

1176 (XLI). United Nations public information activities in the economic, social, human rights and related fields

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with interest that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination "is arranging for a review to be undertaken of certain aspects of the information programmes of the organizations in the United Nations family",¹²⁴

Agreeing with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination that there are increasing world needs for impartial information about the objectives and work of the United Nations family and that these needs should be considered in the light of present and newly emerging public information practices and of rapidly growing technical advances in mass communications,

Recognizing in particular the importance of improving, and of making more effective, information on the work of the United Nations in the economic, social, human rights and related fields,

Believing that there should be the widest possible understanding of and support for United Nations programmes by the peoples of Member States because of the contribution of these programmes to the growth of world-wide economic and social progress,

1. Looks forward to receiving the results of the review to be made by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination of certain aspects of the information programmes of the organizations of the United Nations family;

2. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To undertake, with such assistance as he deems necessary, through the use of consultants or governmental experts selected on an equitable geographical basis, a study of the information activities of the United Nations with respect to its economic, social and human rights work, including the financing, staffing, publication and press relations programmes and their effectiveness and the relationships with the information services of the organizations of the United Nations system;

(b) To inform the Council at its forty-third session on measures taken to improve the information activities on the economic, social and human rights work of the United Nations and to suggest further steps to be taken to that end;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to suggest, after appropriate consultation with Governments, the ways in which information programmes of Governments of Member States and, as appropriate, educational institutions, civic or community groups, could give support to the United Nations through the Press, radio, television and the cinema.

4. Decides to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session the reports mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, together with such comments as the Council may deem appropriate.

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¹²⁴ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document E/4191, para. 98.

1177 (XLI). Work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields and its budgetary requirements

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1046 (XXXVII) of 15 August 1964 and 1093 (XXXIX) of 31 July 1965 on the presentation by the Secretary-General of a work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields together with adequate information on its budgetary implications,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,¹²⁵ the comments thereon submitted by the Special Committee on Co-ordination in its report on its fourth session¹²⁶ and the statement of the Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs in the Council,¹²⁷

Considering that the increase in the scope and importance of United Nations activities in the economic, social and human rights fields and the diversification of those activities reinforce the need constantly to seek to ensure better use of resources in the execution of programmes and therefore necessitates a continuing review of the procedures obtaining with respect to those activities,

Considering the desirability of more forward planning of programmes, on a realistic basis, with an assessment of priorities, where necessary,

Reaffirming the importance it attaches to making, each year, a careful scrutiny of the United Nations work programme in the economic, social and human rights fields in the light of the budgetary implications of that programme,

Bearing in mind the importance of relating the expenditure on administrative and substantive services to the corresponding field activities for programmes in the economic and social fields,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 2049 (XX) of 13 December 1965 by which the Assembly established the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies, and without prejudice to future consideration, by the Council, of any recommendations which, following the Assembly's consideration of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, may be adopted by the General Assembly or transmitted by it to the Council,

1. Welcomes the Secretary-General's report on the work programme¹²⁸ as a constructive step in the direction of an integrated programme and budget approach which would enable the Council to correlate the programme and available resources;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council, including the regional economic commissions, as appropriate, the various sections of the work programme,

¹²⁵ *Ibid.*, agenda item 31, documents E/4179/Rev.1 and Add.1-18.

¹²⁶ *Ibid.*, agenda item 3, document E/4215.

¹²⁷ *Ibid.*, Forty-first Session, 1431st meeting.

¹²⁸ *Ibid.*, Forty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 31, documents E/4179/Rev.1 and Add.1-18.