

2107 (LXIII). Institutional arrangements relating to nutrition

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the supplementary statement by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on institutional arrangements relating to nutrition,¹¹¹

Recognizing that policy decisions in the field of nutrition are a prerogative of Governments,

Considering that co-ordinated action in the field of nutrition in the United Nations system is of vital importance,

Believing that co-ordinated action by the secretariats of the system would contribute to this,

Recognizing that independent expertise could also be valuable,

Requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination:

(a) To implement the proposals contained in its supplementary statement in the light of the discussion of this issue at the sixty-third session of the Economic and Social Council and the clarifications made by the Under-Secretary-General for Inter-Agency Affairs and Co-ordination during the debate, bearing in mind that the new arrangements have no additional financial implications and that the World Food Council and other organizations concerned should take an active part in these arrangements;

(b) To ensure that important substantive studies and recommendations in the field of nutrition are made available to Member States and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-seventh session on the progress achieved in this field under the new arrangements.

*2084th plenary meeting
3 August 1977*

2108 (LXIII). International Year for Science and Technology for Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of resolution 2.112 concerning an "International Year for Science and Technology" adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its nineteenth session,¹¹²

Recalling Council resolution 1800 (LV) of 7 August 1973, in which it requested intergovernmental organizations within the United Nations system to proclaim international years only on the most important occasions and invited them to notify the Council of proposals to this end before a final decision is taken, it being understood that they should be before the Council at least two years prior thereto,

¹¹¹ E/5968.

¹¹² United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Nineteenth Session*, vol. I, *Resolutions*, p. 36.

Recognizing the vital role of science and technology in the development of developing countries,

Having considered the stage reached in the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, to be held in 1979 pursuant to General Assembly resolution 31/184 of 21 December 1976,

Invites the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to take fully into account the objectives of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, in order to make recommendations for consideration by the Economic and Social Council and by the General Assembly at its thirty-third session concerning the designation of an "International Year for Science and Technology for Development" geared to the special interests of developing countries in the field of science and technology.

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2109 (LXIII). Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held at Manila from 23 May to 3 June 1977,¹¹³

Recalling General Assembly resolution 31/167 of 21 December 1976, which, *inter alia*, recognizes that the provision of basic services for children constitutes an important aspect in the development process, and expresses the conviction that the basic services concept and strategy provide guidelines for future action by the United Nations Children's Fund which are equally appropriate for adoption by other agencies and authorities concerned with the promotion of programmes for human development in developing countries,

Noting with appreciation that the basic services approach has become a unifying theme for the Fund's work, without more traditional assistance programmes being neglected, and that the Executive Board is giving close attention to the action required in the implementation of that approach through its consideration of such subjects as community involvement in primary health care,

Noting with approval the other actions of the Executive Board as recorded in its report, especially its careful review of the programmes assisted by the Fund and its assessment of steps taken to improve continually the management of the Fund, including appropriate co-ordination with other organizations of the United Nations system concerned,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that the basic services concept and approach is being increasingly applied to varying degrees in a number of developing countries and urges those that have not already done so to incorporate,

¹¹³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/6014)*.