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Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with the Economic and Social Council's request at its forty-third session, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Assembly to Council resolution 1281 (XLIII), section I, entitled "National co-ordination", a copy of which is attached.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1281 (XLIII)

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the second part of its first session,^{1/}

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National co-ordination

Noting particularly the suggestion that the Council make appropriate recommendations to Member Governments and to the organizations concerned on the question of "national co-ordination",^{2/}

Noting further the comment of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in its thirty-third report to the Council "that some of the problems encountered in the field of co-ordination have arisen, at least in part, because of the difficulty of reconciling decisions taken by inter-governmental bodies",^{3/}

Recalling its previous resolutions 590 A II (XX) of 5 August 1955, 630 A II (XXII) of 9 August 1956, 694 B (XXVI) of 31 July 1958 and General Assembly resolution 125 (II) of 20 November 1947, concerning the continuing need for co-ordination on the national level and the increasing importance for Member Governments to take measures to ensure it,

Recalling further that in its resolution 125 (II) the General Assembly called "upon members to take measures to ensure on the national level a co-ordinated policy of their delegations to the United Nations and to the different specialized agencies in order that full co-operation may be achieved between the Organization and the specialized agencies",

^{1/} E/4395.

^{2/} Ibid., para. 8.

^{3/} Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 17, document E/4337, para. 3.

Considering that, despite the attention given by Governments to improvement of co-ordination on the national level of their position and participation in the United Nations, its subsidiary bodies, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, more intensive efforts are still required to this end,

1. Urges again that Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency continue to take the further steps necessary to ensure that positions taken by their national delegations to meetings of the various organizations are co-ordinated in order to avoid the possibility of conflicting decisions being taken on the same or similar subjects in different organizations;

2. Suggests to such Governments of States Members, as have not already done so, to consider the possibility of establishing a central governmental machinery charged with the responsibility of co-ordinating at the national level their participation in organizations within the United Nations system;

3. Recommends to the Secretary-General of the United Nations that he makes special efforts to ensure the implementation of rule 80 of the rules of procedure of the Council and,

4. Requests the Secretary-General furthermore to indicate to the Council and its subsidiary bodies before the adoption of any proposal under consideration the extent to which the proposal is already covered by existing projects or documentation, or falls more properly within the terms of reference of another organization;

5. Invites the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency in the implementation of those of their rules which correspond to rule 80, similarly to inform their respective organs;

6. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to bring this resolution to the attention of all their member Governments and of their executive bodies and General Conferences.

