

1377 (XLV). Proposed amendment to the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Africa

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,

Recommends to the Economic Commission for Africa that it amend its rules of procedure in the following manner:

(a) Insert a new rule 73, as follows:

“ *Rule 73*

“ 1. Where an item proposed for the provisional agenda for a session contains a proposal for new activities 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 Executive Secretary shall enter into consultation with the agency or agencies concerned and report to the Commission 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 for new activities to be undertaken by the United Nations relates to matters which are of direct concern to one or more specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Executive Secretary shall, after such consultation as may be possible with the representatives at the meeting of the other agency or agencies concerned, draw the attention of the meeting to these implications of the proposal.

“ 3. Before deciding on proposals referred to above, the Commission shall satisfy itself that adequate consultations have taken place with the agencies concerned.”

(b) Renumber the following rules accordingly.

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1378 (XLV). Long-range planning

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies regarding the need for long-term planning,⁷⁶ and resolution 1264 (XLIII) of 3 August 1967 by which the Council, *inter alia*, requested its subsidiary bodies to draw up, with the assistance of the appropriate secretariat units, long-range programmes of work containing clear indications of priorities among the various projects,

Noting with approval the emphasis placed by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the need for

⁷⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 80, document A/6343, paras. 67 and 73.

developing procedures for co-ordination in the planning stages in addition to the existing procedures which relate largely to the implementation stages of projects,

1. *Endorses* the plans of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to assist the Council and the General Assembly in the establishment of priorities within the United Nations and the formulation of programmes clearly responsive to such priorities as specified in paragraphs 8-17 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its second session;⁷⁷

2. *Calls for* renewed efforts by the United Nations for better co-ordination in planning to ensure that reports concerned with projections be based, to the extent practicable, on the same general assumptions and common methodology, cover the same periods, and use the same statistical data, and that such arrangements be made as early as possible so as to provide the United Nations system with a comprehensive basis on which to formulate the plans and programmes for the second United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Believes* that the implementation of these measures will effectively promote long-term planning, the setting of priorities, and the formulation of effective work programmes responsive to these priorities and thus make for optimum use of available and anticipated resources;

4. *Believes further* that these improvements in the setting of priorities and the formulation of work programmes will help to define more clearly the objectives of specific programmes and projects essential for the evaluation of the performance and achievements of the United Nations and its related organizations in the economic, social and related fields.

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1379 (XLV). Summary records of meetings of subsidiary organs of the Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies,⁷⁸

Considering the unanimous desire of Member States to reduce both the weight of documentation and the expense of it in the United Nations system,

1. *Welcomes* the action of the Statistical Commission, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Committee for Development Planning which have decided, in response to General Assembly resolution 2292 (XXII) of 8 December 1967 and to Council resolution 1264 (XLIII) of 3 August 1967, to dispense with summary records of their meetings;

2. *Requests* those of its subsidiary organs which have not yet done so, to consider at their next sessions dis-

⁷⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/4493/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Add.1).*

⁷⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 80, document A/6343, paras. 92-104.

pending with such records for their meetings and for those of their own subsidiary bodies in the future; and in this connexion *calls to their attention* the decision taken by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to replace summary records by shorter minutes, while reserving the right to ask for a summary record in respect of any discussion which required exceptional treatment;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to consider ways and means whereby, in cases where summary records are deemed to be essential, the cost of producing such records can be reduced, and to report to the Council at its forty-sixth session.

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OTHER DECISIONS

Expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes

At its forty-fifth session, the Council examined with interest and appreciation the new layout for the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes,⁷⁹ which it regarded as an improvement over the earlier layout. It also had before it the alternative layouts suggested by the various agencies.⁸⁰ The Council believes that the headings, and the allocations of expenditures under each heading, need to be reviewed in the light of the requirements of those bodies with responsibilities for co-ordinating the activities of the United Nations system in the economic, social and human rights fields as a whole, and wishes to respond to the request of the Administrative Committee for Co-ordination⁸¹ for guidance in this matter. In that connexion, the Council noted that the report on the general review which is being prepared for the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in response to General Assembly resolution 2188 (XXI) of 13 December 1966, will utilize the framework provided by the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination as the basis for the "clear and comprehensive picture" of those activities.

At its 1561st meeting, on 2 August 1968, the Council therefore requested the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, when it examined that report in September 1968, to consider the framework of headings and the activities appearing under each of those headings from the standpoint of the needs of coherent programme review and co-ordination, as well as the alternative layouts, and to submit its comments and recommendations thereon

⁷⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 23, document E/4501.

⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, E/4501/Add.1.

⁸¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 23, document E/4501, para. 8.

to the Council through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

Amendment to the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council

At its 1561st meeting, on 2 August 1968, the Council decided to introduce the following changes in the rules of procedure of its functional commissions:

1. Revise the title of section XIV of the rules of procedure to read "participation of and consultation with specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency";

2. Insert the following as new rule 74:

" 1. Where an item proposed for the provisional agenda for a session or added to the agenda under rule 10 contains a proposal for new activities 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 Commission 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 for new activities to be undertaken by the United Nations relates to matters which are of direct concern to one or more specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Secretary-General shall, after such consultation as may be possible with the representatives at the meeting of the other agency or agencies concerned, draw the attention of the meeting to those implications of the proposal.

" 3. Before deciding on the proposals referred to above, the Commission shall satisfy itself that adequate consultations have taken place with the agencies concerned."

3. Renumber the following rules accordingly.