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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE
OF EXPERTS TO EXAMINE THE FINANCES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

Report of the Secretary-General

1. When the General Assembly approved the report and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee^{1/} by resolution 2150 (XXI) on 4 November 1966, it requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its twenty-second session in 1967 "a report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee by the United Nations family of organizations".
2. After consulting with the executive heads of the other organizations to which the report of the Ad Hoc Committee had been addressed,^{2/} the Secretary-General submitted his report to the General Assembly.^{3/}
3. The Secretary-General's report was first scrutinized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions which, while appreciating the Secretary-General's desire to provide the General Assembly with a concise report, found it "too condensed to provide a reliable indication of either the consideration which individual agencies have given to the recommendations or of the manner in which they have resolved, or propose to resolve, the general questions".^{4/} The Advisory

- 1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 80, document A/6343.
- 2/ ILO, FAO, UNESCO, WHO, ICAO, UPU, ITU, WHO, IMCO and IAEA (see A/6343, foot-note to paragraph 14).
- 3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 80, document A/6803.
- 4/ Ibid., document A/6853, para. 4.

Committee accordingly recommended that a more detailed description of the relevant arrangements should be included in the Secretary-General's next report to the General Assembly "so as to give the Assembly a clear picture of the scope and substance of the steps taken by individual organizations".^{5/}

4. When the Secretary-General's report came before the Fifth Committee in October 1967, the members of that Committee generally endorsed the Advisory Committee's request for a more complete and more detailed account of what had been achieved. Upon the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, the General Assembly adopted resolution 2360 (XXII) on 19 December 1967 which, in operative paragraph 4, invited "the Secretary-General, as chief administrative officer of the United Nations and in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to submit to all Members and to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, at the earliest possible date and in any event not later than 30 April 1968, a report giving fuller information on the implementation by the United Nations, by the individual specialized agencies and by the International Atomic Energy Agency of each of the specific recommendations contained in the Ad Hoc Committee's report, indicating not only their positions and the action they have taken to date but also what further action they propose to take and the timing thereof". The present report is submitted in response to that invitation.

5. In November 1967, representatives of the organizations held consultations in Geneva on a standard format for the component parts of the new report in order to facilitate its compilation and its consideration by the General Assembly. It was agreed that the situation in each of the participating organizations as of 31 March 1968 would be set forth in an individual annex covering, one by one, the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee. Thus, annex I lists the fifty-two recommendations; annexes II to XII contain the observations of the organizations on each of these recommendations in so far as they are addressed to them. In order to avoid unnecessary repetition the recommendations are identified in annexes II to XII by the number given them in annex I. For the same reason, recommendations 26 (Standardization of nomenclature), 28 (Establishment of an inspection unit) and 39 (Provision of adequate staff support for the Advisory Committee, the Economic

^{5/} Ibid.

and Social Council and ACC), which have been the subject of inter-organization consultation and joint action, are dealt with in the paragraphs which follow.

Recommendation 26 (Standardization of nomenclature)

6. Representatives of the various organizations met, under the aegis of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions, in Geneva from 27 to 29 November 1967 to discuss, inter alia, the standardization of nomenclature in the fields of budget and finance as recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee, and arrangements were agreed upon for the preparation of a consolidated list of terms and definitions in common use by the organizations in the United Nations system. Further consultations held in March 1968 enabled the organizations to agree on a large number of definitions, initially in English but to be rendered forthwith in French, Spanish and Russian. While it was recognized that the adoption by individual organizations of certain of the definitions might have to await legislative approval of amendments to Financial Regulations, it was decided that efforts to secure agreement on those definitions which required further study should be pursued actively.

Recommendation 28 (Establishment of an inspection unit)

7. This recommendation was put into effect, as requested by the General Assembly, on 1 January 1968. After consulting with the members of ACC, the Secretary-General appointed the following members of the Joint Inspection Unit until 31 December 1971:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>
Mr. Maurice Bertrand	France
Mr. L. Garcia del Solar	Argentina
Mr. Sreten Ilić	Yugoslavia
Mr. Robert M. Macy	The United States of America
Mr. R.S. Nani	India
Mr. Joseph A. Sawe	The United Republic of Tanzania
Sir Leonard Scopes	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mr. Aleksei F. Sokirkin	The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

The Unit is based in Geneva and is operating from there. The inspectors have met with the Executive Heads both individually and collectively. At a meeting with ACC

on 5 April 1968, it was agreed that contact would be maintained between the two bodies on matters of common interest.

Recommendation 39 (Provision of adequate staff support for the Advisory Committee, the Economic and Social Council and ACC)

8. The Advisory Committee has given thought to its secretariat requirements in the light of its increasing workload and responsibilities, and is taking the steps necessary to strengthen its staff resources.
9. Following consultations with both ACC and the Advisory Committee, the Secretary-General, early in 1967, put the post of his Personal Representative to the Specialized Agencies on a full-time basis and raised it to the level of Under-Secretary (now Assistant Secretary-General). The official concerned, who is appointed in consultation with ACC, now devotes his whole time to inter-agency questions, including the work of ACC. He keeps in close touch with the headquarters of the various organizations in the United Nations system and thereby helps to meet the need for continuing consultations and negotiations among the Executive Heads and their senior staff. The new arrangements provide for and facilitate a greater degree of initiative at the secretariat level both with regard to inter-agency problems and the expedition of routine work; they should thus contribute to reducing the workload of ACC and enable it to spend more time on major issues.
10. The Assistant Secretary-General now has a staff of five professional officers in New York and three in Geneva (administratively under the Director-General of the Geneva Office) to assist him in carrying out those enlarged functions. Recommendations for the strengthening of his staff at Headquarters will be included in the 1969 estimates. In addition, ACC has arranged that short-term secondments of agency personnel may take place as needed for ad hoc assignments; one such secondment, involving a term in New York for an FAO officer, occurred in the first part of 1968.

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