

national research projects and in securing the training of university teachers and of professional staff,

Noting further that the fifty-first session of the International Labour Conference requested the Director-General of the International Labour Office through the Governing Body to undertake a comprehensive study on the influence and consequences of rapid population growth on opportunities for training and employment and on welfare of workers, with particular reference to developing countries and to co-operate closely towards this aim with the United Nations and other competent international organizations,

Noting also Resolution 3.252 of the fourteenth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the subject of education and evolution of population and the related work plan, which provides *inter alia* for a consideration of sociological studies on social, cultural, and other factors influencing attitudes for family planning, taking into consideration the economic aspects of population problems,

Urges all organizations within the United Nations system to make every effort, within their competence, with a view to developing and rendering more effective their programmes in the field of population, including training, research, information and advisory services; and in particular invites the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to pursue actively its education, social sciences and mass media activities in this regard.

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4 August 1967.*

1280 (XLIII). Arrangements for the establishment of a Joint Inspection Unit

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting General Assembly resolution 2150 (XXI) of 4 November 1966, the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies,⁵² the section of the thirty-third report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination relating to the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts,⁵³ the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the second part of its first session⁵⁴ and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the above-mentioned section of the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,⁵⁵

Noting also the report of the Joint Meeting of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,⁵⁶

⁵² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 80, document A/6343.

⁵³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 17, document E/4337, paras. 122-125.

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, *Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 9A* (E/4395).

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, *Forty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 19, document E/4401.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, agenda item 17, document E/4404.

1. *Welcomes* the unanimous conclusions reached at the Joint Meeting on the subject of the implementation of the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts relating to the establishment of a Joint Inspection Unit;

2. *Draws the attention* of the General Assembly and the executive organs of the specialized agencies concerned and of the International Atomic Energy Agency to these conclusions;

3. *Recommends* to the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies that they take such action as may be needed to enable the Joint Inspection Unit to begin work on 1 January 1968.

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1281 (XLIII). National co-ordination and co-ordination of statistical questionnaires

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the second part of its first session,⁵⁷

I

NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION

Noting particularly the suggestion that the Council make appropriate recommendations to Governments of Member States and to the organizations concerned on the question of "national co-ordination",⁵⁸

Noting further the comment of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in its thirty-third report to the Council "that some of the problems encountered in the field of co-ordination have arisen, at least in part, because of the difficulty of reconciling decisions taken by intergovernmental bodies",⁵⁹

Recalling its previous resolutions 590 A II (XX) of 5 August 1955, 630 A II (XXII) of 9 August 1956, 694 B (XXVI) of 31 July 1958 and General Assembly resolution 125 (II) of 20 November 1947 concerning the continuing need for co-ordination on the national level and the increasing importance for Member Governments to take measures to ensure it,

Recalling further that in its resolution 125 (II) the General Assembly called "upon Members to take measures to ensure on the national level a co-ordinated policy of their delegations to the United Nations and to the different specialized agencies in order that full co-operation may be achieved between the Organization and the specialized agencies",

Considering that, despite the attention given by Governments to improvement of co-ordination on the national level of their position and participation in the United

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, *Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 9A* (E/4395).

⁵⁸ See *ibid.*, para. 8.

⁵⁹ See *ibid.*, *Forty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 17, document E/4337, para. 3.

Nations, its subsidiary bodies, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, more intensive efforts are still required to this end.

1. *Urges again* that Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency continue to take the further steps necessary to ensure that positions taken by their national delegations to meetings of the various organizations are co-ordinated in order to avoid the possibility of conflicting decisions being taken on the same or similar subjects in different organizations;

2. *Suggests* to such Governments of States Members as have not already done so, to consider the possibility of establishing a central governmental machinery charged with the responsibility of co-ordinating at the national level their participation in organizations within the United Nations system;

3. *Recommends* to the Secretary-General of the United Nations that he make special efforts to ensure the implementation of rule 80 of the rules of procedure of the Council;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General furthermore to indicate to the Council and its subsidiary bodies, before the adoption of any proposal under consideration, the extent to which the proposal is already covered by existing projects or documentation, or falls more properly within the terms of reference of another organization;

5. *Invites* the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency in the implementation of those of their rules which correspond to rule 80, similarly to inform their respective organs;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the executive heads of the specialized agen-

cies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to bring this resolution to the attention of all their member Governments and of their executive bodies and General Conferences;

II

CO-ORDINATION OF STATISTICAL QUESTIONNAIRES

Noting the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in its report on the second part of its first session that the Council take steps to ensure that, in keeping with past practice, all questionnaires emanating from United Nations bodies should be approved by the United Nations Statistical Office whenever they involve the provision of statistical data;⁶⁰

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to this end in so far as the United Nations Secretariat is concerned;

2. *Recommends* to the subsidiary bodies of the Council that when proposing the collection of statistical data from Member States, they take the necessary steps to ensure that the procedure is implemented; and

3. *Calls* the attention of the competent organs of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to this procedure.

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⁶⁰ See *ibid.*, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 9A (E/4395), para. 15.

OTHER DECISIONS

Co-ordination at the regional level

At its 1507th meeting on 4 August 1967 the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination at the regional level.⁶¹ It noted the continuing increase in the number of organizations and bodies both within and outside the United Nations family which are active in the various regions and also in the number of regional and sub-regional offices. It was concerned over the fact that these developments made the task of ensuring adequate co-ordination of the various regional activities more difficult, while at the same time more necessary than ever. In order to deal with this situation, the Council agreed with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination that increasing efforts should be made at the Secretariat level both at the centre, making use of the machinery of

the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and in the regions themselves; it likewise agreed with the view of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination that it would be useful if the regional economic commissions could be represented more regularly at meetings of the Committee's subsidiary bodies working in sectors where there were substantial regional programmes. Finally, it expressed the hope that efforts might be made to ensure adequate and increasing consultations on matters of mutual interest between senior officials of the regional economic commissions and of the agencies.

Documentation and indexing

At its 1507th meeting on 4 August 1967 the Council considered the questions of documentation and indexing, which it agreed were closely related. It endorsed the idea of establishing a central index of the major documents of the United Nations system as a measure that

⁶¹ *Ibid.*, Forty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 17, document E/4335 and Add.1.