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CHAPTER XXVIII

CO-OPERATION AND CO-ORDINATION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

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1. The Economic and Social Council considered the question of international co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system at its second regular session of 1980 under agenda item 14.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its twentieth session; 1/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (A/35/228);

(c) Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1979/80 (E/1980/34 and Add.1);

(d) Statement by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the effect of continuing currency instability on the budgets of organizations in the United Nations system (E/1980/39 and Corr.1);

(e) Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on interagency action in rural development: further progress and cost estimates (E/1980/46);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on international years and anniversaries (E/1980/64 and Add.1);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on World Communications Year (E/1980/65 and Add.1 and 2);

(h) Report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the Joint Meetings of the two Committees (E/1980/75);

(i) Note by the Secretariat containing draft resolutions and amendments thereto, submitted to the Council at its second regular session of 1979 on the question of international years and anniversaries (E/1980/C.3/L.1);

3. Under this item also, the Committee decided to take up the following reports, which had been brought to the attention of the Council:

(a) Progress report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection (E/1980/67);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the uses of the sea (E/1980/68 and Corr.1).

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/35/38).

4. At its 23rd meeting, on 2 May 1980, the Council allocated the item to the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee, which considered it at the 4th, 5th, 7th and 9th to 18th meetings, on 9, 10, 14 to 18, 21 and 22 July 1980. For the report of the Committee on this item, see document E/1980/99 (Parts I to III).

ACTION BY THE THIRD (PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION) COMMITTEE

International years and anniversaries

5. At the 12th meeting, the Committee considered a draft resolution entitled "International years and anniversaries", which was sponsored by Ireland, Mexico, Sweden and Zambia.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution I (see E/1980/99 (Part I), para. 18). For action by the Council, see paragraph 26 (a) below.

Co-operation in the uses of the sea and coastal area development

7. At the 10th meeting, the Committee considered a draft resolution entitled "Co-operation in the uses of the sea and coastal area development", sponsored by Malta.

8. At the 12th meeting, an amendment was proposed, which was accepted by the sponsor. 2/

9. At the 14th meeting, the draft resolution was further orally revised. At the same meeting, the Committee considered a draft decision, proposing that the text of the draft resolution should be transmitted to the General Assembly for consideration in the light of the outcome of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea. Further amendments to the draft resolution were then proposed, some of which were accepted by the sponsor. The draft decision was subsequently withdrawn. 2/

10. At the 15th meeting, further oral revisions having been made by the sponsor, 2/ the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, and submitted it to the Council as draft resolution II (see E/1980/99 (Part I), para. 18). For action by the Council, see paragraph 26 (b) below.

World Communications Year: development of communications infrastructures

11. At the 13th meeting, the Committee had before it a draft decision, proposed by the Chairman, which was withdrawn at the 15th meeting.

12. At the 17th meeting, the Committee considered a draft resolution entitled "World Communications Year: development of communications infrastructures", which

2/ For a description of the amendments and/or revisions, see the report of the Committee on this item (E/1980/99 (Part I)).

was sponsored by Barbados, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, 3/ Lesotho, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, 3/ the Sudan, 3/ and the United Republic of Tanzania and was orally revised. 4/

13. Also at the 17th meeting, amendments were proposed, which were accepted by the sponsors. 4/ The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, and submitted it to the Council (See E/1980/99 (Part II), para. 10). For action by the Council, see paragraph 27 below.

Assistance to the drought-stricken areas in Djibouti,
Somalia, the Sudan, and Uganda

14. At the 16th meeting, the Committee considered a draft resolution entitled "Assistance to drought-stricken areas in Sudan, Somalia, Djibouti and other affected countries in the region", 5/ which was sponsored by Djibouti, 3/ Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lesotho, 3/ Morocco, Somalia, 3/ the Sudan, 3/ the Syrian Arab Republic, 3/ Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda and the United Arab Emirates and was orally revised. 6/

15. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, and submitted it to the Council (see E/1980/99 (Part III), para. 28). For action by the Council, see paragraphs 28 to 30 below.

Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

16. At the 16th meeting, the Committee considered a draft decision entitled "Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination", which was sponsored by Ethiopia and Kenya. 3/

17. At the same meeting, amendments were proposed, which were accepted by the sponsors. 6/ The Committee then adopted the draft decision, as orally revised, and submitted it to the Council as draft decision I (see E/1980/99 (Part III), para. 29). For action by the Council, see paragraph 31 below.

3/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

4/ For particulars of the revisions, see the report of the Committee on this item (E/1980/99 (Part II)).

5/ A statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was circulated under the symbol E/1980/C.3/L.16.

6/ For particulars of the revisions and/or amendments, see the report of the Committee on this item (E/1980/99 (Part III)).

World Climate Programme

18. At the 5th meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend that the Council should take note of the oral progress report by the representative of the World Meteorological Organization. 7/ The recommendation was submitted to the Council as draft decision II (see E/1980/99 (Part III), para. 29). For action by the Council, see paragraphs 31 and 32 below.

Rural development

19. At the 17th meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee considered a draft decision entitled "Rural development", to which an amendment was orally proposed. 6/ The Committee then adopted the draft decision, as orally amended, and submitted it to the Council as draft decision III (see E/1980/99 (Part III), para. 29). For action by the Council, see paragraph 31 below.

Consumer protection

20. At the 13th meeting, the Committee considered a draft decision entitled "Consumer protection", proposed by the Chairman. The draft decision was withdrawn at the 15th meeting.

21. At the 18th meeting, the Committee considered a further draft decision on the subject, which was proposed orally by the Chairman.

22. At the same meeting, an amendment was proposed. 6/ The Committee then adopted the draft decision, as amended, and submitted it to the Council as draft decision IV (see E/1980/99 (Part III), para. 29). For action by the Council, see paragraph 31 below.

The effect of continuing currency instability on the budgets of organizations in the United Nations system

23. Also at the 18th meeting, the Committee adopted a draft decision entitled "The effect of continuing currency instability on the budgets of organizations in the United Nations system" and submitted it to the Council as draft decision V (see E/1980/99 (Part III), para. 29). For action by the Council, see paragraph 31 below.

Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes

24. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision recommending that the Council should consider the report of the

7/ See E/1980/C.3/SR.5.

Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes at its resumed second regular session of 1980. The recommendation was submitted to the Council as draft decision VI (see E/1980/99 (Part III), para. 29). For action by the Council, see paragraph 33 below.

Improvement of communication between the Administrative Committee
on Co-ordination and intergovernmental bodies

25. At the 14th meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to refer to the Council consideration of the question of the improvement of communication between the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and intergovernmental bodies. For action by the Council, see paragraphs 34-37 below.

ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

26. At the 45th meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council considered the draft resolutions recommended by the Committee in part I of its report (E/1980/99 (Part I), para. 18) and took the following action:

(a) Draft resolution I was adopted; for the final text, see the annex below, Council resolution 1980/67;

(b) Draft resolution II was adopted; for the final text, see the annex below, Council resolution 1980/68.

27. At the same meeting the Council considered the draft resolution recommended by the Committee in part II of its report (E/1980/99 (Part II), para. 10) and adopted the draft resolution. For the final text, see the annex below, Council resolution 1980/69.

28. At the same meeting, the Council considered the draft resolution and the six draft decisions contained in part III of its report (E.1980/99 (Part III) paras. 28 and 29).

29. With regard to the draft resolution, the representative of Belgium orally proposed amendments to operative paragraph 2 thereof, whereby the words "while taking into account Council resolutions 1980/44, 1980/45 and 1980/53" would be added after the words "Requests the Secretary-General", and in subparagraph (a) of the same paragraph, the words "To send, as a matter of urgency" would be replaced by the words "To consider the necessity of dispatching".

30. After statements by the representative of Jordan and the observers for the Sudan and Somalia, the representative of Belgium withdrew the oral amendment proposed to subparagraph (a) of operative paragraph 2, and the Council adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended. For the final text, see the annex below, Council resolution 1980/70.

31. Draft decisions I to V were then adopted. For the final texts, see the annex below, Council decisions 1980/179, 1980/180, 1980/181, 1980/182 and 1980/183 respectively.

32. At the same meeting, the representative of Nigeria made a statement in connexion with decision 1980/180, on behalf of Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, China, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Hungary, India, Iraq, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Cameroon and the United States of America, which are members of the Council and of the Executive Committee of the World Meteorological Organization.

33. With regard to draft decision VI, the Council also took note of the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1979/80 (E/1980/34 and Add.1) and of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (A/35/228). For the final text, see the annex below, Council decision 1980/184.

Improvement of communication between the Administrative
Committee on Co-ordination and intergovernmental bodies

34. In paragraph 27 of part III of its report (E/1980/99 (Part III)), the Committee had decided to refer to the Council consideration of the question of the improvement of communication between the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and intergovernmental bodies, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 34/214 of 19 December 1979.

35. At the 45th meeting, the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. J. L. Xifra, introduced a draft decision (E/1980/L.56), submitted in the light of informal consultations and entitled "Improvement of communication between the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and intergovernmental bodies".

36. The representative of the United Nations Development Programme made a statement in which he suggested that the words "and programmes of the United Nations system" should be added at the end of subparagraph (a) of the draft decision (see E/1980/SR.45).

37. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision, as orally amended. For the final text, see the annex below, Council decision 1980/185.

ANNEX

Resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council under
agenda item 14 a/

Resolution 1980/67. International years and anniversaries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the contribution that the celebration of international years can make to the furtherance of international co-operation and understanding,

Mindful of the need to consider carefully proposals for the designation of international years and anniversaries,

Recalling its resolution 1368 (XLV) of 2 August 1968, in which it expressed the hope that new proposals for the designation of international years and anniversaries would be avoided except on the most important occasions,

Recalling also its resolution 1800 (LV) of 7 August 1973 and General Assembly resolution 3170 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on international years and anniversaries, b/ submitted pursuant to Council decision 1979/64 of 3 August 1979, and of the revised guide-lines for future international years contained in paragraph 29 of the addendum to the report,

1. Adopts the guide-lines contained in the annex to the present resolution as its criteria and procedures with regard to future proposals for international years;
2. Submits those criteria and procedures to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-fifth session;
3. Invites the respective legislative organs of the specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations system to adopt those criteria and procedures;
4. Also invites States Members of the United Nations to take those criteria and procedures into account in considering proposals for international years.

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a/ A compilation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council in 1980 will be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement Nos. 1, 1A and 1B (E/1980/80 and Add.1 and 2).

b/ E/1980/64 and Add.1.

ANNEX

Guide-lines for future international years

I. Criteria for the proclamation of international years

1. The proposed subject of the year should be consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations, as stated in the Charter of the United Nations.
2. The subject should be of priority concern in the political, social, economic, cultural, humanitarian or human rights fields.
3. The subject should be of concern to all or to the majority of countries, regardless of their economic and social systems, and should contribute to the development of international co-operation in solving global problems, with special attention to problems affecting developing countries.
4. The desirability of proclaiming international years and the selection of their themes should in general be determined from the point of view of their possible contribution to solving existing international problems, thus contributing to the strengthening of universal peace.
5. The subject should be one involving action at the international and national levels.
6. The subject should be one for which there is a reasonable expectation that an international year would generate significant follow-up at both the national and the international level in the form of new activities or the strengthening of existing ones.
7. Every effort should be made to ensure that there is an interval of at least two years between international years and a longer interval between years designated for similar subjects.
8. Years should be designated to focus on one subject or on closely related subjects.
9. International years should be proclaimed only when celebrations of shorter duration, such as a month, a week or a day, will not suffice.
10. When a world conference on a particular subject has been or is being separately convened, or when a subject is already of wide international concern and effective organizations and programmes exist to further its ends, an international year should not normally be proclaimed.

II. Procedures preceding the proclamation of international years

11. A final decision on a proposal for an international year should be taken by the General Assembly not earlier than one full year after the introduction of the proposal, thus allowing the views of all Member States to be taken into account

and allowing the competent organs to make a thorough assessment of the proposal in the light of its practical desirability and the probability of real results.

12. Proposals for international years made under the auspices of organizations within the United Nations system should, before the proclamation of the years, be brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council, to enable the Council, in so far as the proposals fall within its competence, to advise on the timing of the proposed years and to evaluate their purpose in the light of the present guide-lines.

13. A year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements necessary for its financing have been made and such financing should in principle be based on voluntary contributions.

14. A year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements necessary for its organization have been made.

III. Procedures for organizing the celebration of international years

15. The basic objectives of each year should be clearly defined.

16. In general, there should be a period of two years between the proclamation of an international year and the beginning of that year.

17. Years having economic or social themes should be primarily directed towards promoting international development efforts in practical ways.

18. Measures and activities to be carried out at the international level should complement and support measures and activities at the national level.

19. There should ordinarily be national committees or other mechanisms for preparing for, conducting and following up the international year at the national level.

20. There should be effective co-ordination of the activities of all United Nations organizations and bodies concerned, so as to avoid any duplication of activities.

21. The proclamation of international years and activities connected with them should not lead to a proliferation of posts in the United Nations Secretariat or in the secretariats of other international organizations; furthermore, expenditures should normally be met from existing resources in the regular budget.

22. As a rule, special secretariats established for the celebration of international years should be dissolved immediately upon the conclusion of those years.

IV. Procedures for the evaluation of international years

23. Each international year should have objectives likely to lead to identifiable and practical results.

24. Procedures for evaluation should be established during the preparatory process and should form part of the implementation and follow-up of each international year.

25. Evaluation should, inter alia, assess the activities generated during the year and continuing after the year ends, as well as modifications in ongoing activities attributable to the year, with a view to integrating those activities, if necessary, in regular programmes.

26. Evaluation after the year should be based on reporting arrangements designed especially for the subject of the international year; it should facilitate the follow-up process and it should provide guidance for future international years.

27. Evaluation should be carried out within the budgetary resources provided, and the results of such evaluation should be submitted to the existing appropriate intergovernmental bodies for consideration.

Resolution 1980/68. Co-operation in the uses of the sea and coastal area development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1970 (LIX) of 30 July 1975 on the uses of the sea and coastal area development and 2099 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977 on co-operation in coastal area development,

Reaffirming that the rational management of marine resources and the peaceful uses of the sea is an essential component of national economic development and international co-operation,

Taking into account the deliberations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea and bearing in mind that activities undertaken by components of the United Nations system relating to the uses of the sea and the development of coastal areas should not prejudice or prejudice the results to be obtained from that Conference,

Noting with satisfaction that the activities pursued in these areas by various organizations of the United Nations system, as presented in the report of the Secretary-General on uses of the sea, c/ will help member States, particularly developing countries, to realize more fully the benefits to be derived by all mankind from the rational management of ocean resources and the peaceful uses of the sea,

Further noting that arrangements exist for the improved co-ordination of the activities of United Nations organizations involved in the marine field and that efforts are continuing to strengthen further such arrangements, including those at the regional level,

Bearing in mind the initiative taken by the Committee for Programme and

c/ E/1980/68 and Corr.1.

Co-ordination at its twentieth session to make the activities of the United Nations system in the field of marine affairs the possible subject of a cross-organizational programme analysis, d/

1. Takes note with appreciation of the activities being implemented by the Secretary-General, which aim at introducing, within the allocated budgetary resources, the marine dimension into the development process, and of the activities being carried out by the various United Nations organizations concerned in the field of marine affairs within their respective spheres of competence, and requests the Secretary-General and the heads of the other United Nations organizations concerned to ensure that their activities regarding the scientific, economic and technical aspects of the development of the uses of the sea and its resources are consonant with and lend support to the successful conclusion of a treaty on the law of the sea, having particular regard to the needs of developing countries;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the economic and technical developments taking place in the field of marine affairs to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1983.

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Resolution 1980/69. World Communications Year: development of
communications infrastructures

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, in paragraph 5 of which, in view of the importance of transport and communications to other regions of the world, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the International Telecommunication Union and other specialized agencies concerned, to propose for consideration one year during the Decade as World Communications Year,

Recalling also Council decision 1979/63 of 3 August 1979 on the World Communications Year, whereby the Council requested the Secretary-General to consult with Member States on the scope, proposed programme activities and organizational structure for the Year and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1980,

Recognizing the fundamental importance of the communications infrastructure as an essential element in the economic and social development of all countries.

Convinced that a World Communications Year would provide the opportunity for all countries to undertake an in-depth review and analysis of their policies on

d/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/35/38), para. 203.

communications development and stimulate the accelerated development of communications infrastructures,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General containing the proposed programme of activities for the World Communications Year, and the comments thereon, e,

1. Recommends to the General Assembly that 1983 would be an appropriate year for the celebration of World Communications Year, provided that the arrangements necessary for its financing have been made, based on the principle of voluntary contributions;

2. Recommends also that the programme of activities and the scope of the Year should be based on activities at the national and international levels and should focus on communications infrastructures;

3. Further recommends that the Secretary-General, taking into account the relevant sections of the guide-lines for future international years, f/ should continue consultations with Governments on the content of the programmes of activities and their evaluation and should submit to the Council, at its second regular session of 1981, revised proposals on programmes for the Year;

4. Requests that the report of the Secretary-General should be submitted to the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunication Union for consideration and that both the report and the comments of the Administrative Council should be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981;

5. Recommends also that the International Telecommunication Union should be designated as the lead agency for the Year and should bear the responsibility for co-ordinating the interorganizational aspects of the programmes and activities of other agencies, and as the lead agency should, in co-operation with other organizations concerned within the United Nations system, proceed with preparations and, in particular, mobilize the resources necessary to meet the budgetary requirements for the Year;

6. Further requests that, in making preparations for the Year, due account should be taken of the importance of the Year as an event near the mid-point of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, and that the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union should be designated as the co-ordinator of the United Nations system for the World Communications Year and the secretariat of the International Telecommunication Union should serve as the secretariat for the Year;

7. Requests the lead agency to submit to the Council, at its second regular session of 1981, a report on the state of preparations for the Year and, in particular, on the financial resources that are available and programmes that may be of interest to developing countries, in order to enable the Council to make appropriate proposals to the General Assembly.

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e/ E/1979/87 and E/1980/65 and Add.1 and 2.

f/ See Council resolution 1980/67, annex.

Resolution 1980/70. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas in Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda

The Economic and Social Council,

Having heard the statement of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, g/

Deeply concerned at the gravity of the food situation resulting from drought and other natural disasters confronting Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda,

Noting with appreciation the commendable role and the continued efforts of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and other related United Nations agencies in providing relief and assistance to disaster-affected areas in different parts of the world,

1. Appeals to all Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and voluntary agencies to provide assistance to the Governments of Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda for the relief, rehabilitation and recovery of the areas stricken by drought and other natural disasters;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, taking into account Council resolutions 1980/44 and 1980/45 of 23 July 1980 and 1980/53 of 24 July 1980:

(a) To send, as a matter of urgency, a multiagency mission to the countries in question, to assess the extent of the problem and the magnitude of the assistance required;

(b) To mobilize humanitarian assistance from the international community for the people displaced as a result of the drought and other natural disasters;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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Decision 1980/179. Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twentieth session; h/

g/ See E/1980/C.3/SR.13.

h/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/35/38).

(b) Decided that the human settlements programme should be excluded from paragraph 364 (b) of the report, and recommended that the recommendation in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph 365 (b), should be ignored;

(c) Decided to endorse the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee, taking into account the reservations and comments made thereon by members of the Committee, and to transmit the report and the views expressed thereon in the Council to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-fifth session.

Decision 1980/180. World Climate Programme

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council took note of the oral progress report made by the representative of the World Meteorological Organization on a new World Climate Programme, i/ pursuant to the Council resolution 1978/45 of 1 August 1978 and Council decision 1979/62 of 3 August 1979.

Decision 1980/181. Rural development

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council took note of:

(a) The report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination entitled "Interagency action in rural development; further progress and cost estimates", j/ prepared pursuant to Council decision 1979/67 of 3 August 1979;

(b) The comments made by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twentieth session on interagency action in rural development; k/

(c) The comments made thereon in the Council at its second regular session of 1980.

Decision 1980/182. Consumer protection

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council:

(a) Took note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection; l/

(b) Decided to request the Secretary-General to take the comments made in the Council at its second regular session of 1980 into full consideration in the preparation of the report to be submitted to it at its second regular session of 1981, pursuant to paragraph 3 of Council resolution 1979/74 of 3 August 1979.

i/ See E/1980/C.3/SR.5.

j/ E/1980/46.

k/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/35/38), chap. IV, sect. B, and paras. 359-361.

l/ E/1980/67.

Decision 1980/183. The effect of continuing currency instability on the budgets of organizations in the United Nations system

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council took note of the statement by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the effect of continuing currency instability on the budgets of organizations in the United Nations system. m/

Decision 1980/184. International co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council:

(a) Took note of the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1979/80 n/ and of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator; o/

(b) Decided to consider the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes p/ at its resumed second regular session of 1980.

Decision 1980/185. Improvement of communication between the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and intergovernmental bodies

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 25 July 1980, the Council decided, in response to General Assembly resolution 34/214, to inform the General Assembly that:

(a) Informal consultations relating to improved communication between intergovernmental bodies and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination had taken place, with the participation of members of the Council and representatives of the specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system;

(b) Improvements should be sought, in the first place, in the operation of existing mechanisms, and especially that of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and to this end, informal consultations between representatives of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination would take place, on an experimental basis, early in 1981, to discuss the choice of appropriate subjects for consideration by the Joint Meetings, their timing, venue, preparation and organization;

(c) The Council would keep under further review the improvement of communication between intergovernmental bodies and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and would inform the General Assembly of the outcome of its consideration of the matter.

m/ E/1980/39 and Corr.1.

n/ E/1980/34 and Add.1.

o/ A/35/228.

p/ E/1980/81.