

the review⁶⁸ of the 1955 programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies submitted by the Secretary-General,

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

2. *Expresses satisfaction* with the progress made in the past year towards more effective co-ordination of the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

3. *Urges* continued efforts in this direction with special emphasis on the concentration of efforts in the light of the United Nations priority programmes established by the Council.

*829th plenary meeting,
5 August 1954.*

554 (XVIII). Application from the Romanian People's Republic for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the application⁶⁹ regarding the admission of the Romanian People's Republic to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, transmitted by that organization to the Council in accordance with article II of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Decides to inform the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization that it has no objection to the admission of the Romanian People's Republic to the organization.

*805th plenary meeting,
12 July 1954.*

555 (XVIII). World calendar reform

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the proposal for a reform of the calendar by international agreement contained in document E/2514,

Feeling that to enable further consideration of the proposal it is necessary to obtain the views of governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations on the desirability of calendar reform,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit document E/2514 and any other relevant documents to the governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations, with the request that they study the problem and furnish their views by some time early in 1955;

2. *Decides* to consider the matter again at its resumed nineteenth session, together with the replies received from governments.

*819th plenary meeting,
28 July 1954.*

⁶⁸ See document E/2629.

⁶⁹ See document E/2614.

556 (XVIII). United Nations regional cartographic conference for Asia and the Far East

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 476 A (XV) on the subject of holding regional cartographic conferences,

Taking note of the report⁷⁰ by the Secretary-General on the holding of a regional cartographic conference for Asia and the Far East,

Noting with appreciation the invitation of India to hold the first regional conference for Asia and the Far East in India,

Considering the satisfactory response of the governments concerned to the proposal to hold the conference in India,

1. *Decides* to hold a regional cartographic conference for Asia and the Far East at Dehra Dun (India) in February or early March 1955;

2. *Approves* tentatively the list of items for inclusion in the provisional agenda of the conference as given in Annex I of the Secretary-General's report;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps for the issue of invitations to the governments concerned, and to complete the other arrangements for the holding of the conference after consultation with the competent specialized agencies.

*818th plenary meeting,
27 July 1954.*

557 (XVIII). Organization and operation of the Council and its commissions

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WORK OF THE SECRETARIAT IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the Secretary-General's report⁷¹ on his review of the organization and work of the Secretariat in the economic and social fields and his memorandum⁷² on the control and limitation of documentation,

Recognizing the necessity for the control and limitation of documents, as well as for making a reasonable reduction in the volume of individual documents,

1. *Welcomes* the attention which the Secretary-General is giving to the above matters;

2. *Endorses* the approach adopted by the Secretary-General in the above documents to the problem of the concentration of the efforts and resources of the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

3. *Expresses* its general approval of the suggestions relating to the priorities and programme set forth in

⁷⁰ See documents E/2622 and Add.1 and 2.

⁷¹ See document E/2598.

⁷² See document E/2542.