

3. *Decides* to enlarge the Statistical Commission to twenty-four members, to be elected on the basis of an equitable geographical distribution according to the following pattern :

- (a) Five members from African States ;
- (b) Four members from Asian States ;
- (c) Four members from Latin American States ;
- (d) Seven members from western European and other States ;
- (e) Four members from socialist States of eastern Europe ;

4. *Decides* to enlarge the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to twenty-four members, taking into account the criteria now used for election to this Commission as well as the principle of equitable geographical distribution ;

5. *Decides further* that after the elections to fill the vacancies created by the enlargement of the Commissions and of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, it shall be determined by lot which countries, in the initial stage, serve for various terms.

*1442nd plenary meeting,
4 August 1966.*

1153 (XLI). Transfer to the United Nations of the responsibilities and assets of the International Relief Union

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken cognizance of the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the International Relief Union of 15 December 1965 concerning its relations with the United Nations,¹¹⁸

Paying a tribute to those who, in proposing the Convention of 1927, gave legal force to the principle of international solidarity on the occasion of natural disasters,

Taking note of the resolutions, the most recent being Economic and Social Council resolution 1049 (XXXVII) of 15 August 1964 and General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX) of 7 December 1965, in which the organs of the United Nations have assumed certain responsibilities for assistance in cases of natural disaster,

Requests the Secretary-General :

1. To examine with the International Relief Union the extent to which its assets, activities, publications and archives could constitute a beneficial contribution to the action, both governmental and non-governmental, now being undertaken by the international community in the field of assistance in cases of natural disaster ;

2. To take such measures as he may consider desirable in this connexion ;

3. To report on this matter to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-second or forty-third session.

*1443rd plenary meeting,
4 August 1966.*

¹¹⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 39, document E/4227/Add.1.*

1154 (XLI). Documentation

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1203 (XII) of 13 December 1957 and resolution 1272 (XIII) of 14 November 1958, concerning documentation,

Recalling its resolution 1090 E (XXXIX) of 31 July 1965,

Noting with appreciation the improvements already made in reducing the volume of documentation and in ensuring that documents shall be available to Governments of States Members of the United Nations in good time,

Desiring to improve still further the quality of the documentation which requires its consideration, in order that it may more effectively discharge its various responsibilities,

Taking note of the reports prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolution 1090 E (XXXIX)¹¹⁹ as well as of the comments made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹²⁰

Bearing in mind its resolution 1172 (XLI) of 5 August 1966 concerning the submission of the reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency,

1. *Reaffirms* the importance it attaches to the requests made to the Secretary-General in operative paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 1090 E (XXXIX) ;

2. *Endorses* the Secretary-General's proposals contained in paragraphs 9 to 15 of his report ;¹²¹

3. *Decides* that :

(a) The reports referred to in paragraphs 10 to 12 of the report of the Secretary-General¹²¹ should be submitted one year less frequently than they are now unless developments call for greater frequency ;

(b) Replies to questionnaires addressed to the Governments of States Members of the United Nations calling for substantially factual information should, where appropriate, be analysed and the analysis issued as a Council document ; the full original text of the replies would be available for examination by the Governments of Member States, it being understood that the reply of any Government would be published at its request ;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General :

(a) To prepare for the Council, whenever feasible, short analytical summaries of the contents and conclusions of the reports of the functional and regional economic commissions and of the standing and *ad hoc* committees ;

(b) To indicate those reports which are of a technical nature requiring detailed study by experts of Governments of Member States rather than by the Council,

¹¹⁹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 32, documents E/4157 and E/4223.

¹²⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/6307)* (extracts submitted to the Economic and Social Council under symbol E/4232), paras. 52-68.

¹²¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 32, document E/4157.*