

3. *Endorses* the priorities for further action outlined in chapter IV of the report;

4. *Maintains also* the priorities established in Council resolution 675 (XXV);

5. *Recommends* that the Centre, in its work programme, give attention to the development of standards and criteria for the formulation and study of water resources projects.

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21 April 1960.*

760 (XXIX). Economic development of under-developed countries: co-operatives

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 649 C (XXIII) of 2 May 1957 on co-operatives,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on studies made and assistance provided in this field by the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,¹²

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies concerned for their activities in this field;

2. *Looks forward* to the completion of studies already initiated;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies concerned to continue to render appropriate assistance to Governments, especially of under-developed countries, at their request, in the establishment and development of co-operatives.

*1111th plenary meeting,
21 April 1960.*

¹² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 6, document E/3321.*

762 (XXIX). International flow of private capital

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1318 (XIII) of 12 December 1958,

Reaffirming the need for increased knowledge and better understanding of the opportunities for international private investment in less developed countries,

Conscious of the need to improve the climate and conditions necessary for an expanding flow of private investment beneficial to less developed countries,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the Secretary-General's progress report on the promotion of the international flow of private capital;¹³

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit his progress report to the General Assembly in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1318 (XIII);

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General, having regard to the discussion at the twenty-ninth session of the Council and at the fifteenth session of the General Assembly and to the views of Member States, specialized agencies and appropriate inter-governmental and non-governmental sources, to submit a further report to the Council at its thirty-first session concerning measures — including measures to facilitate the adjustment of disputes related to private investments — designed to promote the flow of private capital;

4. *Decides* that, on the basis of the Secretary-General's further report to be considered at its thirty-first session, it will prepare comments for transmittal to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session.

*1111th plenary meeting,
21 April 1960.*

¹³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 5, document E/3325 and Corr.1 and 2.

Social questions

747 (XXIX). Procedure for the study of the question of capital punishment

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering General Assembly resolution 1396 (XIV) of 20 November 1959, in which the Assembly invited the Council to initiate a study of the question of capital punishment, of the laws and practices relating thereto, and of the effects of capital punishment, and the abolition thereof, on the rate of criminality,

Believing that the Council should be provided with a factual review of the various aspects of the question of capital punishment referred to in the above mentioned resolution,

Requests the Secretary-General to prepare such a review, consulting as he deems appropriate the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee of Experts on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, set up under

General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950, and to submit it to the Council at its thirty-third session.

*1096th plenary meeting,
6 April 1960.*

748 (XXIX). Teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in schools and other educational institutions of Member States

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 137 (II) of 17 November 1947, entitled "Teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations in the schools of Member States",

Recalling also its own resolutions 170 (VII) of 13 August 1948, 203 (VIII) of 11 February 1949, 314 (XI) of 24 July 1950, 446 (XIV) of 23 July 1952, and 609 (XXI) of 26 April 1956,

Having considered the report¹⁴ prepared jointly by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in accordance with Council resolution 609 (XXI),

Noting with satisfaction that, according to that report, considerable progress has been made in many Member States in developing facilities for teaching about the United Nations and its related agencies,

Noting, however, that much remains to be done, especially in the fields of teacher-training, the supply of suitable teaching materials, the use of extra-curricular activities and the expansion of facilities for adult education,

Noting also that conditions in under-developed countries require that more efforts be devoted to the development of facilities for teaching about the United Nations and its related agencies in these countries, bearing in mind the urgent need for producing suitable teaching materials in their national languages,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for his co-operation in the preparation of the above-mentioned report;

2. Reaffirms its belief in the importance of teaching about the United Nations and its related agencies as a means of promoting interest in and support for their work;

3. Commends the Secretary-General and thanks the administrative heads of the specialized agencies for the efforts made by them, in response to the request contained in Council resolution 609 (XXI), to provide materials relating to the activities of their respective organizations, and expresses the hope that these efforts

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda item 13, documents E/3322 and Add. 1-3.

will be maintained, and if possible intensified, within existing budgetary limits;

4. Expresses its appreciation also for the valuable work done by non-governmental organizations in helping to disseminate information about the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and expresses the hope that they will continue their efforts in this field;

5. Requests the Secretary-General and invites the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue to co-operate in this field, and to assist interested non-governmental organizations;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to compile a further report on this subject, on the basis of inquiries to Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, for consideration by the Council in 1964;

7. Urges Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to furnish, in response to the inquiries addressed to them, full information on the situations in their respective countries, particularly as regards the needs to which attention is drawn in paragraph 50 of the report submitted to the Council at the present session.

1097th plenary meeting,
6 April 1960.

753 (XXIX). United Nations Children's Fund

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on the sessions which it held in September 1959¹⁵ and in March 1960.¹⁶

1108th plenary meeting,
19 April 1960.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/3304).

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2A (E/3336).

Questions relating to human rights

756 (XXIX). Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 720 (XXVII) of 24 April 1959 and 732 (XXVIII) of 30 July 1959,

Having in mind General Assembly resolution 1459 (XIV) of 10 December 1959,

Desiring to ensure freedom of information as a fundamental human right,

Recognizing the great importance of freedom of information in the development of friendly relations among peoples and nations and in the fulfilment of the purposes of the Charter of the United Nations,

Being aware that the General Assembly is engaged in considering the draft Convention on Freedom of Information with a view to its early adoption,

Noting that nothing should be allowed to interrupt, hinder or prejudice General Assembly action in achieving this task as soon as possible,

Having considered and completed a draft Declaration on Freedom of Information in the light of the comments submitted by Member States in accordance with Council resolution 732 (XXVIII), with the hope that it will promote the realization of freedom of information and assist the General Assembly in the completion of its work in this field,