

phical distribution, who should be conversant with the programmes and activities of the United Nations in the economic, social, human rights and related fields and of the related agencies as well as with the practices and procedures of co-ordination among these organizations;

2. *Decides further* that this working group shall have the following functions :

(a) To study the reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, appropriate reports of United Nations organs, the annual reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency and other relevant documentation;

(b) To prepare for the Council at its thirty-second session a concise statement of the issues and problems in the field of co-ordination which arise from these documents and which call for special attention by the Council;

3. *Decides finally* that the working group should be convened, following the 1961 spring session of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, for not more than two weeks, it being understood that members of the Council not members of the working group may participate in its deliberations.

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799 (XXX). Work of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that Article 58 of the Charter of the United Nations provides that "The Organization shall make recommendations for the co-ordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies", and that Article 60 of the Charter vests the responsibility for the discharge of this function in the Council, under the authority of the General Assembly,

Noting the agreements between the United Nations and those specialized agencies which have recognized the responsibilities of the United Nations under Articles 58 and 63 to make recommendations for the co-ordination of the policies and activities of such agencies,

Recalling that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination was established at the request of the Council for the purpose of taking all appropriate steps to ensure the fullest and most effective implementation of the agreements entered into between the United Nations and the specialized agencies,

Recognizing the progress achieved by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in developing and improving arrangements for inter-agency consultations at all stages of planning and execution of programmes of common interest,

Noting with satisfaction the statements made by members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, during the thirtieth session of the Council, expressing their willingness that the Administrative Committee

on Co-ordination should intensify its efforts to assist the Council in the more effective discharge of its functions under Articles 58 and 63 of the Charter,

Requests the Secretary-General, and invites the executive heads of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, to take measures necessary to facilitate the discharge by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination of its increasing responsibilities.

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B

The Economic and Social Council,

I

Having considered the twenty-fourth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,⁷¹

Takes note of the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

II

Recognizing the important role of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in achieving effective co-operation and co-ordination among the United Nations organizations in fields of joint interest,

Considering that the Council, in the discharge of its obligations under Article 63 of the Charter, requires precise information on achievements, problems and difficulties encountered in the field of co-ordination,

Expresses the hope that future reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination will include specific suggestions for Council action, in appropriate cases, and will bring into the clearest possible focus the progress made and the difficulties encountered by the Committee in its work;

III

Recalling that the International Atomic Energy Agency was established for the specific purpose of dealing with the peaceful uses of atomic energy and has the leading position in this field,

Noting further that a number of the specialized agencies have certain responsibilities in relation to the peaceful uses of atomic energy, in their respective fields of competence, and are developing their programmes in this respect,

Considering that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination has reported that the results achieved through co-ordination on a bilateral and trilateral basis could usefully be supplemented by periodical review through the Committee,

Believing, with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, that multilateral review would also facilitate consideration of the adequacy and balance of the overall international effort with regard to the peaceful uses of atomic energy,

⁷¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirtieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document E/3368.*

Expresses the view that the periodical review through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should be undertaken on an annual basis, and the results should be included in the report of the Committee to the Council.

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800 (XXX). Consultation with specialized agencies

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the decision set forth in its report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session "to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the desirability of adopting a procedure similar to that outlined in rule 80 of the Council's rules of procedure".⁷²

Noting the interest attached to this matter by the specialized agencies,

Recommends the following draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly:

"The General Assembly,

"Noting that the Economic and Social Council and most of the specialized agencies have adopted rules of procedure providing for prior consultation before taking action on matters of concern to each other,

"Decides, in conformity with this practice, henceforth to ensure that prior consultations have taken place with the specialized agency or agencies concerned before adopting any project or proposal relating to matters of direct concern to such agency or agencies."

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801 (XXX). Concentration of activities of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Observations of the work programme of the Council in the economic and social and human rights fields",⁷³ and the relevant sections of the reports of the specialized agencies dealing with concentration of their programmes,

1. Approves the efforts of the Secretary-General and the commissions of the Council to bring about the most effective use of resources available through greater concentration of activities as outlined in the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Believes that this annual consideration of the work programme has proved beneficial both to the Secretary-General and to the Council;

⁷² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/4143), chap. VIII, para. 584.*

⁷³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirtieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document E/3386.*

3. Believes further that the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency might find a similar review beneficial;

4. Expresses the hope therefore that the above-mentioned agencies will arrange to undertake such a review on an annual basis;

5. Approves the Annex to the present resolution.

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ANNEX

Introduction

1. The Council reiterates its agreement with the Secretary-General's statement that "streamlining" is not designed primarily to bring about financial savings, but is a continuing process of detailed examination of the work programme with a view to bringing about the best use of the limited resources available, in the light of changing requirements.

2. The Council notes with satisfaction the progress which has been made in utilizing and concentrating the limited resources of the Secretariat to give added substantive support through "action research" to the operational programme and in improving operational procedures. The Council recognizes, however, that the limit may in some areas have been reached to the possibility of shifting existing resources from study and research to direct operational and supervisory activities.

Human rights activities

3. The Council takes note of the statement of the representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to the effect that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is not in a position to present to the Commission on the Status of Women in 1962 the "Study on the Education of Women in Rural Areas", in addition to the "Study on the Access of Girls to Primary Education" which it intends to submit. The Council appreciates, however, that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, recognizing the importance of this study, has agreed to prepare the study and present it as soon as feasible thereafter, but not later than 1963.

Narcotics

4. The Council notes with satisfaction the special efforts made by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs towards the control and limitation of documentation in the field of narcotics. The Council believes it desirable that other Commissions, in their periodical reviews of the question of control and limitation of documentation, seek to take further action along the lines followed by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

802 (XXX). Timely distribution of documents

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted that some of the most important documents for the thirtieth session of the Council were not distributed in all the working languages six weeks prior to the session, the prescribed time-limit,

Considering it necessary, in the interests of its own work, that Governments should be able to study the documents relating to the various agenda items and determine their positions thereon,

Bearing in mind the measures adopted in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 1272 (XIII) of 14 November 1958,