

Aware of the value for the competent officials of the developing countries of the United Nations regional and interregional workshops on budget problems,

1. *Takes note* of the above-mentioned report and *approves* its conclusions and recommendations in so far as they relate to the work programme;

2. *Recommends* to the United Nations Development Programme to continue its contributions to the technical assistance work of the United Nations Secretariat in the budgetary field;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to report periodically on the work accomplished in the budget workshops to the Council and to its Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

*1560th plenary meeting,  
2 August 1968.*

### 1362 (XLV). United Nations export promotion efforts

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* the desirability for increased efficiency in the promotion of the exports of the developing countries,

*Considering* the need to avoid the dispersal of efforts between the various organizations,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2297 (XXII) of 12 December 1967 concerning the establishment of the joint UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre,

*Recalling further* the establishment in January 1967 of the United Nations Export Promotion Programme, which has brought together the International Labour Office and the secretariats of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the regional economic commissions in order to assist the developing countries in their export promotion efforts,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the meetings of the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions and the Director of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, in particular the section devoted to United Nations export promotion efforts;<sup>24</sup>

2. *Notes* that the meeting of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions and the Director of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, suitably enlarged for the purpose, intends to review periodically these activities;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, on the basis of that review, to prepare periodically a report on United Nations export promotion efforts and to submit it to the Trade and Development Board for substantive examination, and, together with the comments and observations of the Trade and Development Board, to the Council for con-

<sup>24</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 14, document E/4560, chap. III.

sideration and over-all co-ordination under a separate item or sub-item of its agenda;

4. *Commends* to the attention of all agencies and bodies participating in United Nations export promotion efforts the importance of taking duly into account in their activities the problems of export promotion between the developing countries themselves.

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### 1363 (XLV). Tourism

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* the significant contributions which international tourism can make to the improvement of the balance of payments of countries at all stages of development, and its potential role in furthering the economic growth and the creation of employment opportunities in the developing countries, as well as its significance in enhancing international understanding and the strengthening of cultural ties between nations,

*Noting* that the promotion of tourism calls for intensified national and international efforts in such fields as improved transportation, including safety, the standardizing of traffic rules and signals, and border facilities; the development of hotels and other tourist accommodations; regional and urban planning for recreation purposes, including the establishment of resort areas, national parks, the conservation of places of cultural or historical interest, the stimulation of small handicrafts and home industries, health services and other related activities,

*Aware* that a large number of United Nations bodies, including the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and of non-governmental organizations such as the International Union of Official Travel Organizations, have embarked on extensive programmes relating to the development and promotion of tourism,

*Cognizant* that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development has a work programme in tourism in which the Council welcomed in resolution 1109 (XL) of 7 March 1966 and *noting* resolution 8 (II), dated 22 March 1968, of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

*Cognizant* also of the fact that the International Union of Official Travel Organizations has a permanent programme of work which reflects the responsibilities and activities of its member national tourist organizations; and of its plans to transform itself into an intergovernmental organization, and that it has taken steps towards bringing about this transformation, and aspires to assume broad co-ordination functions in the field of tourism when this transformation is achieved,

*Noting* with satisfaction the special attention given to the need for an integrated programme on tourism by the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions in their report of meetings held in 1968,<sup>25</sup>

<sup>25</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 14, document E/4560.