

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 2049 (XX) of 13 December 1965 establishing an *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies, and in particular paragraph 6 (b) of that resolution, and without prejudice to future consideration by the Council of any recommendation which may be adopted by the General Assembly following its consideration of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee,

Being convinced that further improvements can be made in the functioning of the Special Committee,

1. *Welcomes* the results of the joint meetings between the Special Committee and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and endorses their recommendation that such meetings should continue in the future as a means of helping to ensure more effective co-ordination ;

2. *Further welcomes* the contribution of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the meetings of the Special Committee ;

3. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Special Committee that it should have the responsibility for making every year a general examination of the United Nations work programme in the economic, social and human rights fields, devoting as appropriate detailed consideration each year to certain sections of that programme ;

4. *Decides* that the Special Committee should meet twice annually, first to review the above-mentioned United Nations work programme in the economic, social and human rights fields and, secondly, to deal with co-ordination of the activities of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency and those of the United Nations ;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit all relevant programme data, including budget estimates, as early as possible so that the Special Committee on Co-ordination may begin the process of United Nations programme review as soon as practicable ;

6. *Recognizes* the merits of the view expressed by the Special Committee that continuity of membership would be of particular importance to the increase of its effectiveness, and of the suggestion that the possibility of choosing its members for a longer period is worth exploring ;

7. *Decides* to change the name of the Special Committee on Co-ordination to "Committee for Programme and Co-ordination" to reflect better its dual responsibilities.

*1445th plenary meeting,
5 August 1966.*

1172 (XLI). Reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the annual reports of the specialized agencies¹⁰² and the International Atomic Energy Agency,¹⁰³

Recalling its resolution 1090 F (XXXIX) of 31 July 1965, requesting each specialized agency and the International Atomic Energy Agency to submit a short analytical report on its major substantive and administrative activities during the period under review,

Considering that a clearer view of the work of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency and especially of their joint activities and programmes could be provided if, in future, they were to follow a substantially uniform pattern in drafting their analytical reports,

1. *Takes note* with appreciation both of the annual reports and the analytical summaries submitted by the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency ;

2. *Requests* the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, in preparing their future analytical summaries, to follow a substantially uniform pattern to be drawn up by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in the light of the suggestions made on this subject during the forty-first session of the Council ;

3. *Also requests* them to include in their analytical summaries appropriate information on the cost of their programmes and main projects ;

4. *Further requests* the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to issue their annual reports and analytical summaries in time for consideration by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination ;

¹⁰² International Labour Office, *Twentieth Report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations* (Geneva, 1966) and "Brief report of the International Labour Organisation to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations under resolution 1090 E (XXXIX)" (Geneva, 1966). "Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-first session" (Rome, 1966) and "The work of FAO 1964-1965 : report of the Director-General" (Rome, 1965). "Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to the Economic and Social Council" (E/4190). World Health Organization, *The Work of WHO, 1965 : Annual Report of the Director-General to the World Health Assembly and to the United Nations (Official Records of the World Health Organization No. 147)* (Geneva, 1966). "Analytical report prepared by the World Health Organization in accordance with Council resolution 1090 F (XXXIX)" (E/4197/Add.1) and "Supplementary report of the World Health Organization" (E/4197/Add.2). International Civil Aviation Organization, *Annual Report of the Council to the Assembly for 1965* (Doc. 8572, A16-P/1, April 1966) and "A short report on the activities of ICAO in 1965". Universal Postal Union, "Report on the Work of the Union, 1965" (Berne, 1966) and *Summary Report on the Work of the UPU in 1965* (Berne, 1966). International Telecommunication Union, *Report on the Activities of the International Telecommunication Union in 1965* (Geneva 1966) and *Fifth Report by the International Telecommunication Union on Telecommunication and the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space* (Geneva, 1966). World Meteorological Organization, *Annual Report of the World Meteorological Organization, 1965* (WMO-No. 184.RP.67) (Geneva, 1966) and "Introductory report of the World Meteorological Organization for 1965" (E/4182/Add.1). "Annual Report of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, 1966" (London).

¹⁰³ "Annual report by the International Atomic Energy Agency to the Economic and Social Council for 1965-66."

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to prepare each year a short survey of major points in the annual reports and analytical summaries of the agencies and the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, drawing the attention of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and of the Council at its summer sessions to issues which may require their special consideration ;

6. *Considers* that it would be desirable, when conducting its general review in future years, to devote particular attention to the examination of specific fields of activity common to the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency ;

7. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, in consultation with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to submit suggestions to that end.

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1173 (XLI). Proposal for review of agencies and programmes within the United Nations family

The Economic and Social Council,

Desiring to strengthen the efforts of the United Nations and the specialized agencies to accelerate the economic and social development of the developing countries,

Bearing in mind its responsibility for co-ordination of the activities of the specialized agencies through consultation and recommendation,

Having given preliminary consideration to a proposal that a thorough and objective review and evaluation should be undertaken of the structure, functions, procedures, financing and performance of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency as well as the programmes of the United Nations in the economic and social fields,

Considering that the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies may cover certain aspects of such a review and that that report will be discussed by the General Assembly at its twenty-first session,

1. *Decides* to place the question raised by the above proposal on the provisional agenda of the appropriate session in 1967, and to study it within the framework of the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations ;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to place before the Council at that session such available documentation as will enable it to give appropriate consideration to this question.

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1174 (XLI). Arrangements for strengthening the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 799 (XXX) of 3 August 1960, 843 (XXXII) of 3 August 1961, 992 (XXXVI) of 2

August 1963, and 1090 H (XXXIX) of 31 July 1965, concerning the secretariat arrangements for the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,

Noting the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 115 of its sixth report,¹⁰⁴

Noting further that the report of the joint meetings of the Special Committee on Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination¹⁰⁵ urges that the organization of the work of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination be reviewed and its staff arrangements strengthened to enable it to play a more active part vis-à-vis the Council and to play the larger role which is required of it in the planning and implementation of programmes of concern to several agencies, as well as in pin-pointing problems which are not receiving adequate attention,

Recognizing the increasing responsibility that is being placed on the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination as a result of decisions of the Council and the General Assembly for ensuring that the activities of the United Nations system shall be effectively co-ordinated, not only in the sense of eliminating unnecessary overlapping, but also in the sense of furthering the common pursuit of recognized priority objectives through jointly conceived programmes for international action,

Recognizing also the importance for the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination further to develop its co-operation with the Council and its subsidiary bodies, in particular with the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,

Appreciating the steps taken by the Secretary-General so far to strengthen the secretariat of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,

Believing that further steps are necessary to increase the effectiveness of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in fulfilling its above-mentioned tasks,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore further with the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, in the light of the discussions in the joint meeting of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the Special Committee on Co-ordination, and during the forty-first session of the Economic and Social Council, the best means of strengthening and financing an expanded full-time staff for the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and interagency affairs, including the possibility of utilizing staff support arrangements such as those followed for the International Civil Service Advisory Board and the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions, or of drawing, as feasible and appropriate, on the personnel resources of the organizations of the United Nations system ;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation as appropriate with the Advisory Committee

¹⁰⁴ *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).

¹⁰⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document E/4233.*