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GENERAL REVIEW OF THE PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES IN THE
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AND RELATED
FIELDS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES,
THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, THE UNITED
NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AND ALL OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND
AGENCIES RELATED TO THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Report of the Second Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 1415th plenary meeting on 24 September 1966, allocated to the Second Committee agenda item 52 entitled "General review of the programmes and activities in the economic, social, technical co-operation and related fields of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Children's Fund and all other institutions and agencies related to the United Nations system".
2. The Committee considered this item at its 1065th to 1073rd meetings, held between 10 and 23 November 1966.
3. In considering the item, the Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/6428).
4. The representative of Trinidad and Tobago, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.877 and Add.1-3) at the 1065th meeting. The draft resolution was submitted by Brazil, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guyana, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Libya, Malaysia, Malta, Morocco, Pakistan, Panama, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania and read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Bearing in mind the vital importance of the work of the United Nations family of organizations in the field of economic and social development,

"Bearing in mind the fact that the resources currently available to carry out that work are limited, especially in relation to the growing needs of the developing countries,

"Considering that this work, which has expanded rapidly, grown more complex and changed its nature, has evolved over a period of more than twenty years on the basis of unrelated proposals, rather than in accordance with a co-ordinated plan,

"Considering also that this situation has impaired not only the ability of the Economic and Social Council to co-ordinate the work of the United Nations family of organizations in these fields but also the ability of Member States to benefit from it,

"Welcoming the steps recently taken or presently envisaged, as a result of the work of the Special Committee on Co-ordination and the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies, to enable the Economic and Social Council to perform more purposefully its co-ordinating role,

"Conscious of its responsibilities under Chapter IX of the Charter of the United Nations,

"Recognizing that in order to avoid duplicated programmes in the future and to derive maximum benefit at reasonable cost from the operational and research activities of the United Nations family of organizations in the fields of economic and social development, a full review of those activities is urgently required by Member States,

"1. Decides to establish an Ad Hoc Committee of Experts consisting of twenty (20) Member States to undertake, in the light of the work of other United Nations bodies in the fields of co-ordination, planning and evaluation, a review which would provide:

"I. A clear and comprehensive picture of existing operational and research activities of the United Nations family of organizations in the field of economic and social development to include:

- (a) a description of each type of activity, including its cost, and an assessment of the extent to which it has achieved its objectives;
- (b) the cost to recipient countries of the assistance available;

- (c) an account of procedures to be followed by States when applying for assistance;
- (d) an account of criteria used by the United Nations family in according assistance;

"II. Recommendations on modifications in existing activities, procedures and administrative arrangements which might be necessary and desirable in order to ensure:

- (a) the maximum concentration of resources, at present and increasing levels, on programmes of direct relevance to Member States;
- (b) a flexible, prompt and effective response to the specific needs of individual countries and regions, as determined by themselves, within the limits of available resources;
- (c) the minimum burden on the administrative resources of Member States and of members of the United Nations family of organizations;
- (d) the evolution of an integrated system of long-term planning on a programmed basis;
- (e) the institution of systematic procedures for evaluating the effectiveness of operational and research activities;

"2. Requests the President of the General Assembly, upon the adoption of the present resolution, to designate the Member States which will compose the Ad Hoc Committee, selecting them on the basis of equitable geographical distribution;

"3. Requests the States members of the Ad Hoc Committee to appoint not later than the end of the present session of the General Assembly such persons as they may deem best qualified on the basis of their familiarity with the work of the United Nations system in the field of development to undertake the work entrusted to the Committee;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to utilize, as appropriate, voluntary services that may be offered to assist in the work of the Committee;

"5. Further requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with all members of the United Nations family of organizations, to provide the necessary basic documentation to enable the Ad Hoc Committee to begin work on section I of its task as soon as possible;

"6. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session, through the forty-third session of the Economic and Social Council, a preliminary report on section I of the task entrusted to it;

"7. Invites the Governments of Member States, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency and of autonomous organizations and research institutions within the United Nations family to extend to the Ad Hoc Committee their full co-operation and assistance."

5. Kenya joined as a co-sponsor of the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.877/Add.4).
6. At the 1069th meeting, the representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, on behalf of the sponsors, presented a revision of the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.877/Rev.1), which introduced the following changes:

(a) The following three new paragraphs were inserted between the first and second paragraphs of the preamble:

"Conscious of its responsibilities under Chapter IX and in particular under Articles 58 and 60 of the Charter of the United Nations,

"Reaffirming the central role assigned to the Economic and Social Council in the economic, social and human rights fields under Chapter X of the Charter of the United Nations,

"Noting the agreements concluded between the United Nations and the specialized agencies, under Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, and the International Atomic Energy Agency,";

(b) In the second paragraph of the preamble, the words "to carry out that work are limited" were changed to read "to carry out the work of the United Nations family of organizations in the field of economic and social development are limited";

(c) The first part of the fourth paragraph of the preamble was reworded to read "Considering further that this situation, among other factors, has impaired...";

(d) The following new paragraph was inserted between the fourth and fifth paragraphs of the preamble:

"Welcoming the enlargement of the Economic and Social Council and the steps recently taken to enable it to perform more purposefully its co-ordinating role through its resolutions 1147 (XLI), 1151 (XLI), 1154 (XLI), 1156 (XLI), 1171 (XLI), 1172 (XLI), 1173 (XLI), 1174 (XLI), 1175 (XLI), 1176 (XLI), 1177 (XLI) and 1181 (XLI),";

(e) The fifth paragraph of the preamble was reworded to read as follows:

"Welcoming further the steps presently envisaged, under resolution 2150 (XXI) to implement the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies,";

(f) The sixth paragraph of the preamble was deleted;

(g) In the seventh paragraph of the preamble, the word "nevertheless" was inserted after the word "Recognizing", and the words: "without prejudice to the continuous work of the Economic and Social Council" were inserted after the words "a full review of those activities";

(h) The following new paragraph was inserted as the last paragraph of the preamble:

"Recalling its resolution 2098 (XX),";

(i) Operative paragraph 1 was revised to read as follows:

"1. Decides to establish an Ad Hoc Committee of Experts consisting of nine Member States, in addition to the members of the Economic and Social Council's Committee on Programme and Co-ordination, to undertake, in the light of the work of other United Nations bodies in the fields of co-ordination, planning and evaluation, a review which would provide:

"I. A clear and comprehensive picture of existing operational and research activities of the United Nations family of organizations in the field of economic and social development and an assessment thereof;

"II. On the basis of part I, recommendations on modifications in existing activities, procedures and administrative arrangements which might be necessary and desirable in order to ensure:

- (a) the maximum concentration of resources, at present and increasing levels, on programmes of direct relevance to Member States;
- (b) a flexible, prompt and effective response to the specific needs of individual countries and regions, as determined by themselves, within the limits of available resources;
- (c) the minimum burden on the administrative resources of Member States and of members of the United Nations family of organizations;
- (d) the evolution of an integrated system of long-term planning on a programmed basis;
- (e) the institution of systematic procedures for evaluating the effectiveness of operational and research activities;";

(j) Operative paragraph 2 was reworded to read as follows:

"2. Requests the President of the General Assembly, upon the election of the members of the Committee on Programme and Co-ordination, to designate the additional members of the Ad Hoc Committee, selecting them on the basis of equitable geographical distribution;"

(k) Operative paragraph 5 was revised to read as follows:

"5. Further requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with all members of the United Nations family of organizations, to supplement available documentation in order to provide the Ad Hoc Committee with the necessary basic information on the existing operational and research activities of the United Nations family of organizations in the field of economic and social development, including in particular:

(a) An inventory on a country-by-country basis of the programmes and projects financed both from regular budgets and voluntary funds, indicating how such programmes and projects were authorized, their objectives, their stage of implementation, their costs, and, where available, the division of costs between international and national financing;

(b) An inventory of research and other support activities, financed both from the regular budgets and voluntary funds, undertaken within the United Nations family of organizations, indicating how such activities were authorized, their objectives, their stage of implementation, their costs and the relationship of each to field or operational activities;

(c) The nature and size of funds available, in 1965, 1966, and as far as possible in 1967, to the United Nations family of organizations concerned with economic and social development;

(d) The percentage of these funds devoted to administrative costs showing the actual expenditure incurred by each member of the United Nations family of organizations concerned;

(e) An account of all procedures and criteria employed in providing assistance and the probable costs involved for developing countries seeking and receiving such assistance;

(f) A complete inventory of regional, sub-regional, area, field and/or country representation of all organizations, agencies, or bodies represented in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Food Programme (WFP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA);"

(1) Operative paragraph 7 was revised to read as follows:

"7. Invites the Governments of Member States, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, and all other autonomous organizations and research institutions within the United Nations family to extend to the Ad Hoc Committee full co-operation and assistance."

7. At the 1070th meeting, the representative of Canada introduced amendments (A/C.2/L.895), proposing the following changes in the revised draft resolution:

(a) The first part of operative paragraph 1 would be reworded to read as follows:

"1. Decides that it would be useful to have a review which would provide:";

(b) Operative paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 would be deleted and replaced by the following new operative paragraph 2:

"2. Requests the Economic and Social Council at its forty-third session to give priority consideration, on the basis of the documentation requested in paragraph 3 below, to the way in which it considers that the survey could best be conducted and to submit recommendations thereon for final decision to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session;"

(c) In operative paragraph 5, the words "Ad Hoc Committee" would be replaced by the words "the Economic and Social Council";

(d) Operative paragraph 6 would be deleted;

(e) In operative paragraph 7, the words "Ad Hoc Committee" would be replaced by the words "the Economic and Social Council".

8. At the 1071st meeting, the sponsors, now joined by Madagascar and Nepal, further revised their text (A/C.2/L.877/Rev.2) to include the following changes:

(a) The following new paragraph was added as the last paragraph of the preamble:

"Convinced that such a review would bring about a better organization of the international effort to attain the objectives of the Development Decade,"

(b) In operative paragraph 1, the words "nine Member States" were changed to the words "five Member States";

(c) Operative paragraph 5 was revised to read as follows:

"5. Further requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with all members of the United Nations family of organizations, to present to the Ad Hoc Committee:

(a) A report on the documentation available containing basic information on the existing operational and research programmes and projects of the organizations in the field of economic and social development at the country, regional and Headquarters levels;

(b) A report on the nature and size of funds available, in 1965, 1966 and as far as possible in 1967, to the United Nations family of organizations concerned with economic and social developments;

(c) An outline for the preparation of a handbook containing an account of all procedures for requesting assistance from members of the United Nations family of organizations and the criteria on which such assistance is provided;

(d) A complete inventory of regional, sub-regional, area, field and/or country representatives of all the members of the United Nations family of organizations;

(e) A report on the steps taken or contemplated by all members of the United Nations family of organizations to keep the Governing Council of the UNDP and the Resident Representatives fully informed about the technical assistance projects and programmes undertaken by them which are not financed by the UNDP;"

(d) A new operative paragraph was inserted between operative paragraphs 5 and 6, and the following paragraphs were renumbered accordingly. The new paragraph read as follows:

"6. Authorizes the Ad Hoc Committee, in the light of the information presented, to take whatever further steps it deems necessary to enable it to fulfil its task;"

9. At the 1072nd meeting, the Committee had before it a further revision (A/C.2/L.877/Rev.3) of the draft resolution, which included the following changes:

(a) In the fifth paragraph of the preamble, the words "resources currently available" were changed to read "resources being made available";

(b) In operative paragraph 1, the words "of Experts" were deleted at the suggestion of the representative of Lebanon;

(c) Operative paragraph 3 was reworded, at the suggestion of the representative of Lebanon, to read as follows:

"3. Requests the additional States members of the Ad Hoc Committee, within one month of their designations, to appoint such experts as they may deem best qualified on the basis of their familiarity with the work of the United Nations system in the field of development to undertake the work entrusted to the Committee;"

(d) In operative paragraph 5 (d) the word "representatives" was changed to "representation".

10. At the same meeting the representative of Poland, on behalf of Czechoslovakia, Poland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, introduced amendments (A/C.2/L.900) to the revised draft resolution, proposing the following changes:

(a) The first part of operative paragraph 1 would be revised to read as follows:

"1. Requests the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed forty-first session, to instruct its Committee on Programme and Co-ordination to undertake, as a matter of priority and in the light of the continuing work of other United Nations bodies in the field of co-ordination, planning and evaluation, a review which would provide:"

(b) Operative paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 would be replaced by the following new paragraph 2:

"2. Requests the President of the General Assembly to designate five government experts in their personal capacity to assist the Committee on Programme and Co-ordination in the performance of this task, selecting them on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, and on the basis of their familiarity with the work of the United Nations system in the field of development;"

(c) In operative paragraph 5 (c), the words "financial and technical" would be inserted after the words "family of organizations and the";

(d) In operative paragraphs 5, 6 and 7, the words "Ad Hoc" would be deleted.

11. The representative of the United Arab Republic, on behalf of Algeria, the United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia, introduced amendments (A/C.2/L.901) to the revised draft resolution, proposing the following changes:

(a) The following two paragraphs would be inserted after the fourth paragraph of the preamble:

"Recognizing that both the United Nations Charter and the relationship agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies provide for very important central roles for the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly in relation to the programmes and the administrative budgets of the agencies,

"Recognizing further that these provisions were made not only to ensure co-ordination of the activities of the organizations but also to enable Member Governments to have an over-all view at least once each year of the whole range of economic, social, cultural, educational, health and related activities of the entire United Nations family, and of the cost thereof, in order both to evaluate past and present activities and to plan future activities,";

(b) Operative paragraph 1 would be replaced by the following text:

"1. Requests the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed forty-first session, to enlarge its Committee on Programme and Co-ordination by five additional Member States on a temporary basis and with due regard to equitable geographical distribution to undertake the tasks enumerated in paragraph 2 below. This enlarged Committee shall be responsible to the General Assembly and to the Economic and Social Council;"

(c) Operative paragraph 2 would be replaced by the following text:

"2. Requests the enlarged Committee to undertake, as a matter of priority and in the light of the continuing work of other United Nations bodies in the field of co-ordination, planning and evaluation, a review which would provide:

"I. A clear and comprehensive picture of existing operational and research activities of the United Nations family of organizations in the field of economic and social development and an assessment thereof;

"II. On the basis of part I, recommendations on modifications in existing activities, procedures and administrative arrangements which might be necessary and desirable in order to ensure:

(a) the maximum concentration of resources, at present and increasing levels, on programmes of direct relevance to Member States;

(b) a flexible, prompt and effective response to the specific needs of individual countries and regions, as determined by themselves, within the limits of available resources;

- (c) the minimum burden on the administrative resources of Member States and of members of the United Nations family of organizations;
- (d) the evolution of an integrated system of long-term planning on a programmed basis;
- (e) the institution of systematic procedures for evaluating the effectiveness of operational and research activities;"

(d) In operative paragraphs 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8, the words "Ad Hoc Committee" would be replaced by the words "enlarged Committee".

12. Czechoslovakia, Poland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics withdrew their amendments (see paragraph 10 above) and joined as co-sponsors of a revision of the amendments submitted by Algeria, the United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia (A/C.2/L.901/Rev.1), which incorporated one of the amendments submitted by Czechoslovakia, Poland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (see paragraph 10 (c) above): in operative paragraph 5 (c), the words "financial and technical" would be inserted after the words "family of organizations and the".

13. The representative of Trinidad and Tobago, on behalf of the co-sponsors, accepted suggestions of the representative of Peru and made the following oral revision in the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.877/Rev.3). The first part of operative paragraph 1 was reworded to read:

"1. Decides to establish for three years an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of twenty-one Member States, composed of five Member States designated by the President of the General Assembly and the sixteen members of the Economic and Social Council's Committee on Programme and Co-ordination, to undertake, in the light of the work of other United Nations bodies in the fields of co-ordination, planning and evaluation, a review which would provide:".

14. Panama withdrew from the list of sponsors, and Ghana, Peru and Somalia joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution, as orally revised.

15. The representative of the United Arab Republic, on behalf of the sponsors, presented a further revision of the six-Power amendments (A/C.2/L.901/Rev.2), to include the following change: operative paragraph 1 would be redrafted to read as follows:

"Requests the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed forty-first session, for the purpose of undertaking the tasks enumerated in paragraph 2 below, to enlarge its Committee on Programme and Co-ordination by five additional Member States, to be designated by the President of the General Assembly for a period not exceeding three years, and with due regard to equitable geographical distribution. The responsibility of the Committee shall be defined in accordance with Article 60 of the Charter;"

16. At the 1073rd meeting, India and the Philippines joined as sponsors in another revision of the six-Power amendments (A/C.2/L.901/Rev.3). The representative of India, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced the revised amendments, which contained the following changes:

(a) The amendment proposing the addition of two new paragraphs in the preamble (see paragraph 11 (a) above) was withdrawn;

(b) Operative paragraph 1 would be reworded to read as follows:

"1. Requests the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed forty-first session, for the purpose of undertaking the tasks enumerated in paragraph 2 below, to enlarge its Committee on Programme and Co-ordination by five additional Member States, to be elected by the General Assembly for a period not exceeding three years, and with due regard to equitable geographical distribution. The enlarged Committee shall be responsible to the General Assembly and under its authority to the Economic and Social Council;"

(c) In operative paragraph 3, the word "designation" would be replaced by the word "election".

17. The amendments were orally revised at the same meeting, as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 1 (see paragraph 16 (b) above), the words "to be elected by the General Assembly" would now read "to be designated by the President of the General Assembly";

(b) The amendment to operative paragraph 3 (see paragraph 16 (c) above) was withdrawn.

18. Nigeria joined as a co-sponsor of the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.877/Rev.3), as orally amended. The Committee then voted on the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.877/Rev.3), as orally revised, and the amendments thereto, as follows:

(a) The amendments submitted by Canada (see paragraph 7 above), on which a roll-call vote had been requested by Togo, were rejected by 51 votes to 14, with 38 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Against: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Congo (Democratic Republic), Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Ceylon, Chad, China, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Gabon, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, India, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Ivory Coast, Mongolia, Netherlands, Niger, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United States of America, Upper Volta, Zambia.

(b) The first amendment submitted by Algeria, Czechoslovakia, India, the Philippines, Poland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia (see paragraphs 16 (b) and 17 (a) above), on which a separate vote had been requested by the United Republic of Tanzania and which, at the request of Togo, was voted upon by roll-call, was adopted by 47 votes to 43, with 15 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Ceylon, Chad, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Gabon, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Mongolia, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Senegal, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Upper Volta, Yugoslavia.

Against: Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo (Democratic Republic), Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ghana, Guyana, Haiti, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia.

Abstaining: Argentina, Bolivia, Dahomey, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, Ivory Coast, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, Portugal, Rwanda, Tunisia, Venezuela.

(c) The remaining amendments submitted by Algeria, Czechoslovakia, India, the Philippines, Poland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia (see paragraphs 11 (c) and (d) and 12 above) were adopted by 51 votes to 35, with 16 abstentions.

(d) The draft resolution (A/C.2/L.877/Rev.3), as a whole, as amended, on which a roll-call vote had been requested by India, was adopted by 60 votes to none, with 43 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Ceylon, Chad, China, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Denmark, Finland, Gabon, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Upper Volta, Yugoslavia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Congo (Democratic Republic), Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, Niger, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Venezuela, Zambia.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

19. The Second Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

General review of the programmes and activities in the economic, social, technical co-operation and related fields of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Children's Fund and all other institutions and agencies related to the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the vital importance of the work of the United Nations family of organizations in the field of economic and social development,

Conscious of its responsibilities under Chapter IX of the Charter of the United Nations, and in particular under Articles 58 and 60,

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Reaffirming the central role assigned to the Economic and Social Council in the economic, social and human rights fields under Chapter X of the Charter,

Noting the agreements concluded between the United Nations and the specialized agencies, under Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, and the International Atomic Energy Agency,

Bearing in mind the fact that the resources being made available to carry out the work of the United Nations family of organizations in the field of economic and social development are limited, especially in relation to the growing needs of the developing countries,

Considering that this work, which has expanded rapidly, grown more complex and changed its nature, has evolved over a period of more than twenty years on the basis of unrelated proposals, rather than in accordance with a co-ordinated plan,

Considering further that this situation, among other factors, has impaired not only the ability of the Economic and Social Council to co-ordinate the work of the United Nations family of organizations in these fields but also the ability of Member States to benefit from it,

Welcoming the enlargement of the Economic and Social Council and the steps recently taken to enable it to perform more purposefully its co-ordinating role through its resolutions 1147 (XLI), 1151 (XLI), 1154 (XLI) of 4 August 1966, 1156 (XLI), 1171 (XLI), 1172 (XLI), 1173 (XLI), 1174 (XLI), 1175 (XLI), 1176 (XLI), 1177 (XLI) and 1181 (XLI) of 5 August 1966,

Welcoming further the steps presently envisaged, under General Assembly resolution 2150 (XXI) of 4 November 1966, to implement the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies,

Recognizing, nevertheless, that, in order to avoid duplicated programmes in the future and in order to derive maximum benefit at reasonable costs from the operational and research activities of the United Nations family of organizations in the field of economic and social development, a full review of those activities, without prejudice to the continuing work of the Economic and Social Council, is urgently required by Member States,

Recalling its resolution 2098 (XX) of 20 December 1965,

Convinced that such a review would bring about a better organization of the international effort to attain the objectives of the United Nations Development Decade,

1. Requests the Economic and Social Council at its resumed forty-first session, for the purpose of undertaking the tasks enumerated in paragraph 2 below, to enlarge its Committee on Programme and Co-ordination by five additional Member States, to be designated by the President of the General Assembly for a period not exceeding three years, and with due regard to equitable geographical distribution; the enlarged Committee shall be responsible to the General Assembly and under its authority to the Council;

2. Requests the enlarged Committee to undertake, as a matter of priority and in the light of the continuing work of other United Nations bodies in the field of co-ordination, planning and evaluation, a review which would provide:

(a) A clear and comprehensive picture of existing operational and research activities of the United Nations family of organizations in the field of economic and social development and an assessment thereof;

(b) On the basis of (a) above, recommendations on modifications in existing activities, procedures and administrative arrangements which might be necessary and desirable in order to ensure:

- (i) The maximum concentration of resources, at present and increasing levels, on programmes of direct relevance to Member States;
- (ii) A flexible, prompt and effective response to the specific needs of individual countries and regions, as determined by themselves, within the limits of available resources;
- (iii) The minimum burden on the administrative resources of Member States and of members of the United Nations family of organizations;
- (iv) The evolution of an integrated system of long-term planning on a programme basis;
- (v) The institution of systematic procedures for evaluating the effectiveness of operational and research activities;

3. Requests the additional States members of the enlarged Committee, within one month of their designation, to appoint such experts as they may deem best qualified on the basis of their familiarity with the work of the United Nations system in the field of development to undertake the work entrusted to the Committee;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to utilize, as appropriate, voluntary services that may be offered to assist in the work of the enlarged Committee;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with all members of the United Nations family of organizations, to present to the enlarged Committee:

(a) A report on the documentation available containing basic information on the existing operational and research programmes and projects of the organizations in the field of economic and social development at the country, regional and headquarters level;

(b) A report on the nature and size of funds available, in 1965, 1966 and as far as possible in 1967, to the United Nations family of organizations concerned with economic and social developments;

(c) An outline for the preparation of a handbook containing an account of all procedures for requesting assistance from members of the United Nations family of organizations and the financial and technical criteria on which such assistance is provided;

(d) A complete inventory of regional, sub-regional, area, field and/or country representation of all the members of the United Nations family of organizations;

(e) A report on the steps taken or contemplated by all members of the United Nations family of organizations to keep the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Resident Representatives fully informed about the technical assistance projects and programmes undertaken by them which are not financed by the United Nations Development Programme;

6. Authorizes the enlarged Committee, in the light of the information presented, to take whatever further steps it deems necessary to enable it to fulfil its task;

7. Requests the enlarged Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council at its forty-third session, a preliminary report on the task entrusted to it under paragraph 2 (a) above;

8. Invites the Governments of Member States, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Children's Fund and World Food Programme, and all other autonomous organizations and research institutions within the United Nations family to extend to the enlarged Committee full co-operation and assistance.