

2. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to report to the Council at its thirty-second session on the progress achieved.

*1132nd plenary meeting,
3 August 1960.*

793 (XXX). Decentralization of activities and operations

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with appreciation section C of part III of the Consolidated Report⁶⁸ dealing with decentralization of activities and operations; and in particular, the shift of emphasis from work at Headquarters to activities in the field,

Considering that this change of emphasis should be appropriately reflected in programmes carried on by the United Nations and the specialized agencies,

Considering further that the regional economic commissions have an increasingly important role to play in assisting in the initiation, implementation and co-ordination of economic and social programmes and activities at the regional level, including appropriate technical assistance projects,

1. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the advantage of fully using the facilities and services of the regional economic commissions in relation to development programmes being undertaken by Governments, which are of common interest to countries in the respective regions;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General also to draw, as fully as possible, on the services of the regional economic commissions, especially in the planning and execution of programmes for advancing regional development in the economic and social fields;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to encourage and intensify co-operation of the regional economic commissions through their secretariats.

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3 August 1960.*

794 (XXX). Study of the effects of the increase in operations of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund

The Economic and Social Council,

Being of the opinion that the operations of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund will probably tend to develop in coming years,

Considering that an increase is therefore to be expected in the activities of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency in the fields concerning technical assistance and the Special Fund,

Convinced that the further responsibilities thus imposed on these organizations may entail alterations in the

⁶⁸ *Ibid.*

organization of services and the composition of programmes of work,

Convinced, moreover, of the importance of ensuring consistent development of their activities within the limits of the available resources,

1. *Invites* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to study the possible effects on the activities of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency of an increase in the operations of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund in coming years, bearing in mind the need to ensure the co-ordinated development of these activities;

2. *Invites* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to report on this subject to the Council at its thirty-second session.

*1132nd plenary meeting,
3 August 1960.*

795 (XXX). Co-ordination in the field

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Consolidated Report⁶⁹ calls attention to the necessity for close co-operation and co-ordination, at the country level, as well as on a global and regional basis, among the inter-governmental organizations providing assistance for development,

Recognizing that it is the responsibility of Governments to relate the assistance which they receive, both multilateral and from other sources, to their development needs and programmes,

Being convinced that, as regards the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and the related agencies as well as the projects financed by the Special Fund, resident representatives have an important role to play in this respect,

Believing that the advice and support which can be given by resident representatives may be of special value in countries which have recently achieved independence or are expecting to achieve it in the near future,

Noting that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, recognizing the growing importance of the work performed by the resident representatives, considers it necessary to maintain a high standard of representation,

Noting further that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination feels no changes are called for in the present terms of reference of the resident representatives or the present procedure for their appointment, but that some improvements in their emoluments and conditions of service should be introduced where necessary,

1. *Considers* that, with the consent of the Governments concerned, resident representatives should be made available to the newly independent countries as quickly as possible, as well as to other countries where appropriate;

⁶⁹ *Ibid.*