

forth in their respective constitutional instruments within the general framework established by the Charter of the United Nations they will act in close co-operation with each other and will consult each other regularly in regard to matters of common interest",

1. *Recognizes* the primary responsibility of the International Atomic Energy Agency under its Statute for work in the field of atomic energy without prejudice to the constitutional responsibilities of the specialized agencies each in its own particular field;

2. *Affirms that* the International Atomic Energy Agency should act as the primary sponsor, in co-operation, where appropriate, with the interested specialized agencies, of activities in which atomic energy or research relating thereto forms the major part of the subject matter;

3. *Calls attention* to the necessity for continuing vigilance in the area where the activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency may overlap those of the specialized agencies in regard to those aspects of atomic energy which come within their particular fields of activity;

4. *Invites* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to include in future reports to the Council information on activities undertaken by the International Atomic Energy Agency and the specialized agencies in the atomic energy field where questions of co-ordination may arise, and to make such proposals as it deems appropriate for improving co-ordination in this field;

5. *Draws the attention* of States members of the International Atomic Energy Agency and of the specialized agencies and of the executive heads of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the specialized agencies to the need for effective co-ordination in this

field and for ensuring that no proposal in which more than one agency may have an interest is approved by the governing body of any particular agency without a clear statement of the steps which have been taken to collaborate at the formative stage with the other interested agencies.

*1303rd plenary meeting,
2 August 1963.*

988 (XXXVI). Multiplicity of resolutions

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the Council and the General Assembly have adopted over the years many resolutions of a similar nature on economic, social and human rights questions,

Believing that this multiplicity of resolutions is causing considerable confusion particularly in the developing countries,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine the problems arising from the multiplicity of resolutions on economic, social and human rights subjects and to suggest methods for dealing with these problems, including the preparation of an annotated index or a compendium of resolutions on economic, social and human rights questions adopted by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the matter to the Council at its 1964 session.

*1303rd plenary meeting,
2 August 1963.*

ANNEX

The Council decided to annex to the above resolutions the following extract from the report of the Co-ordination Committee:¹¹⁶

(a) *International relations in the fields of education, science and culture*

The Committee examined the report concerning international relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture, submitted by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization in response to resolution 803 (XXX).¹¹⁷ It noted with satisfaction the progress achieved in this field, and endorsed the idea that the collection and dissemination of information on the exchange of ideas and knowledge were vital to better co-ordination in this sphere and to further progress along the path outlined in resolution 803 (XXX).

(b) *Emergency action by United Nations organizations in cases of natural disaster*

In view of the recent disaster at Skopje, special attention was directed to the passages in the twenty-eighth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination¹¹⁸ dealing with emergency action by United Nations organizations in

case of natural disaster. The Committee noted the work being done in this field by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and expressed the hope that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination would hasten its studies with a view to adopting agreed procedures, whereby assistance by the United Nations and related agencies, as well as the Red Cross, might be rendered in an effective and well co-ordinated manner. The Secretary-General was asked to take the lead in establishing, in conjunction with the specialized agencies and the League of Red Cross Societies, appropriate arrangements for assistance in rapid and concerted relief and construction in cases of natural disaster.

¹¹⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 4, document E/3833.*

¹¹⁷ E/3762/Add.1.

¹¹⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 4, document E/3765, paras. 163-170.*