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 Coordination 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.

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Having considered the reports of the Co-ordination Committee, 103

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;

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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.

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- 1. Takes note of the statement on financial implications of actions of the Council, 104
- 2. Transmits the estimates contained therein, together with the report of the Co-ordination Committee ¹⁰⁵ and the summary records containing the views expressed in the debate on this question ¹⁰⁶ to the General Assemby for consideration at its twelfth session.

995th plenary meeting, 1 August 1957.

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

¹⁰⁴ Ibid., agenda item 16, documents E/3044 and Corr. 1.

¹⁰⁵ Ibid., documents E/3045 and Corr.1.

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