

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS FORTY-FOURTH SESSION

ECONOMIC QUESTIONS

1304 (XLIV). Report of the Statistical Commission

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its fifteenth session;¹
2. Endorses the work programme contained therein.
*1529th plenary meeting,
31 May 1968.*

1305 (XLIV). Industrial censuses for 1973

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the need for data on the structure and activities of industry on a world-wide basis for purposes of economic and social development,

Noting that the Statistical Commission has made recommendations for a system of industrial statistics for use by Member States,

Recommends that States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies compile basic data on industry for 1973 or a year close to 1973, taking into account as far as possible the international recommendations on this subject.

*1529th plenary meeting,
31 May 1968.*

1306 (XLIV). International statistical work programme and co-ordination

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking account of the discussions at the fifteenth session of the Statistical Commission on the subject of the statistical activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies,

Recognizing that in many countries progress is being made in the integration and co-ordination of data in a comprehensive system which responds to the requirements of economic and social policy, administration and development and that parallel progress is required at the international level,

Emphasizing that the work of the international agencies in the field of statistics is relied upon by national statistical offices for a wide range of purposes,

Conscious of the interdependence of national economies and the consequent need for systematic international statistics descriptive of the role of each nation in the world economy,

1. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the executive heads of the specialized agencies;

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/4471).*

(a) To take steps to promote arrangements to ensure the development of an integrated and co-ordinated international statistical programme, based on longer-term planning than is now in effect, thus contributing to the efficiency of national statistical systems in both developed and developing countries, as well as to the effective use of resources at the international level;

(b) To arrange for joint consultations between representatives of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and a working group consisting of the Chairman and two additional members of the Statistical Commission, with a view to the working group providing a report for members of the Statistical Commission prior to its sixteenth session on the progress made in establishing an integrated programme and in ensuring the necessary co-ordination in fields where its absence is greatest;

2. Further requests the Secretary-General to keep the Economic and Social Council informed of the progress made, through its Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

3. Requests the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to review the results of the consultations provided for in paragraph 1 (b) above and to express its views on the direction of the future work of the Statistical Commission in regard to co-ordination.

*1529th plenary meeting,
31 May 1968.*

1307 (XLIV). World Programme for the Improvement of Vital Statistics

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the report of the Population Commission on its fourteenth session,² the report of the Statistical Commission on its fifteenth session³ and of resolution 14 (XIII) adopted by the Statistical Commission at its thirteenth session,⁴

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1710 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 on the United Nations Development Decade, which requested the Secretary-General to develop proposals for the intensification of action in the fields of economic and social development, with particular reference to the need to review facilities for the collection, collation, analysis and dissemination of statistical and other information required for charting economic and social development and for providing a constant measurement of progress towards the objectives of the Decade,

² *Ibid., Supplement No. 9 (E/4454).*

³ *Ibid., Supplement No. 10 (E/4471).*

⁴ *Ibid., Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 13 (E/4045), para. 168.*