

993 (XXXVI). Reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the annual reports of the specialized agencies¹⁰¹ and the International Atomic Energy Agency,¹⁰²

Takes note with appreciation of the annual reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

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984 (XXXVI). United Nations Development Decade

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Development Decade,¹⁰³ prepared in co-operation with the agencies, and the comments thereon contained in the report of the Special Committee on Co-ordination,¹⁰⁴

Recalling that the Secretary-General was requested to prepare a progress report setting forth the achievements of the United Nations Development Decade and that this report was postponed until 1964,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 1844 (XVII) of 19 December 1962 concerning an International Co-operation Year, and that the General Assembly Preparatory Committee on the International Co-operation Year has requested the co-operation of the Council in this respect,

1. *Commends* to States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies the report of the Secretary-General prepared in co-operation with the

agencies as a helpful presentation, within the limitations of an agency by agency approach, of plans for the immediate future high-lighting the wide range of activities of the United Nations system;

2. *Decides* that the progress report requested under paragraph 13 of Council resolution 916 (XXXIV) of 3 August 1962, which might be conceived as a contribution to the International Co-operation Year, should be prepared for the 1965 summer session of the Council in the form of a consolidated report, with special emphasis on those areas of activity which are of primary importance for the attainment of the objectives of the United Nations Development Decade, the inter-relationship within these areas of the programmes and activities of the United Nations family of organizations and on their combined impact;

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II

Noting that the Special Committee on Co-ordination has stated that careful consideration should be given to devising a "general framework to put the activities of the United Nations system under the United Nations Development Decade into a proper perspective of functional classifications, rather than an agency by agency approach",¹⁰⁵

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on Co-ordination with respect to priority areas in terms of fields of activities,

Noting further the recommendation of the Social Commission to the Council with respect to "Planning for balanced economic and social development",¹⁰⁶

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Special Committee on Co-ordination;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the agencies, when planning and implementing their programmes to take account of the priority areas in terms of activities, as suggested by the Special Committee on Co-ordination;

3. *Requests* the agencies to include in their annual reports information on the extent to which their activities correspond to the priority areas from the point of view of fields of activities contained in paragraph 11 of the report of the Special Committee on Co-ordination;

4. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to submit to the 1964 session of the Council a draft framework of functional classifications for the activities of the United Nations system in the economic, social and human rights fields, during the United Nations Development Decade, for which it reports that arrangements have already been made;

5. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in developing the above-mentioned framework to consider the inclusion of information on budgetary implications;

¹⁰¹ International Labour Office, *Seventeenth Report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations* (Geneva, 1963). "Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-sixth session (1963)"; and "Summary list of activities proposed for 1964/1965: note by the Director General". United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, "Report of UNESCO to the Economic and Social Council"; report on "International relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture". World Health Organization, *The Work of WHO in 1962: Annual Report of the Director-General to the World Health Assembly and to the United Nations; Official Records of the World Health Organization* No. 123 (Geneva, March 1963); and "Supplementary Report" (1 July 1962). International Civil Aviation Organization, *Annual Report of the Council to the Assembly for 1962* (Doc. 8317 A15-P/1, April 1963). Universal Postal Union, "Report on the Work of the Union, 1962" (Berne). International Telecommunication Union, *Report on the Activities of the International Telecommunication Union in 1962* (Geneva, 1963). *Annual Report of the World Meteorological Organization, 1962* (WMO No. 130.RP.54) (Geneva, 1963). "Annual Report of the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization, 1963" (London).

¹⁰² *Annual Report by the International Atomic Energy Agency to the Economic and Social Council for 1962-63.*

¹⁰³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 6, document E/3776.*

¹⁰⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda item 4, document E/3778.

¹⁰⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 19.

¹⁰⁶ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 12* (E/3769), chapter VII, draft resolution III.

6. *Requests* the Special Committee on Co-ordination, in the carrying out of its functions, to submit recommendations on these matters to the Council;

7. *Recognizes* that this information is essential to the United Nations, to the agencies and to Member Governments for an over-all appreciation of the contribution being made by the United Nations system of organizations as a whole towards the attainment of the economic and social objectives of the United Nations Development Decade;

III

Considering the urgent need to accelerate the economic and social growth of the developing countries in connexion with the United Nations Development Decade,

Noting that the Special Committee on Co-ordination has suggested certain development methods and techniques as worthy of priority consideration,

Desiring to strengthen the collective approach to these tasks at all levels,

1. *Recommends* to Governments Members of the United Nations and the agencies that they should stimulate sound and co-ordinated development plans at the country level;

2. *Calls the attention* of Governments to the potential contributions to such planning of world-wide and regional development institutes functioning within the framework of the United Nations system and of inter-agency development planning teams, which should work in co-operation with the resident representatives;

3. *Urges* Member Governments, the appropriate bodies of the United Nations and the agencies concerned to promote close inter-relationships among the various world-wide and regional planning institutes, so as to ensure complementary action and avoid undesirable overlapping and competition in the planning and operations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, assisted by the regional economic commissions and in co-operation with the specialized agencies, and the International Atomic Energy Agency, to report to the 1964 session of the Council the degree to which these objectives are being met.

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990 (XXXVI). Work programme in the economic, social and human rights fields

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1797 (XVII) of 11 December 1962, on an integrated programme and budget policy and Council resolution 936 (XXXV) of 10 April 1963 on the same subject,

Having received the "Extract from the fifth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary

Questions to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session" ¹⁰⁷ elaborating further on this matter,

Noting that the Secretary-General, in preparing his report on the work programme in the economic, social and human rights fields, ¹⁰⁸ revised the outline for a functional classification of United Nations projects and activities in these fields, taking into account the comments made at the thirty-fifth session of the Council,

1. *Takes note, with appreciation,* of the Secretary-General's report on the work programme and, specifically, of the presentation of this programme in the form of a "tentative classification of United Nations projects and activities according to their intended contribution to progress in the various priority areas of work which can be identified in the economic, social and human rights fields in the light of the objectives of the United Nations Development Decade". ¹⁰⁹

2. *Considers* that this presentation constitutes an important first step towards the aim of formulating priorities reflecting the needs of the developing countries and in keeping with the resources likely to be available to the United Nations, towards the integration of the activities in the economic, social and human rights fields, towards the mutual adaptation of budgetary resources and programme requirements, and towards establishing a sound basis for controlled expansion of the economic, social and human rights work of the organization;

3. *Considers further,* that in the preparation of future reports on the work programme every effort should be made to describe each project in more concrete and uniform terms, giving information on the nature, duration and scheduling of each project, the interrelationships of projects, together with as detailed information as possible on budgetary implications;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the committees of the Council, its regional and functional commissions and their subsidiary bodies at each session with the pertinent sections of the work programme and concrete suggestions for a review of priorities;

5. *Requests* these bodies, with the help of the suggestions of the Secretary-General, to formulate their programmes of work in terms of priority requirements within their respective sectors in a manner facilitating a uniform presentation to the Council, along functional lines, of an integrated programme of work and activities in the economic, social and human rights fields, including the information requested in operative paragraph 3 above;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to present such a work programme to the 1964 session of the Council and its summer sessions in subsequent years, together with his observations regarding priorities within the different functional sectors of the programme;

¹⁰⁷ E/3801.

¹⁰⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 4, document E/3788.*

¹⁰⁹ *Ibid.*, annex.