

of service among the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization and the World Meteorological Organization, resulting in part from a lack of suitable co-ordinated arrangements for implementing that system. It was noted with concern that in the implementation of the recommendations as to the common base date for cost of living calculations, differences had arisen in practice. The Committee noted that the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organization intended to raise this question in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination. It recalled the assurances given last year that the related question of the need for a sound system for duty-station adjustments was to be discussed further in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and noted that arrangements have been made by that Committee for the appointment of outside experts to make recommendations on the administration of such a system.

12. Another matter of particular interest to the Committee in the context of the review of procedures and machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination was that of public information. The importance of improving publicity for international economic and social work and of co-ordinating more closely the activities of the various public information services was stressed. It was hoped that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination would consider this subject, taking account of the report of the expert committee on the public information activities of the United Nations to be presented to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session.<sup>76</sup>

13. In connexion with possibilities of concerted action, the Committee expressed the view that the Social Commission should consider, at its forthcoming twelfth session, preliminary steps which might be taken for the eventual establishment of programmes of concerted action in the fields of urbanization, housing, building and planning.

14. In connexion with programme appraisals for the period 1959 to 1964, the Committee wished to make the following observations :

(a) The appraisals are regarded as a step in the dynamic process of developing progressively the effectiveness of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as instruments for assisting the countries of the world to develop economically and socially at a greatly accelerated rate.

(b) The appraisals are a further step in the development of co-ordination through which the respective programmes of the United Nations organizations have gained, over the years, in purpose, depth and strength. Such co-ordination has been achieved not by way of centralization, not by directives or orders, but by consultation and persuasion and by free co-operation in the efforts designed to improve the lot of men.

(c) The appraisals are not to be understood as implying that the programmes and budgets of the United Nations or the specialized agencies should, or could, be determined outside the constitutional framework of each organization. They imply no attempt to interfere with the autonomy of the organizations within the United Nations family.

(d) The appraisals do not require firm policy formulation looking ahead for the five-year period, or any rigid commitment in regard to specific programmes. The appraisals should in no way interfere with the flexibility which the organizations must have in determining their programmes from year to year.

(e) It is recognized that the cost of programmes for the coming five years cannot be precisely determined. What is desired is rough estimates, reached by applying the cost factors known from experience to the new and continuing parts of the programmes. Such estimates cannot, of course, cover programmes which cannot reasonably be foreseen at the time the appraisal is made.

<sup>76</sup> See General Assembly resolution 1177 (XII).

(f) It is hoped that the consolidated report, drawn up on the basis of the individual appraisals undertaken by the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned, will, for the first time, give the Governments and the peoples of the world a clear idea of what is being achieved and attempted through international action. It should bring into focus the inter-relationship between the work of the different organizations and thereby facilitate ever closer co-operation and, wherever feasible, concerted action.

## 695 (XXVI). Survey of international relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* that international relations in the fields of education, science and culture are constantly increasing in scale,

*Considering* the great interest displayed in these relations both by States Members of the United Nations and by specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 1043 (XI) and 1164 (XII) of 21 February 1957 and 26 November 1957 and also Council resolution 663 I (XXIV) of 31 July 1957,

*Considering* that the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies to promote the exchange of information in the fields of education, science and culture are proving of value, and that the General Assembly has attached great importance to a further development and expansion of international relations in these fields,

1. *Notes* the sections of the annual reports of the specialized agencies submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 1164 (XII),<sup>77</sup> and particularly the work undertaken by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in this connexion;

2. *Urges* the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to transmit to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization information as to their views and activities concerning international co-operation in the fields of education, science and culture;

3. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to prepare, in co-operation with the United Nations and the interested specialized agencies, and to submit to the Council at an early session and, if possible, its twenty-eighth session, a survey of international relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture based on the communications received from Member Governments, including any recommendations for separate and joint action to promote further international co-operation in these fields.

*1044th plenary meeting,  
31 July 1958.*

<sup>77</sup> World Meteorological Organization: *Annual Report of the World Meteorological Organization 1957*, Geneva (E/3090), paras. 1, 5, 18 and annex C; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization: *Report to the United Nations for 1957-1958* (E/3101), part III; World Health Organization: *Report of the World Health Organization, Supplementary Report* (E/3106/Add.1), Part V, section (a); International Telecommunication Union: *Annual Report by the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union 1957*, Geneva (E/3122), Chap. IV, section 6, and Chap. V, section entitled "International Co-operation in the Fields of Culture and Science".