

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.

*1498th plenary meeting
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;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the specialized agencies to take such action as may be considered appropriate.

*1501st plenary meeting,
1 August 1967.*

1265 (XLIII). Public information activities

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1176 (XLI) of 5 August 1966, requesting the Secretary-General to undertake a study of the information activities of the United Nations with respect to its economic, social and human rights work, and to suggest ways in which national information programmes, official and non-official, could give support to the United Nations,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to that resolution,⁶⁶ the results of the review by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination of certain aspects of the information methods and programmes of the United Nations family,⁶⁷ and the section dealing with public information questions, of the report of the Committee on Programme and Co-ordination on the second part of its first session,⁶⁸

Noting with satisfaction the relationship outlined in the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Office of Public Information and the information services of the specialized agencies both from the financial and programme points of view.

1. *Endorses*, within the existing staff and financial resources, the Secretary-General's proposals as outlined in paragraphs 19-33 of his report on the United Nations information programme in the economic, social and human rights fields with a view to making maximum effective use of all available resources;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to redeploy, within the above resources, in consultation with the specialized agencies concerned, the staff of information centres and other sections of the United Nations Office of Public Information, with a view, in particular, to the possible establishment, on an experimental basis, of centres with regional responsibilities;

3. *Notes* the intention of the members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination concerned to give continued and increasing attention to improving the effectiveness of public information activities as they relate to the economic and social work of the United Nations family and, in due course and as appropriate, to place before their respective governing bodies specific recommendations in that connexion;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of all Member States and of all non-govern-

⁶⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 20, document E/4341 and E/4394.

⁶⁷ See *ibid.*, *Annexes*, agenda item 17, document E/4337, paras. 116-121.

⁶⁸ See *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 9A (E/4395)*, paras. 34-41.

mental organizations in consultative status his summary of replies by Member States concerning current national activities in the field of information support for the economic and social activities of the United Nations family, together with his recommendations for further action which Member States and non-governmental organizations, as appropriate, might consider to increase their support;

5. *Invites* Member States and non-governmental organizations in consultative status to give consideration, as appropriate, to those recommendations;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General further to report to the Council, at an appropriate future session, on the United Nations information programme in the economic, social and human rights fields, and in particular on the implementation of the arrangements envisaged in this resolution.

*1505th plenary meeting,
3 August 1967.*

1267 (XLIII). Relations with non-United Nations inter-governmental organizations in the economic and social field

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The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the request submitted by Iran, Pakistan and Turkey that relations be established between the Economic and Social Council and Regional Co-operation for Development,

Considering that the promotion of regional co-operation, *inter alia*, among developing countries should be encouraged as an important means of achieving the targets set by the United Nations Development Decade,

Bearing in mind that Regional Co-operation for Development, now in the third year of its existence, is an organization able to contribute to such regional co-operation,

Recalling that it has, by its resolutions 412 B (XIII) of 10 August 1951, 678 (XXVI) of 3 July 1958, 1013 (XXXVII) of 27 July 1964 and 1053 (XXXIX) of 30 June 1965, established contact and co-operation with certain non-United Nations intergovernmental organizations on an *ad hoc* basis,

1. *Decides* to establish relations with Regional Co-operation for Development and to this end

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate steps to:

(a) Ensure reciprocal exchange of information and documentation;

(b) Provide for the representation of Regional Co-operation for Development at the meetings of United Nations organs dealing with matters of mutual interest;

(c) Provide for consultations and technical co-operation between Regional Co-operation for Development and the United Nations on matters of common interest.

*1505th plenary meeting,
3 August 1967.*