QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT, CO-ORDINATION AND CONCENTRATION OF THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AS A WHOLE

1040 (XXXVII). Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the twenty-ninth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, ¹⁰⁷

Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination.

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1041 (XXXVII). Reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the annual reports of the specialized agencies¹⁰⁸ and the International Atomic Energy Agency, ¹⁰⁹

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

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¹⁰⁷ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 6, document E/3886.

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109 "Annual Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the Economic and Social Council for 1963-64".

1043 (XXXVII). Meetings between the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the Officers of the Council and the Chairman of the Council's Committee on Co-ordination

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 992 (XXXVI) of 2 August 1963, in which it requested the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to arrange for a meeting between the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the Officers of the Council and the Chairman of the Council's Co-ordination Committee to discuss practical and effective means to bring about a closer relationship between the two bodies:

- 1. Notes with satisfaction:
- (a) The arrangements which were made for an informal meeting between the members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the Officers of the Council and the Chairman of the Council's Co-ordination Committee on 20 July 1964;
- (b) The report of the President of the Council 110 on this meeting and the comments in the report that the meeting was useful as an exploratory talk and that there was a consensus regarding the desirability of closer cooperation between the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the Council;
- 2. Welcomes the general agreement at the meeting that there should be further informal meetings between the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the Officers of the Council and the Chairman of the Council's Committee on Co-ordination in the future; that the next meeting should be held in the Spring of 1965, and meetings thereafter as may be mutually agreed;
 - 3. Agrees with the suggestions of the President that:
- (a) The informal atmosphere of the first meeting should be retained:
- (b) Such meetings, while not a substitute for the Council's existing machinery and procedures for coordination, may supplement this machinery and procedures and, through informal discussion, help them to work more smoothly and more effectively;
- (c) If such meetings are to be held in future on a regular basis, this should be taken into account when considering the calendar of conferences for 1965 so that the officers of the Council can be elected and have time to make full preparation in advance of the next meeting;
- (d) It would be useful if the Co-ordination Committee, other Committees of the Council and, where appropriate, the Special Committee on Co-ordination would draw attention to any major issues of co-ordination that they would like to be given a priority in such informal dis-

¹⁰⁸ International Labour Organisation, Eighteenth Report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations (Geneva, 1964).

[&]quot;Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-seventh session" (Rome, 1964); "The Work of FAO 1962-63: report of the Director-General" (C 63/2); and Resolutions adopted by the FAO Conference at its Twelfth Session, 1963.

[&]quot;Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to the Economic and Social Council". World Health Organization, The Work of WHO, 1963: Annual

¹¹⁰ Document E/3957.

cussion with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination at such meetings.

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1044 (XXXVII). Preparation and submission of the budgets of the specialized agencies

The Economic and Social Council,

Conscious of its responsibilities in the field of coordination under Article 63 of the Charter,

Noting the steady and at times empirical increase in the activities of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency,

Considering that it would be highly desirable, in order to permit of more effective co-ordination between the specialized agencies and in the interest of those agencies themselves, if comparative appraisals could be made between their respective budgets, particularly with a view to determining the main trends in the activities of the specialized agencies and setting forth certain common principles,

Noting that at the present time the breakdown of expenditure and appropriations in those various budgets differs from one agency to another, thus rendering the desirable comparisons difficult,

- 1. Requests the Administrative Committee on Coordination to consider, in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to what extent the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency could be requested to use a uniform lay-out for the preparation and presentation of their respective budgets;
- 2. Requests the Administrative Committee on Coordination to submit to it an initial report on this question at its thirty-ninth session.

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1046 (XXXVII). Work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1797 (XVII) of 11 December 1962 in which it was recognized that the objectives of the United Nations Development Decade require the maximum concentration of efforts and resources in selected areas where there are the greatest needs and opportunities for United Nations action,

Recalling further its own resolution 990 (XXXVI) of 2 August 1963 on the work programme in the economic, social and human rights fields,

Having considered the Secretary-General's report on this work programme 111 which, although constituting an

improvement upon last year's submission, ¹¹² remains far from providing the tool envisaged in resolution 990 (XXXVI).

Convinced that in the interest of clearly defining the United Nations programmes in the economic, social and human rights fields the Council should be provided more systematically and at a timely stage of the calendar year with the budgetary implications of such programmes, closely related to each of the major areas of work,

- 1. Endorses the conclusion of the Special Committee on Co-ordination in its report ¹¹³ that a procedure should be established for screening the United Nations work programme in the economic, social and human rights fields in relation to its budgetary implications;
- 2. Welcomes the statement 114 made by the Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs before the Co-ordination Committee on 4 August 1964, referring inter alia to the intention of the Secretary-General to present to the Council in due course a model of a work programme of the United Nations together with its budgetary implications in each major area of work;
- 3. Underlines the necessity for the Council, in order to ensure the maximum of efficacy in the work of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields, to proceed each year to a careful analysis of the United Nations work programme in relation to its budgetary implications;
- 4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its thirty-eighth session on the progress made towards the presentation to the Council at its thirty-ninth session of a work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields together with adequate information on its budgetary implications for 1966 in each major area of work, together with the advice of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on such a procedure;
- 5. Requests the Secretary-General, in order to ensure the flexibility necessitated by the existing divergency between the programme and budget calendars, to study, in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the possibility of presenting the work programme on a biennial basis, and to report on the results of that study to the Council at its thirty-eighth session

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1036 (XXXVII). Relationships among planning institutes

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on relationships among planning institutes, 115

¹¹¹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 6, document E/3928.

¹¹² Ibid., Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 4, document E/3788.

¹¹³ Ibid., Thirty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 6, document E/3946, para. 9.

¹¹⁴ Document E/AC.24/L.240 and Add.1.

¹¹⁵ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 7, document E/3923.