

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,⁷⁰ the annual

⁷⁰ "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 Agency⁷¹ and the thirty-fourth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,⁷²

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).

⁷¹ 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).

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

field of transport within the United Nations system of organizations,⁷³

Being aware of the rapid advance in transport technology and of the need for the improvement and extension of transport systems, particularly in developing countries, and of the interest of the United Nations in assisting Governments in their efforts to bring about sound transport development as an integral aspect of over-all economic development of the countries concerned,

Taking into account the expansion and diversification in recent years of the activities at national and international levels in respect of transport development, involving a large number of organizations and units within the United Nations system,

1. *Decides* to place on the agenda of the forty-seventh session of the Council a separate item entitled "Review of the activities of the United Nations system of organizations in the transport field", in order to permit a consideration in depth of developments and requirements in the field of transport in a manner that will help achieve the necessary integration and co-ordination of such programmes within the United Nations family;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in preparation for the discussion of this problem at the forty-seventh session to prepare, in consultation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and interested specialized agencies, the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, a report on the major transport problems of developing countries in the context of their economic and social development, with special reference to the latest technological developments and their impact on the programmes and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system designed to assist the developing countries in the improvement of their transport facilities, and to transmit the report, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination for its comments and suggestions, to the Council.

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1373 (XLV). Division of responsibilities among the United Nations Secretariat units concerned with shipping and ports

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1202 (XLII) of 26 May 1967,

Taking note of the measures adopted by the Secretary-General as set forth in his report on this subject,⁷⁴

Taking note of resolution 6 (II) dated 22 March 1968 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

1. *Invites* the attention of all the appropriate bodies in the United Nations system to the measures adopted by the Secretary-General as set forth in his report;

⁷³ *Ibid.*, document E/4509.

⁷⁴ *Ibid.*, document E/4462.

2. *Invites* also the attention of all the appropriate bodies in the United Nations system to resolution 6 (II) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

3. *Recommends* that the usual administrative steps be taken through the appropriate bodies of the United Nations to enable the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to fulfil their respective tasks as set forth in the Secretary-General's report.

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1374 (XLV). Proposed amendment to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1281 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967 concerning, *inter alia*, the improvement of procedures for inter-agency consultations on new proposals coming before the Council and its subsidiary organs, and

Noting the suggestion of the Administrative Committee on Coordination in its thirty-fourth report to the Council relating to the application of the principle of rule 80 of the rules of procedure to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,⁷⁵

1. *Draws the attention* of the General Assembly to Council resolution 1281 (XLIII) and to the thirty-fourth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it amend its rules of procedure in the following manner:

(a) Insert a new chapter XVII to be entitled "Co-ordination of economic and social questions";

(b) Renumber the existing chapter XVII to become chapter XVIII. Renumber the following chapter accordingly.

(c) Insert a new rule 162, as follows:

*" Consultation with specialized agencies
and the International Atomic Energy Agency*

" Rule 162

" 1. Where an item proposed for the provisional agenda or the supplementary list for a session, or as an additional item under rule 15, contains a proposal for new activities [of an economic and financial nature or of a social and humanitarian nature] to be undertaken by the United Nations relating to matters which are of direct concern to one or more specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Secretary-General shall enter into consultation with the agency or agencies concerned and report to the General Assembly on the means of achieving co-ordinated use of the resources of the respective agencies.

" 2. Where a proposal put forward in the course of a meeting of either the General Assembly or a Main

⁷⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 23, document E/4486, para. 18.