

should enhance the usefulness of existing documentation and assist in reducing requests for information that may be available in similar form. The Council welcomed the establishment of an inter-agency working group on indexing, and hoped that the activities of this group would lead to progress in the above direction.

Expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes

At its 1507th meeting on 4 August 1967 the Council took note of the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes.⁶² It welcomed the annual publication of this reference document, and trusted that it would prove a useful tool for all bodies within the United Nations system concerned with international programmes in the economic and social fields. It requested the Secretary-General to draw the attention of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to the report and to its potential in connexion with the work of the Enlarged Committee. It looks forward to the further development of the classification in due course, in connexion with the studies being carried out in accordance with the recommendation of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies.

⁶² *Ibid.*, document E/4351.

Contribution of the United Nations and specialized agencies to the regional development planning institutes

At its 1507th meeting the Council took note of annex III of the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the contribution of the United Nations and the specialized agencies to the regional development planning institutes.⁶³ The Council welcomed the holding of annual meetings of the directors of institutes. It also welcomed the idea of regular exchanges, at the planning stage, of work programmes between the various institutes themselves and between the institutes and other interested bodies within the United Nations system.

Survey of the major points in the annual reports of the specialized agencies to the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

At its 1507th meeting on 4 August 1967 the Council decided that, in future years, preparation of the short survey of major points in the annual reports of the specialized agencies and in the reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, initiated under Council resolution 1172 (XLI) of 5 August 1966 would not be necessary.

⁶³ See *ibid.*, document E/4337/Add.1.

OTHER QUESTIONS

1249 (XLIII). Report of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its previous resolutions relating to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, particularly resolution 1138 (XLI) of 29 July 1966 which was endorsed unanimously by the General Assembly in its resolution 2187 (XXI) of 13 December 1966,

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director of the Institute⁶⁴ and of his statement to the Council;⁶⁵

2. Notes with satisfaction the progress made by the Institute and welcomes particularly its activities in training and research directed towards assisting the developing countries and strengthening the capabilities and procedures of the United Nations;

3. Recognizes the importance of the Institute's close collaboration with the United Nations Secretariat, with other United Nations bodies, and with the specialized agencies, as well as with appropriate national and international organizations;

⁶⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 16, document E/4356.

⁶⁵ *Ibid.*, *Forty-third Session*, 1498th meeting.

4. Expresses its appreciation to the Governments, private institutions and individuals that have already made or pledged financial contributions to the Institute.

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27 July 1967*

1254 (XLIII). Natural disasters in Turkey, Colombia, Venezuela and Pakistan

The Economic and Social Council,

Expressing its grave concern over the consequences of the disastrous earthquakes which have occurred in Turkey, Colombia and Venezuela and of the heavy storm in Pakistan,

Recalling the numerous resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on assistance in cases of natural disaster and, in particular, General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX) of 7 December 1965,

1. Conveys its sympathy to the peoples and Governments of Turkey, Colombia, Venezuela and Pakistan for the tragic loss of life and damage;