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COUNCIL COMMITTEE RELATING TO CO-ORDINATION

AUSTRALIA: PROPOSALS

1. In the light of the discussion at the first meeting of the Committee on 18 February the Australian delegation has prepared the following <u>outline</u> of five resolutions.

2. These resolutions are presented in three groups which the Australian delegation believes will assist the Committee to distinguish between:

- A. Permanent arrangements
- B. Special arrangements for the Seventh Session
- C. Special principle to be established (priorities)

Within the first group the material has been arranged in three Resolutions which attempt to avoid duplication and to treat separately three distinct phases in the chronological order of the co-ordination process:

- (I) A request to the specialized agencies concerning reports they are to provide.
- (II) A request to the Secretary-General describing report he is to make to the Council (a) annually and (b) at each Session.
- (III) The role of the Co-ordination Committee.

3. The Australian delegation has attempted to include all the points in the United States proposals to avoid a completely new approach. At the same time the delegation does not accept all the United States proposals and an asterisk has been placed against particular points about which the Australian delegation has reservations.

4. It is our belief that this method of presentation will:

(a) avoid duplication (e.g. as between paragraph 1 of the United States Resolution I and paragraph 4 of second part of Resolution II) of standing arrangements and arrangements for Seventh Session;

(b) avoid mixing together standing arrangements and errangements which will become obsolete in August.

A. PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS

Resolution I.

Request to Specialized Agencies to report by on

/1. organization

1. organization of agency - - - -

2. past year's activities, relations with the United Nations and other agencies - - -

3. current and future activities - - - -

4. budgetary information on programmes - - - - (This follows second part of United States Resolution II)

Add 5. An account of any field considered by the Agency to require co-ordinated action.

Resolution II.

(a) <u>Request to Secretary-General</u> to report to Council by each year on -

1. Organization of Secretariat - - - -

2. Work programmes of Secretariat and Commission - - - -

3. Analytical description of relations of major activities of United Nations and agencies - - -

4. Suggestions on action to be taken by Council on both substantive and relationship problems - - - -

(This follows <u>second</u> part of United States Resolution II) (b) <u>Request to Secretary-General</u> to report to each session of Council on studies and investigations conducted by United Nations , and agencies - - -

(This is Point III in United States Resolution I).

Resolution III.

The Co-ordination Committee

* The Council approves:

1. Three meetings a year including one prior to mid-year session of Council - - - -

2. Joint meetings with ACABO if agreeable - - - -

3. Integration of Standing Consultative Committees - - - -

The Council requests:

1. Comment on Council's resolution on nature of agency reports - -

2. Suggestions concerning co-ordination problems - - - -

3. A report to the Council on each of its Sessions.

4. Secretary-General should submit relevant extracts of Reports to Commissions for information.

(This follows substantially United States Resolution III).

B. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEVENTH SESSION OF COUNCIL

Resolution IV.

The Council requests the Secretary-General to report to the Seventh Session on further steps necessary for co-ordination *; headquarters

/plans and

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plans and facilities; liaison arrangements; representation; intergovernmental organizations having responsibilities in allied fields - - - -

(This represents Point I in United States Resolution I)

* The Council establishes an ad hoc Committee to report to Seventh Session on relations between commissions - - - -

C. SPECIAL RESOLUTION ON PRIORITIES

Resolution V.

* The Council requests specialized agencies to establish priorities in their work based on their urgency and importance - - -

The Council requests each of its Commissions similarly to establish priorities and to indicate the priorities in their reports to the Council - - - -

(This is substantially similar to Point II in United States Resolution I).

SUGGESTED REDRAFT BY AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION OF

UNITED STATES RESOLUTION I

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

<u>Requests</u> the Secretary-General to prepare for the Seventh Session of the Council a report on the following matters supplementary to the reports called for in Resolution ().

1. The facilities which will be available for specialized agencies at the seat and the regional offices of the United Nations; and existing or contemplated liaison arrangements among the United Nations and specialized agencies.

2. Inter-governmental organizations having responsibilities in the same fields as the United Nations and the specialized agencies.
