

after consideration of the probable impact of such proposals on existing celebrations;

2. *Requests* that its views be brought to the attention of all intergovernmental organizations in the United Nations system.

## II

### COMPUTERS

3. *Welcomes* the establishment of a Computer Users' Committee;

4. *Expresses* the hope that the Computer Users' Committee will devote as much attention to questions concerning the use of computers throughout the United Nations system as to questions concerning the use of computers in Geneva;

5. *Expresses* the hope also that, in view of the high cost of computer facilities, the Computer Users' Committee will work on the basis of a maximum sharing of facilities rather than of self-sufficiency for each organization in the United Nations system, and that organizations' plans for computer facilities will be fully discussed in the light of possible alternatives before being submitted to the governing bodies concerned;

6. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to report further in 1969 on the progress made by the Computer Users' Committee;

## III

### STATISTICS

7. *Decides* that the special report submitted by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on statistical research and publications<sup>66</sup> should in the first instance be remitted to the joint consultations between representatives of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and a working group of the Statistical Commission, which are to be held in accordance with Council resolution 1306 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968, together with the summary records of the meetings at which this subject was discussed at the forty-fifth session of the Council.<sup>67</sup>

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#### 1369 (XLV). Co-ordination at the national level

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 125 (II) of 20 November 1947, and Council resolutions 590 A II (XX) of 5 August 1955, 630 A II (XXII) of 9 August 1956, and 1281 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967,

<sup>66</sup> *Ibid.*, *Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 23, document E/4486/Add.2.

<sup>67</sup> *Ibid.*, *Forty-fifth Session*, 1561st meeting; E/AC.24/SR.338-344, 346 and 359.

*Recalling further* the survey of the Secretary-General<sup>68</sup> on the means and methods employed by the Governments of Member States for the purpose of co-ordinating their national policies in respect of the activities of the various organs, committees and agencies in the field of the economic and social activities of the United Nations family and the difficulties encountered by them in so doing,

*Considering* that since the publication of that survey a number of new bodies and agencies dealing with economic and social activities have been established within the United Nations system of organizations,

*Considering further* that as a consequence of these developments, the co-ordination at the national level of policies and measures in respect of activities of the United Nations, its various organs and committees and the specialized agencies has become more complicated,

*Reaffirming* the need for different organizations within the United Nations system to take mutually consistent decisions on related issues in order for the system to function properly,

*Noting* that "the aggravation of the problem of conflicting decisions being taken in different intergovernmental organizations" is among other reasons "due to inadequate co-ordination at the national level", as stated in the thirty-fourth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,<sup>69</sup>

*Convinced* that the timely distribution of documents plays an important role in assisting Governments in achieving co-ordination of their policies,

*Convinced further* that the improvement of co-ordination at the national level, together with other measures which need to be adopted by the organs and organizations of the United Nations system, would greatly assist in ensuring the better functioning of the United Nations system of organizations,

1. *Draws* the attention of Governments to the desirability of taking further steps to ensure a more appropriate co-ordination at the national level;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a survey for the forty-ninth session of the Council, on the basis of information submitted by the Governments of Member States and the experience of the United Nations system of organizations, on:

(a) The means and methods currently employed by the Governments of Member States for the purpose of co-ordinating their national policies in respect of the activities of the United Nations, its various organs and committees, and the specialized agencies;

(b) The difficulties generally encountered in ensuring such co-ordination at the national level, including appropriate suggestions for overcoming these difficulties;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the agencies to ensure the full implementation of the rule 80 of the rules of procedure of the Council and

<sup>68</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/3107.

<sup>69</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 23, document E/4486, para. 14.

the relevant rules of the functional and regional economic commissions and of the agencies;

4. *Invites* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to keep under review the problem of decisions being taken in different organizations within the United Nations system which might lead to duplication or divergent action and to indicate in its annual reports to the Council such decisions, if any, with a view to their possible harmonization;

5. *Invites* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to give special attention to the above-mentioned section of the reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination.

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### **1370 (XLV). Preparation of reports**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Concerned* at the continued increase in the number and length of the reports submitted by the Secretary-General in response to requests by the Council and its subsidiary bodies,

*Realizing* the growing burden which the study of those documents imposes on government departments of Member States,

*Considering* that all possible measures should be taken to make those reports easier to read and discuss,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange in future for those passages in his reports which call for a decision by the body to which they are addressed to be suitably distinguished from the rest of the text and clearly marked, and where appropriate to present proposals or suggestions for action by the Council and by its subsidiary bodies.

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### **1371 (XLV). Reports of the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the annual reports and the analytical summaries thereof of the specialized agencies,<sup>70</sup> the annual

<sup>70</sup> "Twenty-second report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations" and *Activities of the ILO, 1967*, Report of the Director-General (Part 2) to the ILO Conference, fifty-second session, 1968 and addendum (Geneva 1968), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by notes of the Secretary-General (E/4540 and Add.1-2); "Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-fifth session" (Rome, 1968), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/4473 and Add.1). "Progress of food production in developing countries with special reference to high-yielding varieties" (E/4473/Add.1); "Report of UNESCO to the Economic and Social Council", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/4503); International Civil Aviation Organization, *Annual Report of the Council to the Assembly for 1967* (Doc. 8724, A16-P/3, April 1968) and "Analytical sum-

mary of the International Atomic Energy Agency<sup>71</sup> and the thirty-fourth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,<sup>72</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* the development of inter-agency co-operation in the past years and the progress made towards solving certain difficult problems of co-ordination,

*Recalling* its resolution 1277 B (XLIII) of 4 August 1967, in which it invited the specialized agencies concerned and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to give fuller treatment in their reports for 1968 to certain problems,

*Takes note with appreciation* of the annual reports and summaries thereof of the specialized agencies, the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the thirty-fourth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, including in particular its annexes.

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### **1372 (XLV). Activities of the United Nations system of organizations in the transport field**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1082 (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965 and 1202 (XLII) of 26 May 1967,

*Having considered* the Secretary-General's report on the co-ordination and improvement of activities in the

primary of activities in 1967", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by notes of the Secretary-General (E/4522 and Add.1); World Health Organization, *The Work of WHO, 1967: Annual Report of the Director-General to the World Health Assembly and to the United Nations* (Geneva, 1968) (*Official Records of the World Health Organization No. 164*); and "Analytical summary of the World Health Organization's activities in 1967", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by notes of the Secretary-General (E/4507 and Add.1 and Corr.1); Universal Postal Union, "Report on the Work of the Union, 1967" (Berne, 1968); and "Analytical report on the work of the Universal Postal Union in 1967" (Berne, 1968), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by notes of the Secretary-General (E/4524 and Add.1); International Telecommunication Union, *Report to the Economic and Social Council on the activities of the International Telecommunication Union in 1967* (Geneva, 1968), and *Seventh Report by the International Telecommunication Union on Telecommunication and the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space* (Geneva, 1968) transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by notes of the Secretary-General (E/4542 and Add.1); World Meteorological Organization, *Annual Report of the World Meteorological Organization, 1967* (WMO-No.222.RP.76); and "Analytical summary of Annual Report of the World Meteorological Organization for 1967 to the forty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Council", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by notes of the Secretary-General (E/4506 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1); Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, "Annual Report of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, 1968", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/4502).

<sup>71</sup> International Atomic Energy Agency, "Annual Report by the International Atomic Energy Agency to the Economic and Social Council for 1967-1968", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/4490).

<sup>72</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 23, document E/4486 and Add.1-3.