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The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that since the inception of the United Nations a large number of non-United Nations intergovernmental organizations in the economic and social fields have been established,

Noting further that many of these organizations already collaborate, on an informal as well as on a formal basis, with the specialized agencies, the regional economic commissions, and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as well as with the United Nations Secretariat,

Considering that it would be useful to develop further contacts on a more systematic basis though not necessarily through the negotiation of formal agreements,

1. Invites the Secretary General to continue to maintain and to strengthen contacts at the secretariat level with major intergovernmental organizations in the economic and social field outside the United Nations system;

2. Further invites the Secretary General, where he considers it would help to further the aims and work of the Council, to propose to the Council the names of intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system that should be represented by observers at sessions of the Council; these organizations may participate with the approval of the Council and without the right to vote, in its debates on questions of concern to them;

3. Invites its subsidiary bodies to make recommendations to it regarding the desirability of similar relationships between themselves and specific non-United Nations intergovernmental organizations active in fields of concern to them, on the basis of proposals by the Secretary-General;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council on the functioning of the above arrangements at an appropriate future session.

*1505th plenary meeting,
3 August 1967*

1268 (XLIII). Transfer to the United Nations of the responsibilities and assets of the International Relief Union

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the useful contribution which the International Relief Union has made to the scientific study of natural disasters,

Recalling its resolution 1153 (XLI) of 4 August 1966, in which it requested the Secretary-General to examine with the International Relief Union the extent to which its assets, activities, publications and archives could constitute a useful contribution to the efforts of the international community in connexion with natural disasters,

Having reviewed the report of the Secretary-General on this matter,⁶⁹

⁶⁹ *Ibid.*, Forty-third Session, Annex, agenda item 12, document E/4402.

Concurring in the view of the Secretary-General that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization would be the most appropriate organization in the United Nations system to carry on the scientific activities of the Union and assume primary responsibility for them,

Referring also to its resolution 1222 (XLII) of 6 June 1967 on rehabilitation and reconstruction following natural disasters,

1. Recommends that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in accordance with its Constitution, should

(a) Take over from the International Relief Union responsibility for the scientific study of natural disasters in fields within its competence;

(b) Arrange for the continuation of the relevant activities of the Union;

(c) Work out, in agreement with the Union, arrangements for the transfer to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization of the assets of the Union;

2. Invites the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to study at the earliest possible date the implications which the proposed transfer of the activities of the Union to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization might have for the co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations family of organizations in connexion with natural disasters, and the best means for ensuring such co-ordination;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report further to the Council as soon as possible on the measures taken in compliance with this resolution.

*1507th plenary meeting,
4 August 1967.*

1275 (XLIII). Work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields

The Economic and Social Council,

Having reviewed with attention the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the first part of its first session,⁷⁰

Expressing its satisfaction with the methods of work which the Committee has developed to carry out its new and important responsibilities,

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1. Endorses, in general, the Committee's observations with respect to the ten sectors of the work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields reviewed at its first session;⁷¹

2. Transmits the relevant sections of the report of the Committee, together with the corresponding portions of the Secretary-General's report on the work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human

⁷⁰ *Ibid.*, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/4383).
See *ibid.*, chap. II, B.