

Recognizing the importance of the commercial, financial and economic aspects of such transfer,

Noting the recommendations in the various reports of the Advisory Committee for the Application of Science and Technology to Development, particularly the statement adopted at the ninth session,⁵⁶ the studies by the Fiscal and Financial Branch of the Secretariat and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the work of the United International Bureaux for the Protection of Intellectual Property, the interest of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and the operational activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Development Programme, as well as the work in this field of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency,

Having considered the Secretary-General's report: "Arrangements for the transfer of operative technology to developing countries",⁵⁷

Convinced of the value and importance of the work at present being undertaken by the various international organizations and of the need for its further intensification,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and with the appropriate organizations in the United Nations system and other appropriate international organizations to submit a further report to the Council at its forty-sixth session, outlining the means by which the scope of present and contemplated activities in the field of transfer of science and technology could be more clearly defined, strengthened and co-ordinated;

2. *Decides* to transmit to the Trade and Development Board the summary records of the relevant meetings of the Council and its Co-ordination Committee on this matter;⁵⁸

3. *Requests* that the Trade and Development Board, while considering this subject in accordance with paragraph 1 of the draft resolution submitted to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its second session, should take into account the views expressed by the Council, including the desirability of deferring any final action until it has had an opportunity to consider the further report and the comments made thereon by the Council at its forty-sixth session.

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2 August 1968.*

1365 (XLV). Application of electronic techniques for automatic data storage, processing and retrieval

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind that the possibility of introducing modern methods for data collection is being considered both in the United Nations and in specialized organs and agencies,

⁵⁶ See E/4552, annex III B.

⁵⁷ E/4552.

⁵⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth session, 1560th meeting; E/AC. 24/SR. 352, 353 and 358.*

Noting that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in its thirty-fourth report expresses its interest and views on measures likely to bring about even more effective co-operation and avoid wasteful duplication of services and equipment,⁵⁹

Recognizing the importance of a review of the various initiatives, plans and arrangements existing in many international organizations and programmes for the employment of electronic data storage and retrieval techniques,

Noting with satisfaction the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its sixth session,⁶⁰ requesting the Administrator of the Programme to prepare a study for the Governing Council's eighth session, in close co-operation with appropriate sections of the United Nations Secretariat and, in particular, the United Nations Centre for Development Planning, Projections and Policies, on the feasibility of setting up and operating a system of automatic data storage, processing and retrieval,

Recognizing the potential value of this proposal, from the point of view of co-ordination within the United Nations family,

1. *Emphasizes* that the first principle of the storage, retrieval and dissemination of project information must be the rigorous selection of material that seems likely to be of future use;

2. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to co-operate fully with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in carrying out the feasibility study requested by the Governing Council and invites the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to consult that Committee concerning this study;

3. *Expresses* the hope that the views of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination will be obtained before the feasibility study is submitted to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its eighth session;

4. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to submit the findings on the subject separately to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session, so that the Council can suggest to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session the action that should be taken in the matter.

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1367 (XLV). Enhancement of the co-ordinating role of the Economic and Social Council in the economic, social and related fields of activity of the organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the importance of strengthening the co-ordination and co-operation between the organizations

⁵⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 23, document E/4486/Add.1, annex VII.

⁶⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6A (E/4545) para. 331.*

and agencies of the United Nations system, which is taking on special significance in the context of the objectives of the forthcoming second United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling the provisions of Chapter IX of the United Nations Charter concerning international economic and social co-operation and, in particular, Article 60 concerning the special responsibility of the Economic and Social Council for the discharge of functions in economic, social, cultural, educational, health and related fields, and also concerning the central role of the Council in the co-ordination of that activity,

Having examined the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its second session,⁶¹

1. *Emphasizes* the urgent need to rationalize and enhance the effectiveness of its work on co-ordination of the programmes of the United Nations system in the field of economic and social development and human rights;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the work done by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in that direction, especially its suggestions aimed at eliminating duplication, parallelism and redundancy in the work of all organs of the United Nations system;

3. *Approves* the recommendations and proposals of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, contained in the Committee's report on its second session,⁶² concerning its future role, and conduct of its work, in programme matters;

4. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, at its next session, to make further recommendations as necessary concerning its future role, and conduct of its work, in co-ordination matters;

5. *Re-emphasizes* the complementarity of the functions of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and, consequently,

(a) *Further requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, which is essentially a tool for programming and co-ordination, to take into account, when considering and reviewing the programmes of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, their financial implications;

(b) *Invites* the advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, when considering the budgetary estimates of these programmes, to give as a matter of continuing practice, due weight to the relevant comments and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

6. *Also requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to group all its conclusions and recommendations into one section in its future reports to the Council, and to mark clearly all recommendations which call for Council action;

7. *Invites* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on

Co-ordination, if possible to prolong their joint meetings by one or two days and to ensure that such joint meetings are prepared with a view to more concrete discussion of co-ordination problems;

8. *Requests* the functional commissions, the regional economic commissions and other subsidiary bodies of the Council, and *invites* the Trade and Development Board and the Industrial Development Board, to classify the items in their work programmes into categories of priority in the manner recommended by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in paragraphs 12-14 of its report;

9. *Reminds* the functional commissions and the regional economic commissions of the need to secure the observance of their rules corresponding to rule 34 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council;

10. *Also reminds* the functional commissions and other subsidiary bodies of the Council that their terms of reference require that the Council consider, in advance of their implementation, all proposals relating to their work programmes;

11. *Requests* the functional commissions, the regional economic commissions and other subsidiary bodies of the Council to include, in the chapters of their reports dealing with programmes and priorities, a section entitled "Programme changes", in accordance with paragraph 16 (c) of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

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1368 (XLV). Questions arising from the reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the thirty-fourth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination⁶³ and the report of that Committee on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes⁶⁴ and the relevant sections of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its second session,⁶⁵

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INTERNATIONAL YEARS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Conscious of the dangers of the growing tendency to designate international years and anniversaries and of the fact that the value of the practice will be impaired if it is followed too frequently,

1. *Expresses* the hope that new proposals for the designation of international years and anniversaries will be avoided except on the most important occasions and

⁶¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/4493/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Add.1).*

⁶² *Ibid.*, chap. II.

⁶³ *Ibid.*, *Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 23, documents E/4486 and Add.1-3.

⁶⁴ *Ibid.*, document E/4501 and Add.1.

⁶⁵ *Ibid.*, *Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/4493/Rev.1 and Add.1/Rev.1).*