

9. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to maintain contact with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

*1635th plenary meeting,  
7 August 1969.*

**1453 (XLVII). Co-ordination at the country level: the role of the Resident Representatives of the United Nations Development Programme**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1090 B (XXXIX) of 31 July 1965, in particular its reaffirmation of "the necessity that the Resident Representatives should exercise more effectively their central role in achieving co-ordination at the field level of the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and other organizations in the United Nations system",

*Having considered* the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on co-ordination and co-operation at the country level,<sup>49</sup>

*Noting* the references made in the report of the United Nations Evaluation Mission to Iran to the relationships between the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme and the country representatives of the agencies concerned,<sup>50</sup>

*Convinced* that there is need for further clarification of the central role and responsibilities of the Resident Representative in co-ordinating the technical co-operation and pre-investment programmes of the United Nations system of participating organizations at the field level,

*Pending* the report on the Capacity Study of the United Nations Development Programme and other related reports,

*Being aware*, moreover, of the assistance that the Resident Representatives can give to the Governments of Member States in the co-ordination of the development activities of the United Nations system,

1. *Believes* that the co-ordinating role of the Resident Representatives of the United Nations Development Programme should be exercised in full recognition of the primary responsibility of Member States for the co-ordination of development programmes and projects in their countries;

2. *Emphasizes* the value to Governments of Member States of having central machinery for the planning and processing, in consultation with the Resident Representative, of requests to the member organizations of the United Nations system for development assistance;

3. *Re-emphasizes* the need to maintain the central role of the Resident Representative in achieving co-ordination at the field level of the technical co-operation and pre-investment programmes of the United Nations and its related organizations;

<sup>49</sup> E/4698, part II.

<sup>50</sup> See E/4626, chap. IV.

4. *Stresses* the importance of the Governments concerned giving their full support to the Resident Representative in the execution of his functions;

5. *Considers* that, in order to enable the Resident Representative to discharge those functions, he should be able to call upon the agencies' country representatives, where they exist, for assistance and advice;

6. *Invites* the organizations of the United Nations system to ensure that Resident Representatives are consulted on the planning and formulation of development projects for which those organizations are responsible, and that they are supplied with reports on the execution of those projects;

7. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to transmit this resolution to all country and regional Resident Representatives;

8. *Requests* the organizations concerned to take the necessary measures to ensure that this resolution is brought to the attention of all concerned within their organizations including their field representatives.

*1636th plenary meeting,  
8 August 1969.*

**1455 (XLVII). Computers**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* section II of its resolution 1368 (XLV) of 2 August 1968,

*Noting* the part of the thirty-fifth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination concerning the activities of its Computer Users' Committee,<sup>51</sup> and the comments thereon of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,<sup>52</sup>

*Recognizing* the need to ensure that the studies of possible computer applications that are undertaken in the United Nations system of organizations are properly co-ordinated,

*Considering* that only in this way can a concept be reached of the eventual possibilities of a common system of computer facilities for the United Nations system, in different types of applications, including the establishment of one or more central data banks, if and as required,

*Concerned* that, meanwhile, there should be the utmost harmonization in the planning and establishment of such computer facilities as are immediately necessary for individual member organizations,

*Recognizing* the interest in this field of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

1. *Reaffirms* paragraph 5 of its resolution 1368 (XLV), and in particular that member organizations' plans for computer facilities should be fully discussed in the Computer Users' Committee of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in the light of possible alternatives before being submitted to the governing bodies concerned;

<sup>51</sup> See E/4668, paras. 67-76.

<sup>52</sup> See E/4716, paras. 35-37.