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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.

rights fields⁷² to which they relate, to the subsidiary organs concerned, for comments and action as appropriate;

3. *Draws the attention* of the General Assembly to the above-mentioned observations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in connexion with its consideration of the activities to be undertaken by the Organization in the economic, social and human rights fields in 1968, including the relevant sections of the 1968 budget estimates;

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4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account, when preparing his next report on the work programme, the suggestions contained in paragraphs 26-28 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and paragraph 70 of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies;⁷³

6. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in paragraphs 38 and 39 of its report, regarding the presentation of work programmes;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Committee at future sessions with appropriate indications of the work of the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in fields closely related to those dealt within the Secretary-General's report on the United Nations work programme in the economic, social and human rights fields.

III

Recalling that the General Assembly and the Council, in numerous resolutions adopted over the past five years, have called for the development of an integrated approach to the work programme and the budget of the Organization,

Noting that only limited progress in this direction has been made,

Having reviewed the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination concerning long-term planning, programme formulation, and cycle and presentation of United Nations budget,⁷⁴

Looking forward to the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General to be submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session, on the implementation within the United Nations of the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the

⁷² *Ibid.*, *Forty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 29, document E/4331/Rev.1; and E/4331/Add.1-19.

⁷³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 80, document A/6343.

⁷⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/4383)*, paras. 41-47.

Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies, and in particular the Secretary-General's study of the feasibility of a biennial budget cycle for the United Nations and the study made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the question of uniform budget presentation,

1. *Expresses* the hope that urgent consideration will be given to these questions by the General Assembly at its twenty-second session;

2. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to keep under continuous review further steps required to implement within the United Nations the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts concerning the development of an integrated system of long-term planning, programme and budgeting, bearing in mind the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in paragraphs 41-47 of its report and the recommendations and decisions of the General Assembly at its twenty-second session pursuant to its consideration of these questions;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its forty-fourth session through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination a statement regarding the steps taken or contemplated to achieve the implementation of these recommendations;

4. *Draws* the attention of the General Assembly to the need for appropriate measures to be taken for the establishment of guidelines regarding the acceptance and management of funds-in-trust.

IV

Taking note of the extract from the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷⁵

Regretting that at its recent session the Advisory Committee was unable for lack of time to give detailed consideration to the sections of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the first part of its first session, dealing with the work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields for 1967-1968,

1. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee in paragraphs 37 and 40 of its report on the role of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and its relationship with the Advisory Committee;

2. *Endorses also* the view of the Advisory Committee that the activities of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and of the Advisory Committee are closely related and that programme and budget cannot be considered in isolation - programmes should be formulated with reference to available resources and the budget should be prepared in the light of a full consideration of the programmes to be financed;

3. *Further endorses* the view of the Advisory Committee that there is need for close co-operation between

⁷⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/6707)*, paras. 44-51 (extracts submitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4411).

the two committees if their combined efforts are to be fruitful and if duplication is to be avoided;

4. *Invites* the Advisory Committee to take into account the report or reports of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the United Nations work programme in the economic, social and human rights fields at the time when it considers the Secretary-General's initial budget proposals relating to these areas of activity;

5. *Expresses* the hope that the time-table of meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions will be arranged in such a way that the Advisory Committee will be able, in future years, to be represented at all meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work programme; and to take into account the report or reports of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination prepared in the light of the Secretary-General's budget proposals for the forthcoming year;

6. *Invites* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to examine, at an early stage in its autumn meetings in 1967, and to take into due account in its comments to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session on the Secretary-General's budget proposals for 1968, as well as in its comments on the Secretary-General's revised estimates for 1968 resulting from the decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its forty-second and forty-third sessions, the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the United Nations work programme in the economic, social and human rights fields, the action taken by the Council at its forty-second and forty-third sessions, and the discussions on the work programme in the Council and its Co-ordination Committee.

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4 August 1967.*

1276 (XLIII). World Campaign for Universal Literacy

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1128 (XLI) of 27 July 1966 on the World Campaign for Universal Literacy,

Taking note of the proclamation of 8 September 1967 as International Literacy Day by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its fourteenth session,

Considering that the solemn engagement made by the international community to eradicate illiteracy should be appropriately celebrated throughout the world in order to stimulate interest, promote international solidarity, and spread information on concrete activities to promote universal literacy,

1. *Endorses* the appeal of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to member States and non-governmental organizations to celebrate International Literacy Day each year;

2. *Expresses* the hope that information media throughout the world will intensify their efforts to enlighten public opinion on the activities of the organizations within the United Nations system to promote universal literacy;

3. *Invites* the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the regional economic commissions to associate themselves with the celebration of International Literacy Day in view of the fact that the struggle against illiteracy is the common concern of the organizations within the United Nations system as a whole.

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OTHER DECISIONS

Financial implications of actions of the Council

At its 1507th meeting, held on 4 August 1967, the Economic and Social Council took note of the financial implications of the decisions taken at its forty-third session.⁷⁶

⁷⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 29, document E/4423.

Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly

At its 1507th meeting, on 4 August 1967, the Council decided that its report to the General Assembly would be similar in form and character to that of previous years, and that it would be prepared by the President of the Council in consultation with the three Vice-Presidents and the Secretariat.