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1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its forty-seventh session the reports of the pilot evaluation missions undertaken in 1967 and early in 1968 together with any comments and recommendations which the Secretary-General is in a position to provide;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary support for, and to promote due co-ordination of, the evaluation efforts referred to in the above sections;

IV

1. *Welcomes* the initiation by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research of a research project aimed at developing improved methods and techniques for project evaluation, sectoral evaluation and the evaluation of over-all impact of the combined programmes of technical co-operation, and the convening of a small group of experts to assist in this task;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the Council at its forty-fifth session of progress achieved in the work referred to in paragraph 1 above.

*1505th plenary meeting,
3 August 1967.*

OTHER DECISIONS

Provision of operational personnel under the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme

At its 1497th meeting, on 26 July 1967, the Economic and Social Council decided to invite the General Assembly at its twenty-second session again to extend the terms of its resolution 1946 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963, as amended by resolution 2179 (XXI) of 9 December 1966, to permit the continued authorization of the use of funds of the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme for the provision of operational personnel at the request of Governments, by all participating and executing organizations, for the duration of the programme period beginning on 1 January 1969.

Appointment of a member of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development

At its 1501st meeting, held on 1 August 1967, the Council approved the proposal of the Secretary-General

to appoint Professor Irimie Staicu as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to replace the late Professor Nicolae Cernescu for the remaining period of his membership.

Multilateral food aid

At its 1502nd meeting, on 2 August 1967, the Council took note of the Secretary-General's progress report on multilateral food aid,⁴⁰ its members being fully in agreement with the diagnosis of the food problem contained in the report, and expressed the hope that the studies initiated under General Assembly resolution 2096 (XX) of 20 December 1965 would soon be completed.⁴¹

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, agenda item 13, document E/4352.

⁴¹ See *ibid.*, document E/4412; see also E/AC.6/SR.421.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AND RELATED FIELDS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AND ALL OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES RELATED TO THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

1262 (XLIII). Co-ordination at the country level

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1090 B (XXXIX) of 31 July 1965 and 1151 (XLI) of 4 August 1966, in particular its reaffirmation in resolution 1090 B (XXXIX) of "the necessity that the Resident Representatives should exercise more effectively their central role in achieving co-ordination at the field level of the technical assistance

programmes of the United Nations and other organizations in the United Nations system",

Having considered the revised principles set forth by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the role of the Resident Representatives,⁴²

⁴² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 17, document E/4336, para. 8.

Noting that the new programming procedures for the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme will add to the over-all responsibilities of the Resident Representative,

Convinced of the need for further clarification of the central role and responsibilities of the Resident Representatives in co-ordinating the technical co-operation programmes of the United Nations system of organizations at the field level,

Recognizing the primary responsibility of Member States for co-ordination of development in their countries,

1. *Emphasizes* the need for governmental co-ordination of all technical assistance activities; stresses the importance of an effective central co-ordinating authority; and draws the attention of Governments of Member States to the help which the Resident Representative can give in the co-ordination of all United Nations development activities;

2. *Affirms* that Resident Representatives should be fully informed, and should keep themselves informed, of all United Nations development activities in their areas, and in particular of local activities by United Nations organizations and transactions between them and host governments;

3. *Invites* the organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate whole-heartedly with the Resident Representatives; and in particular to consult them upon the planning and development of projects for which these organizations are responsible in the countries concerned, to supply them with reports on these projects and to facilitate visits to them by Resident Representatives;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that this resolution, and the relevant proceedings in the Council and in the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, are brought to the notice of all the Resident Representatives and of the Executive Heads of appropriate organizations within the United Nations system in order that their field representatives may be similarly informed.

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1264 (XLIII). Implementation of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies⁴³ and the report of the Secretary-General on certain actions he has taken to implement the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee relating to long-term planning, evaluation, co-ordination and conferences, meetings and documentation,⁴⁴

⁴³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 80, document A/6343.

⁴⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 19, document E/4391.

Noting the statement of the Secretary-General that the tentative meeting schedule for 1968 is already at this time heavier than that for 1967,⁴⁵

Noting further that in its resolution 2247 (XXI) of 20 December 1966 the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to instruct the Publications Board to undertake a wide-ranging study of publications and documentation with a view to decreasing the volume while increasing the quality,

Having given effect to the *Ad Hoc* Committee's recommendations in paragraphs 79 and 90 of its report concerning evaluation methods, the identification of vital issues regarding co-ordination and the reorganization of the Special Committee on Co-ordination,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the first measures that the Secretary-General has taken to date to implement the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, and requests him to keep the Council and General Assembly duly informed of the additional steps he contemplates taking further to implement these recommendations,

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, together with General Assembly resolution 2150 (XXI) of 4 November 1966, to all the subsidiary bodies of the Council for consideration and appropriate action;

3. *Requests* the subsidiary bodies of the Council:

(a) To review:

- (i) Their methods of work and calendar of conferences with a view to reducing the total meeting time;
- (ii) The documentation now being prepared and any new proposals for documents with a view to reducing the number of requests and the volume of documentation; and
- (iii) The terms of reference of their own subsidiary bodies with a view to rationalizing the system of subsidiary bodies;

(b) In the implementation of paragraph (a) above, to include a separate item on the agenda of their next sessions;

(c) To draw up, where they have not already done so, with the assistance of the appropriate Secretariat units, long-range programmes of work containing clear indications of priority among the various projects; and

(d) To include in their reports to the Council a statement of action taken in response to this resolution;

4. *Expresses* the hope that the Secretary-General, pursuant to a recommendation of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, will find it possible to submit to the Committee on Conferences of the General Assembly, for its early consideration, a definition of the term "major special conference" which appears in paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 2116 (XX) of 21 December 1965.

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⁴⁵ See *ibid.*, para. 37.