

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

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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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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

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.

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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;

⁶⁸ *Ibid.*

⁶⁹ *Ibid.*

2. *Expresses the hope* that Governments will make full use of the services of resident representatives accredited to them;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and invites the executive heads of the related agencies to continue to make full use of the resident representatives and to accord them adequate authority, in co-operation with the Governments to which they are accredited, in co-ordinating the development and execution of programmes of assistance, whether financed from voluntary funds or from the regular budgets of their organizations;

4. *Expresses the view* that the administrative support for the offices of the resident representatives should be strengthened, and that, whenever necessary, improvements in their emoluments and conditions of service should be considered;

5. *Invites* the Technical Assistance Board to take the necessary steps to achieve these objectives, and to submit a report thereon to the Technical Assistance Committee.

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796 (XXX). Review of public administration programmes

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the statements made during its thirtieth session concerning the need to improve the effectiveness of international action in the field of public administration activities,

Noting the increasing need for the creation of adequate administrative services in many countries,

Noting that the United Nations and its related agencies are assisting in the establishment of administrative services in their respective fields of activity,

Requests, therefore, the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and with such outside experts as may be appropriate, to review the various public administration programmes and to report to the Council at its thirty-second session on the scope and adequacy of those programmes and on measures designed to improve the effectiveness of international action in this field, including the desirability, at this stage, of developing a programme of concerted action.

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797 (XXX). Administrative and technical training

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the emphasis placed in the Consolidated Report⁷⁰ on recent developments in programmes for training at all levels, and on the need for more concerted efforts to assist the under-developed countries in the improvement of education and in the rapid formation of adequately trained cadres, particularly in the administrative and technical fields,

⁷⁰ *Ibid.*

Noting further that the United Nations and many of the related agencies are well aware of this need, and are already taking steps to place greater emphasis on programmes in this field,

Noting also the readiness of the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance to assist, through the agencies, in the establishment of training centres and institutions,

Recognizing the continuing value of scholarships and fellowships in this sphere,

Realizing the opportunities for the training of national cadres to assume as early as possible the responsibilities temporarily assigned to the internationally recruited staff, which are offered by the programme for the provision of operational, executive and administrative personnel,

Believing that it is the duty of the Council to encourage such objectives, and to be aware of the difficulties encountered in attaining them,

1. *Recommends* to the competent organs of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency that they should within their own spheres of competence give a high priority in their future work to these objectives;

2. *Invites* the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to provide the Council in their annual reports with information about the progress achieved and difficulties encountered;

3. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to keep developments in this sphere under review, and to advise the Council on those aspects of such developments which appear to require a joint approach, particularly as to the best use of the scarce resources in training experts;

4. *Expresses the hope* that States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies will be able to respond suitably and sympathetically to requests for assistance under any of the programmes of these organizations designed to strengthen, through the training of national cadres of specialists at all levels, the administrative and technical structure of the under-developed countries.

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798 (XXX). Establishment of an ad hoc working group

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the Council has found it increasingly difficult to do full justice to its co-ordination responsibilities because of the multiplicity of organizations, policies and programmes to be considered and their complicated inter-relationships,

Considering further that for the purposes of the annual general review its own work methods in the field of co-ordination should be improved,

1. *Decides* to create, for a period of one year, an *ad hoc* working group consisting of representatives of six States members of the Council, to be elected at its resumed thirtieth session on the basis of equitable geogra-