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CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

Emergency action by the Economic and Social Council and
specialized agencies to assist in the maintenance
of international peace and security 1/

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By resolution 402 (XIII), the Economic and Social Council recalled its resolution 363 (XII) "Emergency Action by the Economic and Social Council and specialized agencies to assist in the maintenance of international peace and security" arising out of General Assembly resolution 377 (V).
2. The Council recognized that no action was required by the International Telecommunication Union, the Universal Postal Union or the World Meteorological Organization, since the terms of their agreements are sufficiently broad to cover recommendations of the General Assembly under resolution 377 (V), and, in noting with approval the action taken by certain of the specialized agencies in implementation of these resolutions, requested the Secretary-General to communicate to the General Assembly the resolutions adopted and other action taken by the specialized agencies in this respect.
3. The Secretary-General has been notified of the following action which has been taken:

ILO - Resolution adopted by the International Labour Conference on
26 June 1951:

1/ See Report of the Economic and Social Council, Chapter VIII, Section III
(Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 3
(A/1884))

"The International Labour Conference,

"Noting the resolutions concerning the maintenance of international peace and security adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 3 November 1950 and by the Economic and Social Council on 14 March 1951 and the report on the subject by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination of 15 May 1951;

"Recalling that the maintenance of international peace and security has always been and remains a primary concern of the International Labour Organization;

"Considering that the existing arrangements within the International Labour Organization are adequate to enable the ILO to take any appropriate action on an emergency basis and within the constitutional and budgetary limitations of the ILO to meet urgent requests for assistance to the Security Council or the General Assembly;

"Reaffirms the firm intention of the ILO to pursue the cause of peace by all practicable means within its power;

"Declares that the ILO will co-operate with the General Assembly and the Security Council in the maintenance or restoration of international peace and security and for this purpose will furnish all appropriate information and will render all appropriate assistance to those organs of the United Nations."

UNESCO - Resolution adopted by the UNESCO General Conference on 10 July 1951:

"The General Conference

"Noting resolution 377 (V) 'Uniting for peace' of the General Assembly of the United Nations, which provides that the General Assembly may make recommendations to Members for collective measures for maintenance of peace and security, if the Security Council fails to act;

"Noting resolution 363 (XII) of the Economic and Social Council, which
1. Requests the Secretary-General [of the United Nations] ... to consult with the specialized agencies as to the specific arrangements they might most appropriately make in order to provide for the furnishing by them of such information and for the rendering of such assistance in the maintenance or restoration of international peace and security as may be requested by the Security Council or the General Assembly, such arrangements to cover action on emergency basis and within the constitutional and budgetary limitations of the agencies to meet urgent requests; and 2. Invites the specialized agencies to approve arrangements to this end as soon as possible.'";

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"Considering that acts of aggression and breaches of the peace constitute direct threats to those objectives and to the high purposes for which Unesco was established;

"Mindful of its responsibility for advancing, through the educational, scientific and cultural relations of the peoples of the world, the objectives of international peace and of the common welfare of mankind for which the United Nations Organization was established;

"Bearing in mind that, if there is to be widespread understanding of and popular support for United Nations action, there must be adequate education regarding specific acts of aggression and breaches of peace, as well as the actions taken by the United Nations to maintain or restore the peace;

"1. Declares that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on request of the Security Council or the General Assembly will co-operate with the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security and upon the request of the Security Council or the General Assembly will furnish information and emergency assistance for this purpose within the limits of competence as defined by the Constitution and in accordance with budgetary provisions;

"2. Authorizes the Executive Board and the Director-General, whenever the Security Council finds the existence of a threat to the peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression, or whenever the General Assembly takes action in accordance with General Assembly resolution 377 (V), to facilitate, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, through educational and other appropriate means at its disposal, widespread understanding of the nature and background of the action taken by the United Nations to maintain or restore the peace;

"3. Requests the Director-General to inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations of this decision of the General Conference."

WHO - Resolution adopted by the Fourth World Health Assembly (June 1951):

"The Health Assembly,

"Considering the powers conferred by the World Health Assembly upon the Executive Board and the Director-General by virtue of which advances may be made from the Working Capital in order to meet emergencies and unforeseen contingencies,

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"1. Declares that the World Health Organization on request of the Security Council or the General Assembly will co-operate with the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security and upon the request of the Security Council or the General Assembly will furnish information and emergency assistance for this purpose in accordance with constitutional and budgetary provisions;

"2. Requests the Director-General to communicate this resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations; and

"3. Requests the Executive Board to keep under review the implementation of the provisions of this resolution and to report thereon to the Fifth World Health Assembly."

ICAO - Resolution adopted by the ICAO Assembly at its 5th session (June 1951):

"The Assembly,

"Acting in accordance with the provisions of Article 64 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation entitled 'Security Arrangements' and Article 49 (1) relating thereof,

"Recalling (a) that under Article VII of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization agrees to co-operate with the Economic and Social Council in furnishing such information and rendering such assistance to the Security Council as that Council may request, including assistance in carrying out decisions of the Security Council for the maintenance and restoration of international peace and security; (b) that Article XX of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Civil Aviation Organization foresaw the possibility of further arrangements being concluded between the United Nations and ICAO with respect to air matters within the competence of the Organization directly affecting world security, as contemplated in the Convention on International Civil Aviation,

"Taking note of General Assembly resolution 377 (V), entitled 'Uniting for peace', which provides that the General Assembly may make recommendations to Members for collective measures for the maintenance of international peace and security if the Security Council fails to act,

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"Taking note that, in accordance with the Economic and Social Council resolution dated 14 March 1951 on emergency action, the Secretary-General of the United Nations has consulted with the Secretary-General of ICAO as to the specific arrangements that might most appropriately be made to cover action on an emergency basis,

"Therefore declares:

"That the International Civil Aviation Organization agrees to co-operate with and to render all possible assistance to the principal organs of the United Nations with respect to matters within the competence of the Organization directly affecting international peace and security, as contemplated in the Convention on International Civil Aviation, due account being taken of the special position of the members of the International Civil Aviation Organization who are not Members of the United Nations."

"BANK - Resolution adopted by the Board of Governors at its 6th session (September 1951)"

"Whereas the General Assembly of the United Nations on 3 November 1950 adopted a resolution entitled 'Uniting for peace';

"Now, therefore, the Board of Governors, taking note of the said resolution, hereby resolves:

"That the Bank, in the conduct of its activities, shall have due regard for recommendations of the General Assembly made pursuant to the said resolution for the maintenance or restoration of international peace and security."

"Fund - Resolution adopted by the Board of Governors at its 6th session (September 1951):

"Whereas the General Assembly of the United Nations on 3 November 1950 adopted a resolution entitled 'Uniting for peace';

"Now, therefore, the Board of Governors, taking note of the said resolution, hereby resolves:

"That the Fund, in the conduct of its activities, shall have due regard for recommendations of the General Assembly made pursuant to the said resolution for the maintenance or restoration of international peace and security."

Note

Formal consideration of the matter will be on the agenda of the next session of the FAO Conference in November 1951.
