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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly at
its 314th plenary meeting on 1 December 1950

(adopted on the report of the Joint Second and Third Committee
and the Fifth Committee, meeting jointly (A/1547))

The General Assembly,

Recalling its responsibilities under Article 17, paragraph 3, and Article 58
of the Charter,

Recalling its resolution 310 (IV) declaring that the resources devoted to
the economic and social work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies
should be concentrated on tasks of primary importance,

Taking note of the work of the Economic and Social Council at its eleventh
session in determining criteria for establishing priorities within the fields
allotted to the various bodies composing and associated with the United Nations,

Recognizing that the successful carrying out of the economic and social
work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies may be jeopardized by
undertaking so many projects as to exceed the available technical, administrative
and financial resources,

Recognizing that the extent of activity is determined by the programme
decisions and by the budgetary appropriations of the United Nations and the
specialized agencies,

Declaring that the resources placed at the disposal of the United Nations
and the specialized agencies should be applied where they are most needed,

1. Requests each specialized agency to review its 1952 programme during 1951,
using the criteria set forth in the report of the Co-ordination Committee* as

adopted by the Economic and Social Council;

2. Requests the Economic and Social Council and the specialized agencies to indicate, when new projects are adopted, which current projects may be deferred, modified or eliminated to ensure that the economic and social work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies will be carried on most effectively;

3. Requests the Economic and Social Council:

(a) To review, during 1951, the 1952 programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, using the criteria set forth in the report of the Co-ordination Committee as adopted by the Economic and Social Council;

(b) To seek, in reviewing the programmes, the assistance of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative and financial aspects of this matter;

(c) To report to the sixth session of the General Assembly on the results of these reviews;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the administrative heads of the specialized agencies, to include in annex IV to the Secretary-General's budget estimates a summary schedule of the estimated costs of the projects provided for in the budgets of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies; and, further,

Having noted the steps taken and progress made by the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General, the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the specialized agencies;

5. Urges that the efforts which are being made to ensure the fullest co-ordination of the programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies be vigorously pursued.
