

" 16. The Committee considers that the proposals made by the Secretary-General with respect to the summer session should also be made applicable, where possible, to the work of the spring session of the Council.

#### B

" 17. The Committee gave consideration to those sections of the reports of the specialized agencies which were included in response to paragraph 8 of Council resolution 630 A I (XXII) of 9 August 1956 concerning the co-ordination and concentration of their activities.

" 18. While noting with satisfaction the efforts being made by the specialized agencies to improve the co-ordination of their programmes both within each agency and in relation to programmes of other agencies, the Committee will welcome more comprehensive information on the subject of concentration of activities undertaken by the specialized agencies to be included in their reports to the twenty-sixth session of the Council.

" 19. In the light of the discussion in the Committee, the Committee recommends that the Council should approve the following resolution :— [see resolution 664 A (XXIV).]"

### **665 (XXIV). Development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole**

#### A

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the twentieth<sup>98</sup> and twenty-first<sup>99</sup> reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and, in particular, paragraphs 27 to 31 of the twentieth report dealing with conditions of effective concerted action, and the corresponding sections of reports of specialized agencies,<sup>100</sup>

1. *Reaffirms* its reliance on the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, under the leadership of the Secretary-General, to continue to develop and improve arrangements for the fullest consultations between the secretariats in all stages of planning and execution of programmes of common interest;

2. *Recognizes* the need for establishing, on a regular basis, consultations of the governing bodies of competent organizations in all cases of major programmes calling for the participation of several organizations within the framework of a plan of concerted action;

3. *Invites* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in the light of the opinions expressed in the Council and of the positions taken by the govern-

<sup>98</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 4, document E/2931.*

<sup>99</sup> *Ibid.*, document E/2993.

<sup>100</sup> See United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Report to the United Nations 1956-1957* (E/2974 and Add.1). International Labour Organisation, *Activities of the I.L.O. 1956-1957: Report of the Director-General (Part II) to the Fortieth Session of the International Labour Conference: Eleventh Report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations, Geneva, 1957*: (E/2975). World Health Organization, *Annual Report of the Director-General to the World Health Assembly and the United Nations: Supplementary Report to the Economic and Social Council, June 1957* (E/2980/Add.1).

ing bodies of the specialized agencies, to formulate for the consideration of the Council at its twenty-sixth session :

(a) A preliminary list of specific fields of activity requiring concerted action among several organizations;

(b) Suggested procedures for the elaboration and execution of plans of concerted action in such fields, including steps to be taken by the governing bodies of the specialized agencies;

(c) Proposals concerning measures which might be taken to assist the Council in the exercise of its role of co-ordination as regards such plans.

*995th plenary meeting,  
1 August 1957.*

#### B

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the report by the Secretary-General on the detailing of certain Headquarters social affairs personnel to regional offices,<sup>101</sup> prepared in accordance with its resolution 630 B (XXII) of 9 August 1956 to enable the Council to transmit its views on this experiment to the General Assembly,

*Taking note* of the statement in paragraph 6 of the report that the Secretary-General believes that this extension of the social action of the United Nations Secretariat to the regions has proved itself, and that he has therefore included provision for the units, at their present level, in his budget estimates for 1958,

*Decides* to convey to the General Assembly its approval of the above-mentioned action taken by the Secretary-General in this matter.

*995th plenary meeting,  
1 August 1957.*

#### C

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* General Assembly resolution 1094 (XI) of 27 February 1957,

*Having considered*, as requested in that resolution, paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Thirty-seventh Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>102</sup>

*Recalling* the successive steps taken by it year by year since 1950 to ensure the concentration of efforts and resources of the United Nations and the specialized agencies with respect to their programmes in the economic, social and human rights fields, and to bring about a maximum return from international outlays for such programmes,

<sup>101</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 4, document E/3013.*

<sup>102</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 49, document A/3489.*

1. *Calls the attention* of the General Assembly to the Council's continued interest in co-ordination, concentration and the orderly development of programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the economic, social and human rights fields, and to its intensified efforts to achieve these ends;

2. *Expresses* its belief that a general survey of the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the economic, social and human rights fields, and a forecast of the scope and trend of programmes and expenditures during the next five years, would contribute to the increased effectiveness of the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in these fields, separately and as a whole, and be of assistance to Governments in formulating policies towards these organizations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of the principles set forth in the annex to its resolution 664 (XXIV) of 1 August 1957, to make an appraisal of the scope, trend and cost of the regular United Nations programmes in these fields for the period 1959-1964 for consideration by the Council at its twenty-eighth session;

4. *Invites* the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, and the World Meteorological Organization, to consider the most appropriate and practical methods of preparing similar appraisals of their own programmes for the same period, equally based on the principles contained in the annex;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General and *invites* the executive heads of the specialized agencies concerned to consult together, as soon as possible, with a view to the preparation by the various organizations concerned of the appraisals referred to above in comparable form;

6. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to present to the Council at its twenty-sixth session a special report regarding the preparation of these appraisals, with particular reference to any major problems that may have been encountered;

7. *Decides* to consider at its twenty-sixth session the arrangements necessary for preparing on the basis of the above-mentioned appraisals a consolidated report with conclusions, to be submitted together with the appraisals to the Council at its thirtieth session.

*995th plenary meeting,  
1 August 1957.*

## D

*The Economic and Social Council,*

### I

*Having considered* the reports of the Co-ordination Committee,<sup>103</sup>

*Approves* the reports and the recommendations contained therein, with the exception of the recommendation contained in sub-paragraph 3 (e) of the annex to resolution 664 (XXIV) of 1 August 1957 relating to the periodicity of meetings of the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women;

### II

*Recalling* its resolution 652 J (XXIV) of 24 July 1957 concerning the periodicity of the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women,

1. *Invites* the Commission on Human Rights to express its views on the recommendation of the Co-ordination Committee that the Council establish the principle that the Commission on Human Rights should in future meet biennially;

2. *Decides* not to modify for the present the periodicity of the sessions of the Commission on Human Rights.

*996th plenary meeting,  
2 August 1957.*

## 666 (XXIV). Financial implications of actions of the Council

*The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Takes note* of the statement on financial implications of actions of the Council,<sup>104</sup>

2. *Transmits* the estimates contained therein, together with the report of the Co-ordination Committee<sup>105</sup> and the summary records containing the views expressed in the debate on this question<sup>106</sup> to the General Assembly for consideration at its twelfth session.

*995th plenary meeting,  
1 August 1957.*

<sup>103</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 4, documents E/3034 and Add.1, and E/3039.

<sup>104</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 16, documents E/3044 and Corr. 1.

<sup>105</sup> *Ibid.*, documents E/3045 and Corr.1.

<sup>106</sup> E/AC.24/SR.166 and *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth session, 995th meeting.*