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The need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1991/70 of 26 July 1991 and 1992/60 of 31 July 1992 on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States,

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

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the follow-up action taken, in particular the examination of the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Information Systems and the International Computing Centre initiated by the Administrative Committee on Coordination in the context of the review of their functioning, as well as other measures taken so far, 1/

1. Reiterates the high priority that it attaches to easy, economical, uncomplicated and unhindered access for States Members of the United Nations and for observers, inter alia, through their permanent missions, to the growing computerized databases and information systems and services of the United Nations;

2. Expresses concern at the limited progress achieved thus far and reiterates its call for the urgent implementation of measures in order to achieve these objectives;

3. Stresses once again the urgent need for representatives of States to be closely consulted and actively associated with the respective executive and governing bodies of the concerned United Nations institutions dealing with informatics within the United Nations system, so that the specific needs of States as internal end-users can be given due priority;

4. Calls on Member States to pursue similar action in the governing bodies of the specialized agencies within which they are represented;

5. Urges the Administrative Committee on Coordination to ensure full and effective consultations between the senior-level task force that it has established and the representatives of States, so that their views and requirements are duly incorporated in the report of the senior-level task force;

6. Requests that the initial phases of the action programme to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States be implemented from within existing resources, and in full consultation with the representatives of States;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the follow-up action taken on the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994.

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