

the Council considers that the general report on the activities of this organization in the field of education of women could with advantage be on a biennial basis in future, while reports on specific aspects of the problem of access of women to education should, for the time being, continue to be submitted annually.<sup>59</sup>

10. With respect to progress reports on equal pay for equal work prepared by the International Labour Office, the Council notes with satisfaction that the next report would not be prepared for the thirteenth, but for the fourteenth, session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 1960.<sup>60</sup> The Council endorses the hope expressed by the Secretary-General that the Commission would at a future session again consider whether an annual report on equal pay for equal work is indispensable.<sup>61</sup>

#### *Advisory services on human rights*

11. The Council expresses satisfaction with the development of the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights<sup>62</sup> and with the fact that an increasing number of countries are offering to act as host for seminars under this programme. This shows that what might be termed the "educational and operational" aspects of the human rights programme are receiving increasing recognition. Particular importance is attached by the Council to seminars of a regional character.

#### *V. Economic matters*

12. The Council stresses the importance of the work to be undertaken by the Secretariat in the fields of industrialization and water resources. Regarding the former, it is of the opinion that the work should be directed so as to stimulate practical action, in close co-operation with the specialized agencies concerned, and that the composition of the committee of experts contemplated in paragraph 12 of Council resolution 674 A (XXV) of 1 May 1958, should reflect the variety of situations obtaining in different regions. Regarding extension and acceleration of work on water resources development, it emphasizes the significance of this work and trusts that the centre to be established in the Secretariat, under paragraph 3 of section IV of Council resolution 675 (XXV) of 2 May 1958, will be enabled to play a substantial role in the field of water resources development, including regional water development and utilization and underground water development.

13. The Council approves the gradual implementation proposed by the Secretary-General of Council resolution 614 C (XXII) of 9 August 1956 and re-emphasizes the importance of resources and requirements surveys, particularly in connexion with the forthcoming establishment of the Special Fund.

14. It notes the efforts made by the Commission on International Commodity Trade towards formulating a work programme and trusts that the special arrangements made by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination<sup>63</sup> will further contribute to the concentration of efforts in this field.

15. It also notes the possible implications of the coming into being of the Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization and looks forward to the report to be submitted by the Transport and Communications Commission under paragraph 6 of Council resolution 693 B (XXVI).

#### *VI. Regional economic activities*

16. The Council notes with satisfaction the extent to which the principles of concentration and co-ordination have been applied in the review of programmes by the regional economic commissions

and their secretariats and the progress that has been made in this connexion.

17. The Council endorses the suggestion outlined in paragraph 7 of section I of its resolution 590 A (XX) of 5 August 1955 that the Secretary-General and the Council's subsidiary bodies bear in mind that certain activities might better be undertaken by such bodies as universities, national, private or public institutions, or non-governmental organizations, in order to permit the Secretariat to make the most effective use of its own resources. The Council commends the expressed intentions of the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East to utilize this procedure and expresses the hope that the other regional economic commissions will give consideration to the use of this procedure, wherever practicable.

18. The Council recalls that, at its twenty-fourth session, it approved a recommendation of the Co-ordination Committee,<sup>64</sup> requesting the Secretary-General to study and report on particular questions with respect to the work of the regional economic commissions. The Council notes that no date for the reports was specified, but that a report on one of these questions will be made available for consideration by the Council, at its twenty-eighth session.

#### *VII. Work programme and resources*

19. The Council appreciates the efforts that have been made by the Secretary-General to reduce the length and number of the documents coming before it and its subsidiary bodies. It decides to consider, at its twenty-eighth session, in the light of the five-year appraisal of programmes,<sup>65</sup> whether the Secretary-General's consolidated statement of work programmes might be dispensed with or alternatively be produced not annually but at two-yearly or three-yearly intervals.

20. The Council, recalling rule 34, on estimates of expenditure, of its own rules of procedure, expresses its approval of the procedure that is now being followed for its implementation. It expresses the hope that rule 28, on estimates of expenditures of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions will be fully implemented. It notes that the regional economic commissions of the Council do not have such rules. In order to ensure that members of the regional economic commissions have the benefit of similar pertinent information when taking decisions on new work programmes or projects, the Council requests the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions to submit to the commissions the financial implications of programmes or projects before their approval by the commissions and particularly to assure that any new projects or programmes submitted to the commissions for action are accompanied by a statement of financial implications, if any.

### **694 (XXVI). 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**

#### **ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION**

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

*Having considered* the twenty-second report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to the

<sup>59</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/3134, para. 36.

<sup>60</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 40 to 43.

<sup>61</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 50.

<sup>62</sup> Council resolution 664 (XXIV), annex, paras. 13 and 14.

<sup>63</sup> Council resolution 665 C (XXIV).

Economic and Social Council<sup>64</sup> and the annual reports of the specialized agencies,<sup>65</sup>

1. *Notes* these reports with appreciation;
2. *Commends* the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies for their efforts to achieve practical co-operation at all levels;
3. *Recognizes* the important role of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in fostering the extension of this co-operation as an essential feature of good co-ordination;
4. *Believes, nevertheless*, that further improvements in this regard are possible and desirable;
5. *Notes with satisfaction, therefore*, that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination has decided to review its machinery and procedures, in order to increase in every way possible the effectiveness of the contribution it can make to the work of the Council and the governing organs of the specialized agencies;<sup>66</sup>
6. *Expresses the hope* that a progress report on the results of this review will be made available to the Council at its twenty-eighth session.

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## B

### CO-ORDINATION ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL

*The Economic and Social Council,*

## I

*Recalling* the concern expressed by the General Assembly in resolution 125 (II) of 20 November 1947 and by the

<sup>64</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, documents E/3108 and Add.1.

<sup>65</sup> International Labour Organisation: *The ILO in a Changing World, Report of the Director-General (Part I) to the Forty-Second Session of the International Labour Conference, 1958: Twelfth Report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations, Geneva (E/3104 and Add.1)*; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations: *Report of FAO to the Economic and Social Council at its Twenty-sixth Session (E/3105), List of Meetings, Training Centres and Seminars held by FAO between August 1957 and April 1958 (E/3105/Add.1), Report of the Ninth Session of the Conference of FAO (E/3105/Add.2), The Work of FAO 1956/57 (E/3105/Add.3), The Programme of Work 1958/59 (E/3105/Add.4), The State of Food and Agriculture (E/3105/Add.5)*; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization: *Report to the United Nations for 1957-1958 (E/3101, Corr.1 and Corr.2)*; World Health Organization: *The Work of WHO, 1957, Annual Report of the Director-General to the World Health Assembly and to the United Nations (E/3106 and Add.2), Report of the World Health Organization, Supplementary Report (E/3106/Add.1)*; International Civil Aviation Organization: *Annual Report of the Council to the Assembly for 1957, Montreal (E/3099 and Corr.1), Council's Budget Estimates, 1959, and Information Annex (E/3099/Add.1), Supplementary Report of the Council to the Assembly on the Activities of the Organization, January-May 1958 (E/3099/Add.2)*; Universal Postal Union: *Report on the Work of the Union 1957, Berne (E/3072 and Corr.1)*; International Telecommunication Union: *Annual Report by the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union 1957, Geneva (E/3122)*; World Meteorological Organization: *Annual Report of the World Meteorological Organization 1957, Geneva (E/3090)*.

<sup>66</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/3108, annex 1, para. 5.

Council in resolutions 590 A II (XX) of 5 August 1955 and in its resolution 630 A II (XXII) of 9 August 1956, and being aware of the continuing need for co-ordination on the national level and the increasing importance, for Member Governments, to take measures to ensure it,

1. *Draws the attention* of Member Governments to the report of the Secretary-General, entitled "Co-ordination on the National Level",<sup>67</sup> in the hope that it may assist them in the development of co-ordination on the national level with respect to various activities of the United Nations, its subsidiary bodies and the specialized agencies;

2. *Further calls the attention* of Member Governments to the possibilities afforded them under the programmes of the United Nations and certain specialized agencies, such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, of employing various measures (expert services, fellowships, training courses, seminars and so forth) designed to improve national services concerned with the international organizations;

## II

*Noting* that the report of the Secretary-General draws special attention to the difficulties met by Governments by the frequently late distribution of the documents of the various organizations, thus making it difficult not only to prepare for the various inter-governmental meetings in a co-ordinated manner, but also to achieve a co-ordinated policy during the meetings themselves,<sup>68</sup>

1. *Emphasizes* the need for early distribution to Member Governments of adequate documentation, particularly documents which bear upon proposed work programmes and projects;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available, in accordance with existing rules of procedure (rule 14, paragraph 4, of the rules of procedure of the Council and rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions) all such documentation not later than six weeks prior to any session of the Council or any of its subsidiary bodies;

3. *Requests* the regional economic commissions, as necessary, to amend their rules of procedure to apply the same time limit to the distribution of their documents;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore the reasons for the frequent late distribution of documents and to submit to the General Assembly, at its thirteenth session, any proposals required to implement the rules of procedure referred to above;

5. *Recommends* to the General Assembly in its review of the problem of documentation, at its thirteenth session, to take the necessary remedial actions.

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<sup>67</sup> *Ibid.*, document E/3107.

<sup>68</sup> *Ibid.*, document E/3107, para. 26.

## C

### PLANS OF CONCERNED ACTION

*The Economic and Social Council,*

#### I

*Recalling* its resolution 665 A (XXIV) of 1 August 1957, which underlined the importance of developing and executing programmes calling for the participation of several organizations within the framework of plans of concerted action,

*Having considered* the twenty-second report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to the Economic and Social Council,<sup>64</sup> and in particular its annex I, concerning possibilities of such action,

*Noting* that up to the present it has been feasible to inaugurate a plan of concerted action only in the field of community development,

*Having in mind* that the objectives of a long-term programme of community development, as set forth in the Secretary-General's report on the subject,<sup>65</sup> have received general approval and should be complemented by an evaluation of the different activities envisaged,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the first results which have begun to appear in this field of concerted action;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the specialized agencies concerned, to submit to the Social Commission, for consideration at its twelfth session, a report on the progress and prospects of the plan of concerted action in the field of community development referred to above, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Council resolution 663 D (XXIV) of 31 July 1957;

3. *Requests* the Social Commission to transmit to the Council at its twenty-eighth session the above-mentioned report together with any comments or recommendations it may have;

#### II

*Noting* that annex I to the twenty-second report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to the Economic and Social Council<sup>64</sup> indicates possibilities for concerted action in a number of other fields, including, in particular, industrialization and productivity, urbanization, water control and utilization, the Mediterranean Development Project, housing, building and planning, and living and working conditions of indigenous peoples,

*Recognizing* that no uniform method for the initiation of plans of concerted action would be realistic,

1. *Endorses* that report in so far as it contemplates action in certain of these fields;

2. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to report to the Council at its twenty-eighth session on such of the above-mentioned fields as it believes ready for further steps towards concerted action; each report to include, so far as practicable, factual background information on the subject, together with recom-

mendations as to the practical methods of initiating concerted action in the field of activity concerned;

3. *Decides* to study these reports with a view to selecting one or more fields of activity which would be recommended to the organizations concerned for concerted action;

#### III

*Further requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to give consideration to, and report to the Council, preferably at its twenty-eighth session, on other fields of activity which might be suitable for similar treatment, including those which it has not so far judged to be ripe for concerted action, and new subjects, in particular, the effects of radiation resulting from the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

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#### D

### PROGRAMME APPRAISALS FOR THE PERIOD 1959 TO 1964

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* the growth in scope and in depth of the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the economic, social, human rights and related fields,

*Believing* that the effectiveness of this work, in promoting higher levels of living and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, can be further increased by a careful survey of the economic, social, human rights and related programmes of the United Nations, 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, by an estimate of their likely development over the next five years in response to known and developing needs of the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, and by a review of the inter-relationships of these programmes,

1. *Recalls* its resolution 665 C (XXIV) of 1 August 1957;

2. *Notes* the twenty-second report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to the Economic and Social Council<sup>66</sup> and in particular its annex II concerning programme appraisals for the period 1959 to 1964;

3. *Notes further* the various comments submitted by the specialized agencies on the subject;<sup>70</sup>

4. *Recognizes* that the programmes and budgets of the specialized agencies will continue to be determined in accordance with the respective constitutional provisions of those agencies, which retain full flexibility in determining their programmes;

5. *Desires* to clarify and amplify its resolution 665 C (XXIV) in the light of the comments made;

<sup>64</sup> E/CN.5/325.

<sup>70</sup> E/3089, E/3090, E/3101, E/3106/Add.1, E/3129 and E/3141.

6. *Affirms* that the appraisals to be prepared of the scope, trend and cost of the programmes of the United Nations and the above-mentioned specialized agencies for the period 1959 to 1964 should :

(a) Emphasize the overall development, general direction and trend of the programmes, rather than attempt to define individual programmes and projects;

(b) Include, as far as they can be predicted, in addition to the regular programmes, programmes undertaken by the various organizations concerned within the framework of the Expanded Technical Assistance Programme and the new Special Fund;

(c) Estimate the magnitude of likely changes in the budgetary requirements by applying the cost factors known from experience to new and developing parts of the programmes;

7. *Recalls* the request made by the Council, at its twenty-fourth session,<sup>71</sup> that the Secretary-General make an appraisal of the scope, trend and cost of United Nations programmes for the period 1959 to 1964 for submission to the Council at its twenty-eighth session;

8. *Invites* the specialized agencies concerned to prepare by 1 December 1959, along the lines indicated above and in the light of the principles set forth in the annex to Council resolution 664 (XXIV) of 1 August 1957, appraisals of the scope, trend and cost of their programmes for the same period;

9. *Decides* to establish a committee composed of five individuals, fully conversant with the programmes and activities of the United Nations in the economic, social, human rights and related fields and of the specialized agencies concerned, as well as the process of co-ordination developed among those organizations;

10. *Decides further* that the above-mentioned committee shall have the following functions :

(a) To collate the separate appraisals and on the basis of these appraisals to prepare a consolidated report showing the extent to which the programmes covered respond to basic needs, and also the inter-relation of the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies designed to meet these needs;

(b) To transmit this report, together with the separate appraisals, through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for any comments it may have, to the Council for consideration at its thirtieth session;

11. *Invites* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to lend its full co-operation to the above-mentioned Committee;

12. *Requests* the Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to make, in consultation with the above-mentioned committee, appropriate arrangements for servicing that committee and for assisting the participating organizations to ensure the largest measure of comparability in their appraisals.

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*At its 1044th plenary meeting, 31 July 1958, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Committee established under the above resolution would consist of the following representatives : Mr. George F. Davidson (Canada), Mr. Daniel Cosío Villegas (Mexico), Mr. Mohammad Mir Khan (Pakistan), Mr. Walter Kotschnig (United States of America) and Mr. Sergije Makiedo (Yugoslavia).*

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## E

### CO-ORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF ATOMIC ENERGY

*The Economic and Social Council,*

## I

*Having noted* section IV of the twenty-second report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to the Economic and Social Council<sup>64</sup> entitled "Co-ordination of Activities in the Field of Atomic Energy",

*Noting with satisfaction* that the International Atomic Energy Agency has come into existence and, under article XI of the Agreement governing the relationship between the United Nations and the Agency,<sup>72</sup> has recognized the desirability of achieving effective co-ordination of the activities of the Agency with those of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and of avoiding the overlapping and duplication of activities,

*Noting further* that the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, under their relationship agreements with the United Nations, have agreed to co-operate in measures recommended by the United Nations for achieving effective co-ordination,

*Welcoming* the fact that the International Atomic Energy Agency is now a full participant in the work of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,

1. *Recalls* that, under Articles 58, 60 and 63 of the United Nations Charter, the Council has responsibilities for the co-ordination of activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the economic and social fields;

2. *Expresses the hope* that, in order to assist the Council in the discharge of its functions in the field of co-ordination, the International Atomic Energy Agency, in accordance with paragraph 1 (c) of article III of the Agreement governing the relationship between the United Nations and the Agency will find it appropriate to submit annually for the use of the Council, at its second session each year, a report on matters within the competence of the Council;

3. *Invites* the International Atomic Energy Agency to consider and to recommend to the Council projects which might usefully be undertaken by the Council, its regional economic commissions, or other subsidiary bodies of the Council, in order to assist the Agency in carrying out its programmes in various regions of the world taking into account the differing degrees of deve-

<sup>71</sup> Council resolution 665 C (XXIV), para. 3.

<sup>72</sup> General Assembly resolution 1145 (XII), annex.

lopment and the varying requirements of the regions concerned;

## II

*Noting with satisfaction* that, under article XV of the Agreement governing the relationship between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Agency has recognized the desirability of co-operation concerning the provision of technical assistance in the field of atomic energy and has agreed to take such action as may be necessary to achieve effective co-ordination of technical assistance activities within the framework of existing co-ordination machinery in the field of technical assistance,

*Expresses the hope, therefore,* that the second General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency will approve the recommendation by the Agency's Board of Governors that the Agency participate in the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;

## III

*Noting* that negotiations are taking place between the International Atomic Energy Agency and several of the specialized agencies with a view to the conclusion of relationship agreements,

1. *Invites* the specialized agencies concerned to bear in mind that the International Atomic Energy Agency, which is established for the specific purpose of dealing with the peaceful uses of atomic energy, has the leading position in this field;

2. *Invites* the International Atomic Energy Agency to bear in mind that the specialized agencies concerned have certain responsibilities in relation to the peaceful uses of atomic energy in their respective fields of competence;

3. *Expresses the hope* that these agreements will be concluded in the near future;

4. *Calls the attention,* however, of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to the fact that effective co-ordination requires, in addition to formal bilateral arrangements under these relationship agreements, the development of effective day-to-day working relationships within the framework of general multilateral arrangements for co-ordination in this field;

## IV

*Recalling* the concern expressed by the General Assembly and by the Council regarding the continuing need for co-ordination on the national level and the increasing importance for Member Governments to take measures to ensure it,

*Urges* all Member Governments concerned to make special efforts, in view of the complexity of this new enterprise, to ensure national co-ordination of policies with regard to the international promotion of the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

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## F

### CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE

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

*Taking note* of the communication addressed to it by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office,<sup>73</sup>

1. *Notes* that the Governing Body of the International Labour Office would welcome an opportunity of direct contact between representatives of the Council and representatives of the Governing Body, and has appointed a delegation with a view to achieving full and common understanding on questions raised in Council resolutions affecting the relations between the Council and the International Labour Office and in the above-mentioned statement of the Governing Body;

2. *Decides* to appoint a Committee of the Council, composed of the President of the Council and representatives of France, Mexico, Netherlands, Sudan, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Yugoslavia, to meet with the above-mentioned delegation of the International Labour Office;

3. *Suggests* that the joint meeting be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York during the month of October 1958;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations in consultation with the President of the Economic and Social Council, and the Director-General of the International Labour Office in consultation with the Chairman of the Governing Body to make definitive arrangements and to inform the participating members.

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## ANNEX

### EXCERPT FROM THE REPORT OF THE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE<sup>74</sup>

9. In connexion with its consideration of the twenty-second report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to the Economic and Social Council<sup>75</sup> and the annual reports of the specialized agencies, the Committee expressed satisfaction at the growing degree of inter-agency co-operation at all levels. Interest was also evinced in the review which the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination would be making of its machinery and procedures, in order to increase in every way possible the effectiveness of the contribution it could make to the work of the Council and the governing organs of the specialized agencies.

10. The Committee shared the hope expressed by several representatives that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination would consider the suggestion made by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization<sup>76</sup> of the United Nations in plenary meeting of the Council, regarding a free-the-world-from-hunger year.

11. Special mention was also made of the weaknesses in the so-called "common system" of salaries, allowances and other benefits

<sup>73</sup> E/3089.

<sup>74</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document E/3170.*

<sup>75</sup> *Ibid., Twenty-sixth Session, 1030th meeting.*

of service among the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization and the World Meteorological Organization, resulting in part from a lack of suitable co-ordinated arrangements for implementing that system. It was noted with concern that in the implementation of the recommendations as to the common base date for cost of living calculations, differences had arisen in practice. The Committee noted that the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organization intended to raise this question in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination. It recalled the assurances given last year that the related question of the need for a sound system for duty-station adjustments was to be discussed further in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and noted that arrangements have been made by that Committee for the appointment of outside experts to make recommendations on the administration of such a system.

12. Another matter of particular interest to the Committee in the context of the review of procedures and machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination was that of public information. The importance of improving publicity for international economic and social work and of co-ordinating more closely the activities of the various public information services was stressed. It was hoped that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination would consider this subject, taking account of the report of the expert committee on the public information activities of the United Nations to be presented to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session.<sup>76</sup>

13. In connexion with possibilities of concerted action, the Committee expressed the view that the Social Commission should consider, at its forthcoming twelfth session, preliminary steps which might be taken for the eventual establishment of programmes of concerted action in the fields of urbanization, housing, building and planning.

14. In connexion with programme appraisals for the period 1959 to 1964, the Committee wished to make the following observations:

(a) The appraisals are regarded as a step in the dynamic process of developing progressively the effectiveness of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as instruments for assisting the countries of the world to develop economically and socially at a greatly accelerated rate.

(b) The appraisals are a further step in the development of co-ordination through which the respective programmes of the United Nations organizations have gained, over the years, in purpose, depth and strength. Such co-ordination has been achieved not by way of centralization, not by directives or orders, but by consultation and persuasion and by free co-operation in the efforts designed to improve the lot of men.

(c) The appraisals are not to be understood as implying that the programmes and budgets of the United Nations or the specialized agencies should, or could, be determined outside the constitutional framework of each organization. They imply no attempt to interfere with the autonomy of the organizations within the United Nations family.

(d) The appraisals do not require firm policy formulation looking ahead for the five-year period, or any rigid commitment in regard to specific programmes. The appraisals should in no way interfere with the flexibility which the organizations must have in determining their programmes from year to year.

(e) It is recognized that the cost of programmes for the coming five years cannot be precisely determined. What is desired is rough estimates, reached by applying the cost factors known from experience to the new and continuing parts of the programmes. Such estimates cannot, of course, cover programmes which cannot reasonably be foreseen at the time the appraisal is made.

<sup>76</sup> See General Assembly resolution 1177 (XII).

(f) It is hoped that the consolidated report, drawn up on the basis of the individual appraisals undertaken by the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned, will, for the first time, give the Governments and the peoples of the world a clear idea of what is being achieved and attempted through international action. It should bring into focus the inter-relationship between the work of the different organizations and thereby facilitate ever closer co-operation and, wherever feasible, concerted action.

## 695 (XXVI). Survey of international relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* that international relations in the fields of education, science and culture are constantly increasing in scale,

*Considering* the great interest displayed in these relations both by States Members of the United Nations and by specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 1043 (XI) and 1164 (XII) of 21 February 1957 and 26 November 1957 and also Council resolution 663 I (XXIV) of 31 July 1957,

*Considering* that the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies to promote the exchange of information in the fields of education, science and culture are proving of value, and that the General Assembly has attached great importance to a further development and expansion of international relations in these fields,

1. *Notes* the sections of the annual reports of the specialized agencies submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 1164 (XII),<sup>77</sup> and particularly the work undertaken by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in this connexion;

2. *Urges* the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to transmit to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization information as to their views and activities concerning international co-operation in the fields of education, science and culture;

3. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to prepare, in co-operation with the United Nations and the interested specialized agencies, and to submit to the Council at an early session and, if possible, its twenty-eighth session, a survey of international relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture based on the communications received from Member Governments, including any recommendations for separate and joint action to promote further international co-operation in these fields.

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<sup>77</sup> World Meteorological Organization: *Annual Report of the World Meteorological Organization 1957*, Geneva (E/3090), paras. 1, 5, 18 and annex C; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization: *Report to the United Nations for 1957-1958* (E/3101), part III; World Health Organization: *Report of the World Health Organization, Supplementary Report* (E/3106/Add.1), Part V, section (a); International Telecommunication Union: *Annual Report by the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union 1957*, Geneva (E/3122), Chap. IV, section 6, and Chap. V, section entitled "International Co-operation in the Fields of Culture and Science".