually and collectively through the inter-agency machinery, of the Advisory Committee as a source of advice on scientific and technological matters;

10. *Takes note* of the general view regarding the continuing need for expert advice on the question of the application of science and technology to development, which the Advisory Committee has provided.

*1721st plenary meeting,  
30 July 1970.*

### **1544 (XLIX). Future institutional arrangements for science and technology**

#### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1454 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969 on future institutional arrangements for science and technology,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the matter,<sup>57</sup>

*Having also considered* the report on the same subject of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,<sup>58</sup>

*Taking note* of the relevant part of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its sixth session,<sup>59</sup>

*Noting further* the relevant section of the thirty-sixth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,<sup>60</sup>

1. *Attaches the highest importance* to the strengthening of the activities, including the elimination of any prevailing institutional gaps, of the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system dealing with specific problems of the application of science and technology to development and with the question of the transfer of operative technology to developing countries;

2. *Recalls* operative paragraph 5 of its resolution 1454 (XLVII);

3. *Notes* that the Trade and Development Board has decided to consider at its tenth session, as a matter of high

<sup>57</sup> E/4845.

<sup>58</sup> E/4827.

<sup>59</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/4877)*, chap. VIII, sect. C.

<sup>60</sup> See E/4840, chap. III, sect. B.

priority, necessary action regarding appropriate institutional arrangements to deal with those aspects of the transfer of operative technology that fall within its jurisdiction;<sup>61</sup>

4. *Reiterates* that there is a need for the reinforcement and co-ordination of present and contemplated activities, including the establishment within the framework of the United Nations system of intergovernmental machinery in the field of the application of science and technology to development and taking into account the respective responsibilities of the General Assembly and the Council;

5. *Recognizes* that so far no consensus or majority opinion has emerged on how best to meet the need for such reinforcement and co-ordination or on the place and role of any intergovernmental machinery to be set up;

6. *Decides*, pending further clarification of the issues involved by the relevant bodies of the United Nations, to postpone till its fifty-first session its decision on this subject;

7. *Endorses* the view contained in the thirty-sixth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination that any institutional arrangements in the field of science and technology will be meaningful only if additional resources are made available for tackling major problem areas.<sup>62</sup>

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30 July 1970.*

<sup>61</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/7616)*, part three, annex I, resolution 62 (IX).

<sup>62</sup> See E/4840, para. 45.

## 1545 (XLIX). Science education

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1309 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968 on science education,

*Stressing* the importance of science education in relation to development,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the second report on science education prepared by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development;<sup>63</sup>

2. *Expresses its disappointment* at the slow progress in the implementation of the recommendations in the first report on science education prepared by the Advisory Committee;<sup>64</sup>

3. *Requests* the governing bodies of the organizations concerned, particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to take the necessary steps for further implementation of these recommendations;

4. *Commends* the additional recommendations<sup>65</sup> contained in the Advisory Committee's second report on science education for consideration and suitable action by Governments and appropriate bodies and organizations, including in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

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30 July 1970.*

<sup>63</sup> E/4814 and Corr.1.

<sup>64</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fourth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 5, document E/4448, chap. II.

<sup>65</sup> See E/4814 and Corr.1, chap. III.

## QUESTIONS RELATING TO TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

### 1529 (XLIX). Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its ninth and tenth sessions.<sup>66</sup>

*1714th plenary meeting,  
22 July 1970.*

### 1530 (XLIX). The capacity of the United Nations development system

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the parts of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development

Programme on its ninth and tenth sessions concerning the capacity of the United Nations development system,<sup>67</sup>

*Noting* that some questions remain to be settled within the framework of the examination of this subject,

1. *Endorses* the provisions drawn up by the Governing Council concerning the United Nations Development Programme;

2. *Recommends* the adoption by the General Assembly of the following draft resolution:

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Having considered* the parts of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its ninth and tenth sessions<sup>67</sup> and of the Economic and Social Council<sup>68</sup> concerning the capacity of the United Nations development system,

<sup>66</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4782)* and *Supplement No. 6A (E/4884/Rev.1)*.

<sup>67</sup> *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 6 (E/4782)*, chap. VI and *Supplement No. 6A (E/4884/Rev.1)*, chap. V.

<sup>68</sup> See *Official Documents of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8003)*, chap. X, sect. A.

"Noting that some questions remain to be settled within the framework of the examination of this subject,

"1. Approves the provisions annexed hereto concerning the United Nations Development Programme and declares that such provisions shall apply to activities of the Programme commencing from 1 January 1971, taking into account the transitional measures in those provisions;

"2. Requests the Governing Council to prepare for consideration by the General Assembly, if possible at its twenty-sixth session, a draft omnibus statute for the Programme incorporating the provisions annexed hereto and appropriate provisions from past resolutions relating to the United Nations Development Programme."

1714th plenary meeting,  
22 July 1970.

## ANNEX

### Consensus approved by the Governing Council

#### I. THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION CYCLE

1. The formulation of the United Nations Development Programme country programme is the first phase of a process which may be called the United Nations development co-operation cycle. The other phases are project formulation, appraisal and approval, implementation, evaluation and follow-up. The cycle will also include periodic reviews. The scope of the cycle might expand as envisaged in paragraph 9 below.

#### II. UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME COUNTRY PROGRAMMING

##### A. General principles

2. United Nations Development Programme country programming means the programming of Programme assistance at the country level. It involves the identification of the role of Programme inputs in specified areas within the country's development objectives.

3. Country programming will be used as a means of achieving the most rational and efficient utilization of resources at the disposal of the Programme for its activities in order to have the maximum impact on the economic and social development of the developing country concerned.

4. Country programming will be based on individual national development plans, or, where these do not exist, on national development priorities or objectives.

5. It is recognized that the Government of the country concerned has the exclusive responsibility for formulating its national development plan or priorities and objectives. Individual developing countries should have, at their request, assistance from the United Nations, including the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, in the general field of planning and from the specialized agencies in sectoral planning.

6. The programming of Programme assistance will be carried out in each country within the framework of indicative planning figures constituting an order of magnitude of the resources expected to be available from the Programme during the country programme period.

7. The country programme, based on national development plans, priorities or objectives and on the indicative planning figures, will be formulated by the Government of the recipient country in co-operation, at an appropriate stage, with representatives of the United Nations system, the latter under the leadership of the resident representative of the Programme; it should coincide, where appropriate, with the period of the country's national development plan. The formulation of the country programme should involve:

(a) A broad identification of the needs which arise out of the country's objectives in particular sectors, within the framework of its over-all development objectives, and which might appropriately be met by Programme assistance;

(b) As precise an indication as possible of the internal inputs, Programme inputs and wherever possible other United Nations system inputs to meet these needs;

(c) A preliminary list of projects to be subsequently worked out for financing by the Programme to implement the country programme.

8. The country programme of assistance should support activities which are meaningfully related to the country's development objectives. This implies that the assistance provided constitutes a programme which receives its coherence and balance from its relationship to these national objectives.

9. In the process of country programming, efforts should be made at all levels to co-ordinate all sources of assistance in the United Nations system, with a view to achieving integration of the assistance at the country level.

10. It will be for the Government to take into account, while preparing the country programme, other external inputs, both multilateral and bilateral.

11. The resident representative will transmit the Programme country programme to the Administrator, who in turn will submit it, with his recommendations, to the Governing Council for its consideration and approval. Approval will cover the entire period of the programme, with provision for periodic reviews aimed at possible adjustments. With the agreement of the country concerned, the Administrator, in submitting the country programme for consideration and approval, will invite the Governing Council's attention to details of any other related programme of United Nations assistance.

12. The assistance of the Programme must be sufficiently flexible to meet unforeseen needs of recipient countries or exceptional situations, which country programmes could not take into account.

##### B. Indicative planning figures

13. For the purpose, among others, of establishing the indicative planning figures, any distinctions between the Technical Assistance and Special Fund components will be eliminated. The resources to be devoted to country programming will be a specified percentage of the total resources for the current year, projected over a given period of time and including a rate of growth per annum over that period, one of the assumptions being that the resources of the Programme will increase at least at the same rate as the average of the last few years.

14. The indicative country-planning figures should not be construed as representing a commitment, but as a reasonably firm indication for the purpose of forward programming.

15. The indicative planning figures will be proposed by the Administrator to Governments on the basis of the criteria and guidelines established from time to time by the Governing Council. There should be some flexibility in determining the level of resources available for indicative planning figures. After taking into account any comments which Governments may wish to make in regard to the figures, the Administrator will submit his final indicative plan-

ning figures for each country for approval by the Governing Council; wherever possible the country programme concerned will be approved at the same time.

16. As an experimental basis for the first series of indicative planning figures, the Administrator will calculate the percentage devoted to each country of the total earmarkings of programmed resources (that is, Technical Assistance country targets plus Special Fund project earmarkings) during the five years 1966 to 1970, including projects approved by the Governing Council at its eleventh session. He will apply this percentage in each case to resources estimated, in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 13 above, to be available for country programming for a period of from three to five years consistent with the period of the country's development plan or development programme in order to obtain a preliminary indicative planning figure for each country for that period. He will scrutinize these figures in the light of existing criteria for the allocation of resources and adjust them where necessary to avoid arbitrarily projecting any exceptional present country situations, to correct any inequities due to historical circumstances, and in particular to ensure that special consideration is given to the situation of the least developed countries and of newly independent countries whose lack of an adequate administrative infrastructure has prevented them from taking proper advantage of Programme assistance.

17. The figures will be reviewed periodically in consultation with the Government concerned, by the Administrator and the Governing Council, in the light of progress in the implementation of the country programme.

#### *C. Formulation, appraisal and approval of projects*

18. Project formulation will be an on-going process and need not await the approval of the country programme. To ensure the soundness of project formulation it will be carried out at the country level. Association of various kinds of expertise with the formulation of a particular project will be only at the specific request of the Government, which, in the light of the expertise available locally, is in the best position to know the type of expertise required.

19. The appraisal of each project will be, to the fullest extent possible, an integral part of the process of formulation of the project. Thus smaller projects, up to a specified cost limit, will be appraised on behalf of the Programme by the resident representative with the assistance of competent technical expertise whenever necessary. Responsibility for the appraisal of larger projects will rest with the Administrator.

20. The Governing Council alone is empowered to approve projects submitted by countries to the Programme for consideration. The Governing Council, while retaining this authority, delegates for three years to the Administrator authority to approve projects within country programmes. Nevertheless the Council and the requesting Government reserve the right to request the Administrator to submit particular projects of whatever magnitude to the Council for its consideration and approval. Also the Administrator may bring to the Council any project which, because of its policy implications or the magnitude of its impact on the country programme as a whole, deserves the Council's consideration and approval. The Administrator will, to the maximum extent feasible, which will be determined and indicated by him to the Governing Council in due course, delegate authority to approve projects to the resident representatives. The Governing Council will be informed as soon as possible of all project decisions completed under its delegation of authority.

### III. INTER-COUNTRY PROGRAMMING

21. Inter-country programming is the programming of assistance for groups of countries on a sub-regional, regional, interregional or global basis. Such assistance will be provided through sub-regional,

regional, interregional and global projects at the request of at least two Governments, taking into account the equitable distribution of resources among regions.

22. The programming of such assistance will be based broadly on the same general principles as set out above for country programming, particularly in that it will be systematically related to the development priorities of the countries concerned and as far as possible planned in advance over a period of years.

23. The procedures for the formulation, appraisal and approval of inter-country projects will follow, in their relevant aspects, the same general lines as for projects within country programmes and will be subject to criteria and guidelines established from time to time by the Governing Council. However, all global projects will require specific approval by the Governing Council.

### IV. OVER-ALL DISPOSITION AND MANAGEMENT OF UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME RESOURCES

#### *A. Over-all disposition of resources*

24. The total resources available for programming will be divided between country programming on the one hand and, on the other, inter-country programming, consisting of sub-regional, regional, interregional and global projects.

25. Initially, and until further review by the Governing Council, at least 82 per cent of the net resources available each year, after deduction of programme support costs and administrative costs, and also resources to meet the requirements set out in paragraph 27 below, will be set aside for country programming and at most 18 per cent for inter-country programming, it being understood that these proportions are intended as a planning guide.

26. Sub-regional, regional and inter-regional projects, particularly those designed by interested countries to accelerate the process of economic and social integration and to promote other forms of regional and sub-regional co-operation, will have the first claim on resources for inter-country programming. Global projects will come next in order of priority. Subject to review by the Governing Council from time to time, the amount to be allocated for global projects should not exceed 1 per cent of the net resources available for programming.

27. It will be necessary to make provision to meet unforeseen needs, to meet special needs of the least developed of the developing countries, and to finance unanticipated projects or phases of projects, particularly projects of the Special Industrial Services type, which could have a catalytic role in the economic development of the country concerned. At the eleventh session of the Governing Council the Administrator will make proposals on the manner in which resources to meet such requirements, as well as to maintain under present arrangements the programme of Special Industrial Services at least at the present level, will be made available.

#### *B. Full utilization of resources and financial control*

28. All financial resources of the Programme are to be available at all times to the maximum possible extent for programme purposes, subject only to the maintenance on a continuous basis of an operational reserve. After provision has been made annually for programme support and administrative costs, and for replenishment of the operational reserve, all resources not otherwise committed will be utilized for project activities.

29. The purpose of the operational reserve is to guarantee under all circumstances the financial liquidity and integrity of the Programme, to compensate for uneven cash inflows, and to meet such other requirements as may be decided upon by the Governing Council at a subsequent stage. The Council will keep under constant review the size and composition of the reserve, basing itself on the planning of payment authorizations and expenditures for the

following financial year. At the outset, and pending receipt of a more detailed analysis from the Administrator of the financial position of the Programme up to the end of 1970, the Council, as an interim measure, authorizes the establishment of an operational reserve of \$150 million in all categories of resources, the composition of which is to be determined and maintained by the Administrator in accordance with sound principles of financial management, this level to be reviewed at the Council's twelfth session in the context of the financial review referred to above.

30. Full responsibility for proper utilization of funds of the Programme and for the exercise of financial and accounting controls will be borne by the Administrator. The Secretary-General will continue as custodian of Programme funds, but decisions regarding the Programme investment portfolio and currency management will be reached in agreement with the Administrator, subject to a full report on this arrangement and review by the Governing Council at its twelfth session.

31. In presenting to the Governing Council forecasts of expenditure and requests for earmarkings, the Administrator will distinguish clearly among the following types of expense: (a) project costs, (b) programme support costs, including overhead and consultative services costs, and (c) administrative costs.

#### *C. Assessment of local costs*

32. Specific recommendations will be made by the Administrator to the Council at its eleventh session on the formula to be followed for the assessment of local costs, which should make provision for simplified application of full or partial waivers of local costs, taking into account those cases where undue burdens would otherwise be placed on the recipient Government.

#### *D. Agency overhead costs*

33. The Administrator will consult with the participating and executing agencies and the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions with a view to arriving at new methods for calculating appropriate reimbursement for project implementation and for advisory services involving programming, project formulation and policy development. The prospect of entering into general compensatory arrangements for advisory services and separate specific arrangements for reimbursement of costs in connexion with project execution will be explored. The solution worked out should not be considered as binding until it has been submitted to the Council for consideration and approval, accompanied by a report on the kinds of services to be reimbursed.

34. The Administrator will co-operate to the fullest degree in efforts to achieve common budgeting policies and accounting systems throughout the United Nations family of organizations.

### **V. IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ASSISTANCE**

#### *A. Responsibility of the Governing Council*

35. The Governing Council has over-all responsibility for ensuring that the resources of the Programme are employed with the maximum efficiency and effectiveness in assisting the development of the developing countries.

36. To this end, the principal responsibilities of the Governing Council remain as stated in the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly. In the context of the principles of country and inter-country programming set out above, and of the implementation of assistance so provided, the Governing Council will consider and approve country programmes including indicative country planning figures, approve certain projects included in the programmes in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 20 and 23, exercise

effective operational control including periodic reviews of the country programmes and make broad allocations of resources and control their use.

#### *B. Responsibility of the Administrator*

37. In addition to the responsibilities to be delegated to him by the Governing Council, the Administrator will be fully responsible and accountable to the Governing Council for all phases and aspects of the implementation of the Programme.

#### *C. Role of United Nations organizations in implementation*

38. The role of the organizations of the United Nations system in the implementation of country programmes should be that of partners, under the leadership of the Programme, in a common endeavour of the entire United Nations system. Their advice should be available to the Administrator in the implementation of all projects, as appropriate, whether executed by them or not.

#### *D. Selection and accountability of executing agents*

39. The Administrator shall consult the Government in each case on the selection of the agent by which Programme assistance to each project will be implemented.

40. The appropriate organizations of the United Nations system shall, subject to this procedure, have first consideration as executing agents.

41. When necessary to ensure the maximum effectiveness of Programme assistance or to increase its capacity, and with due regard to the cost factor, increased use may appropriately be made of suitable services obtained from governmental and non-governmental institutions and firms, in agreement with the recipient Government concerned and in accordance with the principles of international competitive bidding. Maximum use should be made of national institutions and firms, if available, within the recipient countries.

42. In cases where expertise or services are required which are not available in adequate kind, quantity and quality within the United Nations system, the Administrator shall, in agreement with the Government concerned, exercise his authority to obtain them, while inviting, in appropriate cases, the relevant United Nations organization to provide complementary support.

43. Every executing agent shall be accountable to the Administrator for the implementation of Programme assistance to projects.

44. In the selection of individual experts, institutions or firms, in the procurement of equipment and supplies and in the provision of training facilities, the principle of equitable geographical distribution consistent with maximum effectiveness shall be observed.

#### *E. Availability and quality of international and national project personnel*

45. The Administrator should intensify efforts in co-ordination with the appropriate organs of the system and should develop suitable proposals for consideration by the Governing Council to improve the availability, briefing, refresher training and procedure for punctual recruitment of well-qualified international project personnel. These proposals should particularly take into account the desirability of increasing the number of personnel recruited from the developing countries. The Administrator should also pay particular attention to such factors as the personal suitability of candidates, including their motivation and adaptability; the need for realistic job descriptions and reporting dates; prompt decisions on candidates by the agencies and requesting Governments, and conditions of service that will attract and retain candidates for whose services there is world-wide demand.



46. In suitable cases, qualified nationals may be designated as project managers, assisted by international specialists.

47. Where necessary, and upon the request of the recipient Government, consideration should be given by the Programme to training suitable counterpart personnel as an integral part of a Programme-assisted project, including its planning phase, so that they will be qualified to participate in and ensure effective execution of the project.

48. Since there is no set formula for the proportions of international personnel, fellowships and equipment for a particular project and no ceiling on the ratio of the value of the equipment in relation to the total cost of a project, Programme pre-investment assistance should be sufficiently flexible so that, in appropriate cases, it may consist of the supply of equipment alone as part of an integrated pre-investment project. In the latter case, particular attention should be given to the availability of personnel qualified to use the equipment or to train personnel in its use in recipient countries.

#### *F. Operational control and assessment of results*

49. The monitoring of project assistance, in so far as it is required for the discharge by the Administrator of his responsibility for operational control, shall normally be carried out at the country level by the resident representative.

50. Evaluation, carried out within the United Nations system, of Programme-assisted activities shall only be made with the agreement of the Government concerned. This shall be carried out jointly by the Government, the Programme, the United Nations agency concerned and, where appropriate, the executing agent outside the United Nations system.

51. Such evaluation shall be on a selective basis and restricted to the minimum essential for the improvement or follow-up of the projects concerned, for the needs of Governments, and for the improvement of the Programme. With the agreement of the Government concerned, the results will be communicated to the Governing Council for its information.

#### *G. Investment and other follow-up*

52. Provision for investment and other forms of follow-up to Programme-assisted projects shall, when necessary, be an integral part of the programming process and of the formulation, implementation and evaluation of projects.

53. The Government in each case shall be primarily responsible for all measures which should be taken at all stages of a project to ensure effective follow-up, including follow-up investment. It will be open to the Government to seek investment assistance from all available sources. No one source of follow-up investment financing should be regarded as the only acceptable source or as a source enjoying preference over others. The Administrator will assume full responsibility within the United Nations system, as its major source of pre-investment financing, for providing assistance and advice on behalf of the United Nations system on follow-up investment, with the agreement of the Government. The Programme will develop its expertise in this matter to ensure, in consultation with the Government, early co-ordination, from the planning stage onwards, with potential bilateral and/or multilateral sources of finance for projects requiring follow-up investment.

### VI. TIMING AND TRANSITIONAL MEASURES

54. The principles set out above, and the procedures to give effect to them, shall be progressively applied from the date of their approval by the competent legislative organs of the United Nations. The Administrator shall undertake as soon as possible the necessary measures so that, if possible, some country programmes will be

submitted in time for consideration by the Governing Council at its twelfth session, in June 1971.

55. In the transitional period, to ensure continuity of action by the Programme in meeting Governments' requests for assistance, the appraisal and approval of projects shall be carried out in accordance with existing procedures. These transitional measures may be extended in cases where the Government wishes to start its country programme later than 1972, on the understanding, however, that the total amount of assistance to be provided from 1 January 1972 will be consistent with the indicative planning figures and that the existing distinctions between the two components of the Programme will have been eliminated.

### VII. ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

56. The Governing Council recognizes its responsibility for policy formulation, the determination of Programme priorities and the review of implementation in both planning and practice. The decisions of the Council on country programming and its implementation have important organizational implications. The country-programming approach implies that the Administrator will be fully accountable for the management of all aspects of the Programme. At the same time, it will be necessary to bring about, within the Programme, greater decentralization of responsibility for programming and implementation from the headquarters to the country level. The application of the twin principles of the Administrator's full accountability for the Programme and the decentralization to the country level will require certain modifications in the existing structure and procedure of the Programme. A clear definition of functions and responsibilities at all levels of the Administration will therefore be necessary.

57. At the headquarters level, regional bureaux should be established to provide a direct link between the Administrator and the Programme resident representative in all matters concerning field activities. In order to streamline channels of communication and expedite the decision-making process, the heads of these bureaux should have direct access to the Administrator. To achieve the required degree of effectiveness of management of the bureaux, they should be headed by persons with the high qualifications and rank commensurate with their important responsibilities.

58. The country-programming approach also implies that the Programme should not only concern itself with current policy formulation, but should also be able constantly to analyze the main trends in the evolution of the Programme in order to give it new directions and to explore new possibilities for making it more effective. To meet this need, a small but highly competent long-term planning staff should be established at the headquarters level under the direction of a senior official.

59. The country-programming approach also envisages more rational and effective procedures for evaluation and follow-up. This as well as the need to maintain close relations with other collaborating organizations of the United Nations system must be fully reflected in the organizational restructuring at the headquarters level. The Administrator is invited to take the necessary steps in this direction and to submit further proposals to the Council.

60. The strengthening of the management of the Programme at the headquarters level, in view of the reform of the system and the expectation of a growing Programme, should be achieved by securing the services of highly qualified and experienced staff with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution and to the need for economy.

61. The Administrator should continue to have the authority to appoint and administer the staff of the Programme. For this purpose, he should have authority, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to frame such staff rules, consistent with the

relevant principles laid down by the General Assembly, as he considers necessary to meet the special problems which arise in the service of the Programme.

62. As far as concerns the organization of the Programme at the country level, the resident representative will be re-designated Resident Director of the Programme. His appointment by the Administrator will be subject to the prior approval of the Government concerned.

63. There should be the maximum possible delegation of authority to the resident director. His role therefore needs to be greatly strengthened. In this context his relations with the representatives of other United Nations organizations in the field are of crucial importance. The resident director should be recognized as having full over-all responsibility for the programme in the country concerned, and his role in relation to the representatives of the other United Nations organizations, where these are posted with the prior approval of the Government concerned, should be that of the leader of the team, taking into account the professional competence of these United Nations organizations and their relations with appropriate organs of government. This role of leadership and over-all responsibility should extend to all contacts with the governmental authorities concerned in connexion with the programme in regard to which he will be the principal channel of communication between the Programme and the Government. The resident director should have ultimate authority on behalf of the Administrator for all aspects of the programme at the country level and should, subject to the agreement of the organizations concerned, be the central co-ordinating authority on their behalf for the other development assistance programmes of the United Nations system. In this connexion, the organizations in the United Nations system are requested to ensure that the resident directors of the Programme are consulted on the planning and formulation of development projects with which those organizations are concerned and are supplied with reports on the execution of those projects as requested by Economic and Social Council resolution 1453 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969.

64. The creation of new field offices or the enlargement of the existing ones should depend on the volume of Programme operations in the particular country and should be undertaken with due regard to the need for economy. In the strengthening of field offices, priority should be given to effective redeployment of existing staff.

65. The Inter-Agency Consultative Board should continue to be the forum for inter-agency consultation and co-ordination relating to the Programme. However, the Board should undertake a thorough review of its basic functions and methods of work and its relations with the Governing Council in the light of the new system of country programming of Programme assistance and the need for the efficient implementation of the country programmes.

### **1539 (XLIX). Feasibility of creating an international corps of volunteers for development**

#### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1444 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969, which requested the Secretary-General in co-operation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to study the feasibility of creating an international corps of volunteers for development, and its resolutions 1353 (XLV) and 1354 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 concerning respectively youth participation in international co-operation and programmes of international action relating to youth,

*Recalling also* its resolution 1407 (XLVI) of 5 June 1969 in connexion with long-term policies and programmes for youth in national development,

*Noting* the interest which the United Nations is increasingly showing in the participation of youth in national and international development efforts and the emphasis which the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations will give to youth generally,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>69</sup> and the views expressed by the members of the Council on this subject;<sup>70</sup>

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session the adoption of the following draft resolution:

“ *The General Assembly,*

“ *Recalling* its resolution 2460 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968,

“ *Taking note* of Economic and Social Council resolution 1444 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969 and also of the report of the Secretary-General on the feasibility of creating an international corps of volunteers for development,<sup>69</sup>

“ *Convinced* that the active participation of the younger generation in all aspects of social and economic life constitutes an important factor in ensuring the increased effectiveness of the collective efforts necessary for a better society,

“ *Convinced also* that voluntary service in development assistance activities is a rewarding form of such participation and one which can make a substantial contribution to their success by the provision of an additional source of trained manpower, provided that:

“ (a) Such service is well planned and directed, utilizes volunteers recruited and serving on as wide a geographical basis as possible including in particular the developing countries, and that the necessary resources are made available;

“ (b) Volunteers have the technical and personal qualifications required for the development of recipient countries including the transfer of skills;

“ (c) Volunteers are not sent to a country except at the explicit request and approval of the recipient Governments concerned,

“ 1. *Welcomes* the Secretary-General's proposals in his report and *decides* to establish within the existing framework of the United Nations system, with effect from 1 January 1971, an international group of volunteers the members of which shall be designated collectively and individually as United Nations Volunteers;

“ 2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

“ (a) To designate the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme as the Administrator of the United Nations Volunteers;

“ (b) In consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to appoint a co-ordinator within the framework of the Programme to promote and co-ordinate the recruitment, selection,

<sup>69</sup> E/4790.

<sup>70</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session*, 1715th, 1716th, 1719th and 1720th meetings.

training and administrative management of the activities of the United Nations Volunteers within the United Nations system in collaboration with the United Nations agencies concerned and in co-operation with organizations concerned with national and international voluntary service and where appropriate with relevant youth organizations;

“ 3. *Invites* Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, international non-governmental organizations and individuals to contribute to a special voluntary fund for the support of United Nations Volunteers activities;

“ 4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report through the Governing Council of the Programme and the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session on the experience gained from the operation of the United Nations Volunteers programme in implementing this resolution and to make such proposals as they deem advisable to enable the Volunteers to serve better the aims and ends in view.”

*1720th plenary meeting,  
28 July 1970.*

## OTHER DECISION

### **Revision of the organizational structure of the executing agencies of the United Nations Development Programme**

At its 1714th meeting, on 22 July 1970, the Council decided to recommend to all executing agencies of the United Nations Development Programme that they review their organizational structure at the headquarters, regional and field levels with a view to adapting this structure to their increased operational activities financed by the United Nations Development Programme in the light of the relevant decisions of the Council on the capacity of the Programme. While undertaking this review, they should be guided by the following considerations:

- (a) Within each agency, one organizational unit should have an over-all responsibility for the implementation of the Programme projects;
- (b) Higher efficiency and speedier implementation of projects should be achieved;
- (c) Particularly, improvement should be sought in the swift recruitment and deployment of field staff;
- (d) Administrative overhead costs involved in the execution of Programme projects should be minimized in order to secure increased resources for direct assistance to recipient countries.

## **QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AND RELATED FIELDS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AND ALL OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES RELATED TO THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM**

### **1547 (XLIX). Development and co-ordination of the activities of the organizations within the United Nations system**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1367 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 on the enhancement of its co-ordinating role in the economic, social and related fields of activity of the organizations and specialized agencies in the United Nations system and 1459 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969 on the development and co-ordination of the activities of the organizations within the United Nations system,

*Recalling once again* the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies,<sup>71</sup> which were approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 2150 (XXI) of 4 November 1966,

*Noting* that the work done so far in the field of co-ordination has not yet given qualitatively new results as regards the substantial improvement of co-ordination and the increased efficiency of the international machinery of the United Nations system,

<sup>71</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 80, document A/6343.*

Considering that the question of the maximum utilization of the headquarters and field staff of the organizations in the United Nations system is a matter of growing concern,

Noting with satisfaction that a study is already being made of the use of the staff of the United Nations Secretariat,<sup>72</sup>

1. Takes note of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its sixth session<sup>73</sup> and the thirty-sixth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;<sup>74</sup>

2. Reaffirms that the policy-making role in the United Nations system is the prerogative of Member States in the competent organs of the system;

3. Instructs the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to review the sphere of activities and competence of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in the light of the relevant discussion in the Council<sup>75</sup> so that the Council may achieve more effective co-ordination of the social, economic and technical activities of the United Nations system, and to submit recommendations to the Council at its fifty-first session;

4. Invites the Secretary-General, the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency and the executive officers of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the regional economic commissions to pay special attention to the need to eliminate overlapping and duplication in their work;

5. Invites the above-mentioned bodies to carry out more precisely and effectively the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies and further, whenever obstacles or problems occur, to mention these in their reports and make recommendations to overcome them;

6. Invites the governing bodies of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to consider making arrangements for studies on the use of the staffs of their secretariats;

7. Recommends that the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency take every possible action, including reassignment of present personnel in the light of priority programmes, in order to ensure the maximum utilization of the said personnel.

*1721st plenary meeting,  
30 July 1970.*

<sup>72</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/8008) (extract submitted to the Council by a letter from the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (E/L.1342)), paras. 58-67.

<sup>73</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10* (E/4877).

<sup>74</sup> E/4840 and Add.1/Rev.1.

<sup>75</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session*, 1719th meeting; see also E/AC.24/SR.389 and 390.

## **1548 (XLIX). Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its sixth session with specific reference to the format of the analytical summaries of the reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency,<sup>76</sup>

Invites the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, in the future, to include in their analytical summaries the following types of information:

(a) An organizational chart at the beginning of each summary, together with an indication of the changes that have been made during the course of the year;

(b) In the chapter entitled "Co-ordination with other organizations of the United Nations system", one section which would be concerned with achievements and a second section which would contain a description of any outstanding co-ordination problems and the difficulties encountered in solving them;

(c) Information in tabular form on expenditure on major programmes for previous and current years;

(d) Fuller information on the concrete steps taken by the organizations to carry out the recommendations made in the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on the question of duplication or lack of co-ordination;

(e) Recommendations for specific action by the Council.

*1721st plenary meeting,  
30 July 1970.*

## **1549 (XLIX). Prior consultations on work programmes**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its sixth session and the thirty-sixth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and particularly the parts dealing with prior consultations on work programmes,<sup>77</sup>

Taking note of the discussions on this subject in the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,<sup>78</sup>

1. Welcomes the general agreement among the secretariats of the organizations of the United Nations system to carry out prior consultations on work programmes by the circulation to other United Nations organizations of their draft work programmes with a request for comments and the notification of such comments to the intergovernmental bodies responsible for preliminary and final consideration of the work programme;

<sup>76</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10* (E/4877), chap. VI.

<sup>77</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. IV, and E/4840, chap. I, sect. C.

<sup>78</sup> See E/4886 and Corr.1, paras. 11-15.

2. *Attaches* equal importance to prior consultations among the secretariats of the organizations of the United Nations system before proposals of interest to other organizations are presented to the intergovernmental bodies, and also before changes are made in the phase of execution of approved programmes;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure in all parts of the United Nations Secretariat under his over-all responsibility that:

(a) The comments of other United Nations organizations are invited on all draft work programme documents and their comments are notified to the intergovernmental bodies responsible for preliminary or final consideration of the work programme;

(b) Prior consultations with the secretariats of other United Nations organizations are held before proposals of interest to them are presented by the various branches of the United Nations Secretariat to intergovernmental bodies and also before changes are made in the execution of approved programmes;

4. *Invites* all organizations of the United Nations system in the interest of better planning of international action to observe in the implementation of the arrangements for prior consultations the spirit as well as the letter of these arrangements;

5. *Requests* its Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in the course of its work to pay particular attention to the observance of these arrangements for prior consultation;

6. *Calls* upon the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to ensure close control over all interagency meetings called for purposes of consultations and co-ordination;

7. *Further requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in this connexion to inform the Council, in its annual report, of the meetings for such purposes which have been held during the past year and of meetings envisaged.

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30 July 1970.*

#### **1550 (XLIX). Division of responsibilities between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its sixth session<sup>79</sup> and the thirty-sixth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,<sup>80</sup>

*Desirous* of clarifying the division of responsibility between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations for projects involving prospecting for nuclear metals,

<sup>79</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/4877).*

<sup>80</sup> E/4840 and Add.1/Rev.1.

*Considering* that nuclear metals may be found either through multi-mineral surveys or through specific prospecting for them, and that the choice between these two methods depends on the individual circumstances,

*Recalling* the interest of the Agency in having a sufficient supply of nuclear metals,

1. *Reaffirms* the primary role and responsibility of the United Nations for the conduct, at the request of the Governments of Member States, of multi-mineral or single mineral surveys;

2. *Recognizes* the special competence and responsibility of the International Atomic Energy Agency to conduct surveys for nuclear metals as requested by Governments of Member States and the need for the Agency to continue to co-operate with the United Nations in multi-mineral surveys by making available to the United Nations, on request, experts for such surveys;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Agency to consult together in order to avoid any duplication between their respective organizations, to foster co-operation in survey programming, and to report to the Council as appropriate.

*1721st plenary meeting,  
30 July 1970.*

#### **1551 (XLIX). Interagency co-operation relating to computers**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* its resolutions 1365 (XLV) and 1368 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 and 1455 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969 and General Assembly resolution 2579 (XXIV) of 15 December 1969, which deal with data processing,

*Noting* that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in response to the request of the General Assembly, commissioned the Auditor-General of Canada to make a study of the needs of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency with regard to their electronic data-processing facilities, and that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination subsequently submitted a special report on the subject,<sup>81</sup>

*Taking account* of the information placed before the Council<sup>82</sup> on the views of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and also of the intention of the Secretary-General, who has not been able to submit a report to the forty-ninth session, to submit a detailed report on the whole question to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session,

<sup>81</sup> E/4893.

<sup>82</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/8008)* (extract transmitted to the Council by a letter from the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (E/L.1342)), paras. 93-100.

*Emphasizing* the importance for the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency of having a common facility for compatible and integrated data processing,

1. *Notes* that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination has accepted at the secretariat level the proposal to create a separate facility in Europe for the United Nations system which would provide data processing, systems and information services on an inter-organizational basis;<sup>83</sup>

2. *Welcomes* the measures on which the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination has agreed for the establishment of an Inter-Organizational Board directly responsible for the formulation of programmes of data processing, which would replace the Computer Users Committee and would be responsible at the secretariat level for work in this field;

3. *Endorses* in principle, subject to further consideration at its resumed forty-ninth session, the idea of creating a common system of data processing in Geneva and of transferring from New York the services directly necessary for its operation;

4. *Expresses the opinion* that, in accordance with the principle stated in operative paragraph 2 of its resolution 1455 (XLVII), the establishment of the common system will make it possible for the specialized agencies concerned to stabilize their computer equipment at present levels;

5. *Welcomes* the fact that, subject as necessary to the decisions of their respective legislative authorities, the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Health Organization intend to participate fully in the creation of the common system;

6. *Thanks* the World Health Organization for agreeing to the use of its premises for this purpose;

7. *Urges* all the specialized agencies concerned to participate in such a system;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for his report to the General Assembly together with the comments thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the report of the Auditor-General of Canada to be submitted through the Council at its resumed forty-ninth session;

9. *Invites* the executive heads of the specialized agencies concerned and of the International Atomic Energy Agency to communicate without delay to the members of their governing bodies the full report of the Auditor-General of Canada to the Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the special report of this Committee to the Council and the relevant observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, together with the text of the present resolution.

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30 July 1970.*

<sup>83</sup> See E/4893, para. 6(d).

## 1554 (XLIX). Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1457 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969 on supplementary arrangements for handling the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit,

*Having noted* the thirty-sixth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination<sup>84</sup> and the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its sixth session,<sup>85</sup>

*Having considered* the various reports of the Joint Inspection Unit submitted to it together with such comments of the executive heads and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as were available,<sup>86</sup>

1. *Agrees* with the views of the Inspectors on the need to handle inspection reports with all possible speed, to give them a prominent place in the agenda of sessions of governing organs and to do everything possible to ensure that the maximum advantage is derived from their recommendations;<sup>87</sup>

2. *Welcomes* the assurance given by the members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination that they would continue to give the fullest possible co-operation to the Joint Inspection Unit to enable it to carry out its functions;<sup>88</sup>

3. *Urges* the governing organs of the organizations in the United Nations system to give the inspection reports of concern to them, together with the comments of the executive heads, an important place on their agenda as soon as possible after they are available and to ensure that appropriate follow-up action is taken;

4. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to give prompt consideration to inspection reports concerning United Nations economic and social activities and also those concerning more than one agency or involving system-wide problems together with the comments of the executive heads, to highlight recommendations that should receive the special attention of the Council and to suggest appropriate action concerning such recommendations;

5. *Suggests* that the Inspectors, in preparing their reports:

(a) Prepare summaries of the entire report in the case of lengthy and technical studies;

(b) Continue to provide summaries of their recommendations;

<sup>84</sup> E/4840 and Add.1/Rev.1.

<sup>85</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10* (E/4877).

<sup>86</sup> E/4733 and Add.1 and 2, E/4773, E/4774/Rev.1, E/4781 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2, E/4792 and Add.1-8, E/4802 and Add.1 and 2, E/4818 and Add.1-4, E/4862, E/4880, E/4882, E/4890, E/4894, E/4898, E/4899, E/4905 and Add.1 and 2 and E/4906.

<sup>87</sup> See E/4840, para. 101.

<sup>88</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 102.

(c) Consider the possibility of separating recommendations that could be implemented by the executive heads from those that would require approval by one or more governing organs.

*1721st plenary meeting,  
30 July 1970.*

#### **1555 (XLIX). Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on the regional economic commissions**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Economic Commission for Africa<sup>89</sup> and on the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,<sup>90</sup> and the comments thereon of the Secretary-General together with those of the United Nations Development Programme and the specialized agencies<sup>91</sup> and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>92</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 1442 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969, which recommended that the regional economic com-

missions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut play a more active role in the implementation of operational programmes for economic and social action in the priority areas,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that the recommendations made by the Joint Inspection Unit are in line with the desires expressed in the Council on the decentralization of United Nations activities,<sup>93</sup> with an appropriate devolution of resources and authority to regional economic commissions aimed at strengthening the role of those commissions within the United Nations system in the economic and social fields;

2. *Commends* the recommendations made by the Inspectors together with the comments thereon for consideration and action as appropriate by the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and other intergovernmental bodies concerned;

3. *Decides* to revert to consideration of the action taken by the regional economic commissions and other intergovernmental bodies concerned at its fifty-third session.

*1721st plenary meeting,  
30 July 1970.*

<sup>89</sup> See E/4733, sect. I.

<sup>90</sup> E/4781.

<sup>91</sup> See E/4733, sect. II; E/4733/Add.1 and E/4781/Add.1.

<sup>92</sup> E/4733/Add.2 and E/4781/Add.2.

<sup>93</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session*, 1721st meeting; see also E/AC.24/SR.403 and 409.

### **OTHER DECISIONS**

#### **Reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency**

At its 1719th meeting, on 27 July 1970, the Council decided:

(a) To take note with appreciation of the analytical summaries provided by the specialized agencies<sup>94</sup> and the International Atomic Energy Agency;<sup>95</sup>

<sup>94</sup> International Labour Office, "Twenty-fourth report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations" (Geneva, 1970), summary transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4826, and *The ILO and the United Nations: Twenty-five years of a partnership of service* (Geneva, 1970), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretariat (E/4885); Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, "Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-ninth session" (Rome, 1970) and "The protein problem and FAO's activities: a progress report", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbols E/4852 and Add.1; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, "Report of UNESCO to the Economic and Social Council", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4843; International Civil Aviation Organization, "Analytical summary of activities in 1969", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4849; World Health Organization, "Report of the World Health Organization 1969: Analytical summary" and *Organizational Study on Co-ordination with the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies prepared by the Executive Board of the World Health Organization* (Geneva, June 1970) (Extracts from *Official Records of the World Health Organization, No. 181*), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbols E/4847 and E/AC.24/L.369; Universal Postal Union, "Analytical report on the work of the Universal Postal Union in 1969" (Berne, 1970), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4830; International Telecommunication Union, *Analytical summary of the report on the activities of the International Telecommunication Union in 1969* (Geneva, 1970), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4848; World Meteorological Organization, "Analytical summary of the annual report of the World Meteorological Organization for 1969—submitted to the forty-ninth session of the Economic and Social Council", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4851; Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, "Analytical summary of the annual report 1969/70", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4850.

<sup>95</sup> International Atomic Energy Agency, *Annual Report to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations for 1969-1970 and Nuclear Energy and the Environment: Addendum to the Agency's report to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations for 1969-1970*, transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbols E/4821 and Add.1

(b) To request the organizations concerned to continue to submit such analytical summaries;

(c) To request the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to take into account the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination concerning the format of the analytical summaries.<sup>96</sup>

### Co-ordination at the national level

At its 1720th meeting, on 28 July 1970, the Council decided:

(a) To take note with interest of the Secretary-General's report on co-ordination at the national level;<sup>97</sup>

(b) To express the hope that the information contained in the report might be of value to Governments of Member States in connexion with their national co-ordination arrangements;

(c) That no further action in the matter need be taken by the Council at the present stage.

### Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

At its 1721st meeting, on 30 July 1970, the Council decided to request the Secretary-General, whenever the Council agenda includes an item on reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, to prepare a short paper to facilitate the Council's consideration of the reports. The paper should include among other things:

(a) Suggestions as to how the reports may best be considered, continuing the present practice of grouping the reports as far as possible under the relevant agenda items;

(b) A brief statement of the action already taken on any of the reports;

(c) A summary of any conclusions reached by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, together with an indication of those recommendations which, in the opinion of the Committee or of the Unit, should receive the Council's special attention.

<sup>96</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/4877)*, para. 27.

<sup>97</sup> E/4844.

## SPECIAL QUESTIONS

### 1518 (XLIX). Measures to be taken following the earthquake in Peru

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Considering that the northern region of Peru has recently suffered the effects of an earthquake, which has caused immense loss of human life and property and massive disruption of the country's economy,

Taking into account the *note verbale*<sup>98</sup> submitted to the Council at its forty-ninth session by the Government of Peru on the extent of the damage and its reconstruction plans,

<sup>98</sup> E/4879.

Taking note of the statement by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America on the situation in Peru as a result of the disaster on 31 May 1970,<sup>99</sup>

Bearing in mind that assistance to a Member of the United Nations which has suffered a natural disaster of such magnitude is in accordance with the concept of international solidarity embodied in the Charter of the United Nations,

Taking note also of the assistance furnished to Peru by Member States of the United Nations and other countries and of preliminary aid measures taken by the Secretary-

<sup>99</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, 1703rd meeting.*



General, the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America, by the executive heads of the specialized agencies, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme and the Organization of American States, and by other international organizations, foundations and private individuals,

*Considering* that the Government of Peru is dedicated to the work of reconstructing and rehabilitating the affected area and that, among other measures, it is drawing up special medium-term and long-term technical assistance programmes as part of the over-all plan, with the participation of the United Nations Development Programme,

*Considering also* resolution 297 (AC.63) adopted unanimously by the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America at its sixth extraordinary session,<sup>100</sup>

1. *Expresses* to the people and the Government of Peru its deep sympathy on the loss of life and devastation caused by the recent disaster;

2. *Urges* Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to continue their co-operation for the purpose of relief and for the purpose of reconstruction and economic rehabilitation in the stricken region;

3. *Thanks* the Secretary-General for the rapid action he has taken in this emergency and requests him to continue his active co-operation with the Government of Peru and to promote, with its agreement, concerted international action to mobilize the necessary technical and financial resources to carry out reconstruction plans;

4. *Invites* the international credit institutions to give urgent and sympathetic consideration to emergency measures in connexion with the request by Peru for loans and credits for the task of reconstruction, of the greatest possible magnitude and on the most favourable terms;

5. *Further invites* international credit and development agencies and institutions to accelerate, taking into account the magnitude and the requirements of the rehabilitation work, the granting of such loans and credits requested by Peru prior to the natural disaster that are still under consideration;

6. *Invites* the countries that are creditors of Peru to take into account the grave emergency which it has suffered and the demands created by rehabilitation, in relation to restructuring its external debt;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ask the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, the specialized agencies, more especially the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund, and also the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the World Food

Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to devote the largest possible volume of resources, within their respective programmes, to meeting assistance requests from the Government of Peru relating to reconstruction work contemplated in its initial emergency programme;

8. *Expresses its gratitude* for the emergency measures taken on this occasion by the United Nations Development Programme authorities and the specialized agencies;

9. *Conveys its desire* to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme that the Governing Council decide favourably on requests for assistance within its competence to be submitted by Peru in connexion with the special medium-term and long-term programme of rehabilitation;

10. *Recommends* to Governments participating in the United Nations Development Programme that, taking into account the special needs of Peru, as well as other exceptional needs and the normal requirements of the Programme, they should make additional contributions in so far as existing resources are not sufficient to meet those needs;

11. *Requests* the Governments of States members of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association to ask their directors in the Bank and the Association to give particular attention to Peru's need for funds to finance its programmes of rehabilitation and reconstruction and to study the possibility of special machinery which would permit the total financing of projects relating to those programmes;

12. *Invites* the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to give special attention to the serious situation in Peru and Peru's need for resources, bearing in mind the principle underlying the Bank's policy, namely, that problems of reconstruction are inseparable from problems of economic development, and the need for participation by the International Finance Corporation and the International Development Association, within their respective fields of competence.

*1703rd plenary meeting,  
10 July 1970.*

#### **1519 (XLIX). Measures to be taken for famine relief in the Yemen Arab Republic**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that persistent drought conditions have resulted in widespread famine in the lowlands of the Tihama and in the northern part of the Yemen Arab Republic,

*Bearing in mind* that the food supplies contributed by individual countries, charity organizations and agencies of the United Nations have not been sufficient to meet the emergency,

*Considering* that the severe shortage of food supplies has been aggravated by lack of drinking water,

<sup>100</sup> See E/4883, para. 83.

*Taking note* of the fact that the resources of the Government of the Yemen Arab Republic as augmented by food and financial aid from abroad are still insufficient,

*Considering* that famine conditions may lead to the spread of epidemics,

1. *Urges* the Governments of Member States and non-governmental organizations to render every assistance possible to the people of the Yemen Arab Republic to relieve them from the present famine situation;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give particular attention to the urgent needs of the Yemen Arab Republic and, in view of the serious famine situation facing the people of the Yemen Arab Republic, to facilitate accelerated action by the specialized agencies, especially the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Health Organization, and also by the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme, in rendering assistance to the people of the Yemen Arab Republic.

*1708th plenary meeting,  
15 July 1970.*

#### **1528 (XLIX). Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held in New York in April-May 1970,<sup>101</sup>

*Recognizing* the important role that the Fund is in a position to play in helping to achieve the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade, particularly through assisting Governments in their national policies for involving children and youth in the development process and for ensuring that their needs are met in an integrated manner including the provision of augmented material support,

*Welcoming* the support in the Executive Board for the proposal to seek to reach an annual income of \$100 million by 1975, which would enable the Fund substantially to increase its assistance to children and adolescents and thus contribute materially more to the realization of the objectives of the Second Development Decade,

*Noting with approval* the intention of the Fund, in keeping with its "country approach", which has been several times commended by the Council, to co-operate in the proposed "country programming" of all inputs of the United Nations system, while Fund projects would continue to be approved by its Executive Board,

*Noting* the prompt and considerable assistance being provided to meet the urgent needs of mothers and children in emergency situations and the Fund's close co-operation in this field, as well as in all its other activities, with other members of the United Nations system, Governments and non-governmental organizations,

<sup>101</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth session, Supplement No. 8 (E/4854).*

*Welcoming also* the steadily increasing emphasis which the Fund is placing on the training of individuals in the developing countries within their own country or region,

1. *Endorses* the policies of the United Nations Children's Fund;

2. *Requests* the Fund to strengthen its programme aimed at providing aid for countries in the protection of the members of the younger generation and in their preparation for future responsibilities;

3. *Appeals* to the Governments of Member States and other donors to make every effort to increase their contributions to the Fund in its endeavours to achieve the financial support required to meet more effectively the growing needs of children and adolescents during the Second United Nations Development Decade.

*1711th plenary meeting,  
20 July 1970.*

#### **1531 (XLIX). Report of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the report of the sixth extraordinary session of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,<sup>102</sup>

*1716th plenary meeting,  
23 July 1970.*

#### **1532 (XLIX). United Nations action against drug abuse**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Deeply concerned* by the epidemic spread of drug addiction in developed and developing countries which continues unabated, as noted at its forty-eighth session,<sup>103</sup>

*Recognizing* that this problem includes the abuse of traditional narcotic drugs as well as psychotropic substances,

*Convinced* that prompt and decisive action by the United Nations family is imperative if this ominous situation is to be brought under control,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2434 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, by which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the International Narcotics Control Board and in consultation with interested Governments, to develop plans for putting an end to the illegal or uncontrolled production of narcotic raw materials and to submit those plans, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session,

<sup>102</sup> E/4883 and Add.1.

<sup>103</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-eighth Session, 1657th to 1660th meetings.*

*Recalling further* the interim report of the Secretary-General to the Council at its forty-eighth session noting the unanimous agreement at an interagency meeting convened by the Administrative Committee on Coordination that measures must be adopted to control both the illicit supply of and demand for narcotic drugs, taking into consideration the relevant economic, social, technical and institutional aspects, involving the co-operation of the various United Nations agencies and Governments concerned,<sup>104</sup>

*Recalling further* that a conference of plenipotentiaries has been convened for January 1971 to adopt an international convention on the control of psychotropic substances,

*Convinced* that it is essential that the General Assembly should have recommendations from the competent organ in the field in order to deal effectively with this issue,

1. *Decides* that a special one-week session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs be held in Geneva beginning 28 September 1970 to consider short and long term policy recommendations for integrated international action against drug abuse with particular reference to the need for more effective measures to suppress the illicit drug traffic by strengthening national and international means of enforcement, to put an end to the illegal and uncontrolled production of narcotic raw material by all means including the development of alternative economic programmes and activities such as the substitution of crops, as envisaged by General Assembly resolution 2434 (XXIII), and to reduce the illicit demand for drugs by means of educational and social programmes and by means of the treatment and rehabilitation of addicts;

2. *Invites* interested specialized agencies, other competent United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations concerned to participate as appropriate in the special session;

3. *Requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to submit the report of its special session to the Council by 1 November 1970 for consideration and transmission to the General Assembly for action at its twenty-fifth session.

*1717th plenary meeting,  
24 July 1970.*

### **1533 (XLIX). Proposal for the establishment of an emergency fund for disasters**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the interim report of the Secretary-General on assistance in cases of natural disaster,<sup>105</sup>

*Taking into consideration* that the United Nations lacks the adequate machinery and resources to undertake

commitments of the magnitude necessary for the reconstruction of the devastated regions of Peru,

*Bearing in mind* the distress felt by all mankind at the news of the earthquake that resulted in the loss of over 60,000 lives and the devastation of an area of almost 100,000 square kilometres in Peru, leaving tremendous material damage in its wake,

*Taking into account* that this catastrophe befell Peru at a time when it was carrying out a major development effort and has obliged the Peruvian Government and people to concentrate all their energies on the reconstruction of the destroyed areas.

*Considering* that the international community must find the means for Peru to receive the necessary aid, in keeping with the sympathy expressed by all the peoples of the world on the occasion of the Peruvian tragedy and the desire of those peoples to help as best they can in the rehabilitation of that country,

*Considering* resolution 298 (AC.63) adopted by the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America at its sixth special session<sup>106</sup> and the resolution approved by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its tenth session,<sup>107</sup>

*Considering* its own resolution 1518 (XLIX) of 10 July 1970 on measures to be taken following the earthquake in Peru,

1. *Recommends* the States Members of the United Nations to establish an emergency fund for disasters to be made up of voluntary contributions by all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies. The first task of this fund would be to provide Peru, through the Secretary-General, and up to the limit of what is available, with resources of all kinds—including technical assistance—which are needed for the reconstruction of the devastated area, in accordance with such projects as the Government of Peru and the United Nations Development Programme may prepare. The fund, which would be made available to Peru on a non-reimbursable basis, would consist of contributions both in freely convertible currency and in local currency to be used for the acquisition and transport of equipment and raw materials and for other services needed for the reconstruction projects. It would also include payment by the contributing countries of the cost of sending the necessary experts for the above-mentioned technical assistance. Contributions may also include other types of assistance, such as supplies, equipment and technical personnel for emergency situations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake to promote this fund among States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies.

*1716th plenary meeting,  
23 July 1970.*

<sup>104</sup> See E/4789, para. 17.

<sup>105</sup> E/4853 and Corr.2 and Add.1.

<sup>106</sup> See E/4883, para. 83.

<sup>107</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6A (E/4884/Rev.1)*, para. 175.

**1534 (XLIX). Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations**

*The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Takes note* of the report of the President of the Council;<sup>108</sup>

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and suggestions contained therein;

3. *Recommends* these conclusions and suggestions for action by the specialized agencies and other institutions concerned;

4. *Draws the attention* of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the discussions that have taken place in the Council<sup>109</sup> and also in the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination<sup>110</sup> and in the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee for Co-ordination.<sup>111</sup>

*1717th plenary meeting,  
24 July 1970.*

**1542 (XLIX). Feasibility of an international university**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2573 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969 concerning the idea of an international university and expressing the hope that consideration might be given to the matter by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session and during the International Education Year,

*Having given* preliminary consideration to the feasibility study prepared by the Secretary-General,<sup>112</sup>

*Believing* that the examination of all aspects of this matter can be advantageously pursued only on the basis of further studies,

1. *Invites* the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to make available to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session its views on the goals and objectives and also optional models of an international university and at an appropriate time to put forward proposals as to how the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization might participate in such a university;

<sup>108</sup> E/4892 and Corr.1.

<sup>109</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session*, 1717th meeting.

<sup>110</sup> *Ibid.*, *Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10* (E/4877), chap. VII.

<sup>111</sup> See E/4886 and Corr.1, sect. V and annex II.

<sup>112</sup> E/4878.

2. *Further invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and other interested agencies and organizations within the United Nations system to provide the Economic and Social Council at an appropriate time with their detailed recommendations as to how such a university might be organized and financed;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session on the basis of such views as may be available at the time.

*1721st plenary meeting,  
30 July 1970.*

**1546 (XLIX). Assistance in cases of natural disaster**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX) of 7 December 1965 and 2435 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, on assistance in cases of natural disaster,

*Noting* its resolution 1518 (XLIX) of 10 July 1970 concerning measures to be taken following the earthquake in Peru,

*Having in mind* its resolution 1533 (XLIX) of 23 July 1970, in which it recommended that the States Members of the United Nations establish an emergency fund for disasters, to be made up of voluntary contributions from all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies,

*Having considered* with interest the interim report of the Secretary-General on assistance in cases of natural disaster,<sup>113</sup>

*Aware* not only of the cost in human life and suffering but also of the serious implications for social and economic development of natural disasters, especially in the developing countries,

*Noting with appreciation* the important contributions to disaster relief and rehabilitation made by Governments, the many United Nations organizations concerned, and by the League of Red Cross Societies and other voluntary agencies,

*Mindful* of the need to strengthen and make more effective the capacity of the United Nations system to assist countries stricken by natural disasters as stressed by experience in connexion with the natural catastrophes of recent years,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General on his intention to entrust one of his senior officials with the responsibility of acting for him on a regular basis in developing and co-ordinating assistance from the United Nations system and in ensuring continual and close co-operation with the Governments concerned, the League of Red Cross Societies and other voluntary agencies;<sup>114</sup>

<sup>113</sup> E/4853 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

<sup>114</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session*, 1696th meeting, para. 36.

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the staff arrangements necessary to this end, in implementation of operative paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 2435 (XXIII);

3. *Reaffirms* the importance of the preparation of pre-disaster plans at the national level to meet natural disasters, including the establishment of co-ordination machinery capable of immediate action in cases of disaster;

4. *Draws attention* to the contribution that the United Nations Development Programme can make in providing technical assistance towards such preparations;

5. *Stresses* the importance of stand-by relief units at the national level and of the stockpiling of supplies for use in emergency situations;

6. *Appeals* to States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to offer on an increasing scale, through bilateral arrangements, the United Nations system, or other appropriate organizations, emergency assistance to meet natural disasters, including stand-by relief units or the earmarking of similar units for service in foreign countries;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to consult the Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies on this matter;

8. *Recognizes* the role of the resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme in undertaking a preliminary assessment of the extent of a natural disaster, including consultation with the Government concerned on the question of the need for a special resident co-ordinator to deal with international disaster relief;

9. *Reaffirms also* the need to promote scientific research into the causes and early manifestations of impending disasters and to develop and improve early warning systems;

10. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in continuing his studies in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2435 (XXIII), to pay special regard to the following points:

(a) That a clear distinction should be maintained between special arrangements for the co-ordination of assistance during the emergency phase of natural disasters, and the subsequent co-ordination of further assistance for reconstruction and rehabilitation;

(b) That possible improvements should be explored in co-ordination at the national and international level of prior arrangements both for the giving and the receipt of emergency assistance, and for the channelling of such assistance to disaster-affected areas, in order to help the initiatives of relief organizations;

(c) That there should be full consultation with the League of Red Cross Societies and other voluntary agencies concerned, and also with the Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and other appropriate organizations, in the formulation of his eventual recommendations to the Council at its fifty-first session;

11. *Further invites* the Secretary-General, in pursuing his studies, to consider the role within the United Nations system of the Emergency Fund for Disasters, recommended in Council resolution 1533 (XLIV), in providing assistance to countries stricken by natural disasters;

12. *Decides* to review at its fifty-first session the question of assistance in cases of natural disaster, on the basis of the comprehensive report which the Secretary-General has been asked to submit to the Council at that session, with a view to the formulation of recommendations for the consideration of the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session, in keeping with General Assembly resolution 2435 (XXIII).

*1721st plenary meeting,  
30 July 1970.*

## OTHER DECISION

### Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its 1722nd meeting, on 31 July 1970, the Council decided, without debate, to transmit the annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees <sup>116</sup> to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session.

<sup>116</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/8012), transmitted to the Council under the symbol E/4869.*

## OTHER DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS FORTY-NINTH SESSION

### Work in the field of economic and social development

At its 1721st meeting, on 30 July 1970, the Council decided to express its appreciation of the work done by the United Nations and its family of organizations in the field of economic and social development over the past twenty-five years.

### Measures to improve the organization of the work of the Council

#### I

At its 1722nd meeting, on 31 July 1970, the Council, in view of the desirability of maintaining the general applicability of rule 14 (4) of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, which rule itself contains the necessary element of flexibility so that, whenever possible, members of the Council may have six weeks to study the documentation before the Council session begins, decided:

#### 1. To adopt the following position:

(a) As the Joint Inspection Unit recognizes, the "proliferation of meetings at dates close to the Council's session" is one of the main reasons why rule 14 (4) of the Council's rules of procedure has become almost a dead letter.<sup>116</sup> The essential remedy for this cannot be sought through changes in the wording or the interpretation of the Council's rules but through measures to spread out United Nations meetings over a biennial instead of an annual cycle. The Committee for Programme and Co-ordination intends to study the possibility of arranging a better integrated schedule of meetings and of programme and budget preparation;<sup>117</sup>

(b) However, it has to be recognized that so long as present conditions prevail, it is unfortunately true that exceptions may have to be made, in suitable cases, to rule 14 (4), as is provided therein, so that the Council may consider reports from its subsidiary bodies which cannot, because of the schedule of meetings, be circulated six weeks in advance of the Council's session;

(c) Nevertheless, the Secretariat ought to make greater efforts to issue the reports of subsidiary bodies as early as possible in advance of the Council's session, and in no case later than six weeks after the conclusion of the meeting of the subsidiary body;

(d) The dates of the meetings of subsidiary bodies ought, as far as possible, to be fixed in such a way as to enable rule 14 (4) to be observed;

(e) In the case of reports not depending on the meetings of subsidiary bodies, there is less reason why rule 14 (4) should not generally be respected;

(f) Recommendation 3 of the Joint Inspection Unit<sup>118</sup> is therefore to be regarded as an encouragement to the members of the Council to insist on such reports being issued by the Secretariat six weeks in advance of the Council's session;

(g) The Secretary-General should be requested to plan the preparation of his reports to the Council in such a way as to observe the six-week rule;

(h) In accordance with recommendation 7 (c) of the Joint Inspection Unit,<sup>118</sup> when calling for reports United Nations organs should ensure that adequate time is given for their preparation, reproduction and distribution in compliance with the six-week rule.

2. (a) That the list requested by the Council in paragraph 4 of section I of its resolution 1090 E (XXXIX) of 31 July 1965 (list of reports for the following session of the Council), should be compiled with greater precision and in more detail;

(b) That the document should be examined as a separate item at the beginning of each session or resumed session of the Council, or at any rate should not be left until too late in the session;

(c) That the list of documents should include all reports which are to be submitted at the following session;

(d) That in forecasting the dates of issue of the documents, care should be taken to keep the margin of error as narrow as possible.

3. (a) To discontinue the mimeographed edition of the *World Economic Survey* and request the Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements to issue the printed edition six weeks prior to the summer session of the Council, providing for the publication of supplements as necessary;

(b) That the practice of issuing to the Council mimeographed editions of the surveys made by the regional economic commissions should also be discontinued, limited editions only being run off for use at the sessions of the commissions, and summaries of the surveys in the working languages being issued in good time for the Council's summer session.

4. (a) To take the necessary measures to ensure that the Commission on Human Rights, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the Commission for Social Development, the Statistical Commission, the Population Commission, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and the Committee for Development Planning submit their reports at longer intervals;

(b) That the Publications Board should consider, in close consultation with the substantive departments,

<sup>116</sup> See A/7576 and Corr.1, para. 26.

<sup>117</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 9* (E/4846/Rev.1) and *ibid.*, *Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10*, para. 83.

<sup>118</sup> See A/7576 and Corr.1, annex.

on which technical subjects the submission of recurrent reports might be spaced at longer intervals.

5. That, when considering any proposal which involves a request for the preparation of a report, the Council or any of its subsidiary bodies should not determine the session at which the report should be submitted until after they have received from the Secretary-General information, not only on the financial implications, if any, of the proposal, but also on its implications from the point of view of the over-all work programme as presented to the Council and the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination. Account should also be taken of existing Council resolutions regarding periodicity of reporting, e.g. Council resolution 1154 (XLI) of 4 August 1966.

6. To request the General Assembly whenever possible to allow the Council and its subsidiary organs at least two years to consider questions and prepare reports, rather than asking for a report to be made to it in the following year.

7. To request the General Assembly also, wherever possible, not to indicate the precise session for which it is requesting that a report be prepared for the Council.

8. To request its subsidiary organs to follow, where they do not already do so, the procedure laid down in Council resolution 1154 (XLI) regarding replies to questionnaires, rather than requesting the Secretariat to issue the replies verbatim.

## II

At the same meeting the Council further decided to suggest that its members continue discussions among themselves of measures designed to improve the organization of its work. It invited its President to convene, at his discretion, an informal meeting or meetings of the Council with a view to achieving a consensus among its members on this subject which would permit him to submit to the organizational meeting of the fiftieth session, in January 1971, a consolidated statement of the conclusions and recommendations resulting therefrom. The Council would then make the necessary arrangements in order to be in a position to take appropriate action at its fiftieth session.

### **Term of office of members of the Commission on the Status of Women**

At its 1722nd meeting, on 31 July 1970, the Council decided to lengthen the term of office of the members of the Commission on the Status of Women to four years, effective from 1 January 1971.

### **Election of one member of the Commission on the Status of Women**

At its 1721st meeting, on 30 July 1970, the Council elected Finland to membership of the Commission on the Status of Women.

### **Periodicity of the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women**

At its 1722nd meeting, on 31 July 1970, the Council reaffirmed its decision of the forty-seventh session<sup>119</sup> that the Commission on the Status of Women should meet biennially, with effect from 1 January 1971.

### **Calendar of conferences and meetings for 1971**

#### I

At its 1722nd meeting, on 31 July 1970, the Council decided:

(a) To discontinue the practice of holding its spring session in two parts;

(b) That the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination should hold two sessions in 1971;

(c) That the organizational meetings of the Council should be held at Headquarters from 11 to 13 January 1971, the fiftieth session of the Council at Headquarters from 26 April to 21 May 1971 and the fifty-first session at Geneva from 5 to 30 July 1971, the fifty-first session being resumed for a brief series of meetings at Headquarters in October/November 1971;

(d) That the eighth session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination should be held at Headquarters from 22 March to 7 April 1971 and the ninth session from 24 May to 11 June 1971, and that the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination take place at Geneva on 1 and 2 July 1971;

(e) To approve the proposals in the memorandum by the Secretary-General<sup>120</sup> regarding the meetings in 1971 of the Advisory Committee for the Application of Science and Technology to Development, the Committee for Development Planning, the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, the Committee on Natural Resources, the Commission for Social Development, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

(f) To defer until its resumed forty-ninth session a decision regarding the dates and place of the sixteenth session of the Population Commission in order to enable the Secretariat to study the possibility of scheduling the session at a suitable time at Headquarters;

(g) That the Commission on Human Rights should convene at Geneva from 22 February to 26 March 1971 and that, in consequence, the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Periodic Reports on Human Rights should meet at Geneva from 15 to 19 February 1971;

(h) To accept the invitation of the Austrian Government to hold the Conference of Plenipotentiaries for the

<sup>119</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-seventh Session*, document E/4735, p. 18, "Measures to improve the organization of the work of the Council", para. (c).

<sup>120</sup> E/4900.

adoption of a protocol on psychotropic substances in Vienna on 11 January 1971;

(i) To take note of the proposed dates and places for the sessions of the regional economic commissions in 1971;

(j) To take no decision, at this stage, regarding the 1972 session of the Statistical Commission in order to enable the Secretariat to study further the possibility of holding the session at the beginning of the year at Headquarters;

(k) To take note with interest of the report prepared by the Secretary-General<sup>121</sup> pursuant to Council resolution 1460 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969;

## II

At its 1722nd meeting, on 31 July 1970, the Council decided to approve the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1971 contained in section I above, subject to the decision concerning the session of the Population Commission to be taken at the resumed forty-ninth session.

<sup>121</sup> E/4887.

## III

At the same meeting also, the Council took note with interest of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>121</sup> on conferences and meetings in the economic, social and human rights fields, prepared in accordance with Council resolution 1460 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969.

### Financial implications of actions of the Council

At its 1722nd meeting, on 31 July 1970, the Council took note of the financial implications of the decisions taken at its forty-ninth session.<sup>122</sup>

### Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly

At its 1722nd meeting, on 31 July 1970, the Council authorized its President to prepare its report to the General Assembly in consultation with the Vice-Presidents and the Secretariat.

<sup>122</sup> E/4913.



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