

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,

1. *Emphasizes once again* the principle enunciated in Council resolution 742 II (XXVIII) of 31 July 1959 to the effect that "a primary objective of control and limitation of documentation should be to ensure the distribution of documents in all the working languages of the Council within the six weeks' time-limit";

2. *Considers* that, when reports are requested from the Secretariat of the United Nations or secretariats of the related agencies, sufficient time should be allowed for their completion;

3. *Decides* that at future sessions of the Council serious consideration should be given to deferring agenda items for which the documents have not been received, as prescribed, six weeks in advance.

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803 (XXX). International relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 695 (XXVI) of 31 July 1958, and General Assembly resolution 1397 (XIV) of 20 November 1959, concerning international relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture,

Considering that contacts between peoples and knowledge of each other's ways of life and thinking are a prerequisite for peace and the improvement of international co-operation,

Considering that exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture are an essential factor for economic and social development,

Having examined the survey of international relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture,⁷⁴ prepared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in co-operation with the United Nations and related agencies, and the observations of the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization thereon,⁷⁵

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as well as to other participating organizations for this survey, which can contribute to the promotion of further development and expansion of international relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture;

2. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to study the possibilities of formulating principles which could serve as guiding lines for bilateral, regional and international action regarding relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture;

3. *Recommends* to the Member States of the United Nations and members of related agencies to provide the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

⁷⁴ E/3352 and Corr.1.

⁷⁵ E/3352/Add.1.

Organization with all the relevant information on activities based on bilateral agreements concerning international relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture, in which they participate;

4. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to examine further measures needed to promote effective co-ordination between bilateral and multilateral programmes concerning these relations and exchanges, including, for instance, the preparation by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization of periodical reports to the General Conference presenting information on national, bilateral and regional activities;

5. *Further invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in consultation with the United Nations and appropriate related agencies, to consider what measures of a practical and technical nature would in particular serve the ends indicated in the survey, such as :

(a) Promoting the teaching and translation of living languages;

(b) Adapting education to the needs of international understanding;

(c) Stressing the importance of cultural programmes as a complement to technical and economic assistance;

(d) Standardizing scientific documentation and organizing a better dissemination of scientific information;

(e) Encouraging exchanges of persons working in the fields of education, science and culture;

(f) Facilitating exchanges of education, scientific and cultural material in the light of further technical studies of national measures which impede the free flow of such materials, with a view to finding ways of removing the existing obstacles;

6. *Recognizes* that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, when examining the suggestions in the survey, will wish to consider proposed activities in relation to the programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as a whole;

7. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to report, at an appropriate time, on progress made.

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804 (XXX). Co-ordination of the results of scientific research

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The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 695 (XXVI) of 31 July 1958 and General Assembly resolution 1260 (XIII) of 14 November 1958,

Noting the recommendations concerning scientific documentation contained in the survey on the main trends of enquiry in the field of the natural sciences, the dissemination of scientific knowledge and the application