

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,⁴⁹

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,⁵⁰

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;

⁴⁹ E/4698, part II.

⁵⁰ 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,⁵¹ and the comments thereon of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,⁵²

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;

⁵¹ See E/4668, paras. 67-76.

⁵² See E/4716, paras. 35-37.

2. *Considers* that, pending eventual decisions on the advantages or otherwise of establishing common computer facilities, individual member organizations should refrain from committing themselves to establishing or extending their own computer facilities, except in applications where this can be justified in the short term as a measure of economy or to meet urgent programme needs; and that the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions should be given the opportunity to comment on such plans at the appropriate stage;

3. *Endorses* the suggestion of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination that, before any new studies are undertaken in the computer field by United Nations bodies, the Computer Users' Committee should be informed of their purpose and scope and should have the opportunity to comment on them;

4. *Welcomes* the directive given to the Computer Users' Committee by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for continuing its work, and in particular for collating and harmonizing the various studies that are being, or may be undertaken;⁵³

5. *Urges* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and its Computer Users' Committee, with such expert assistance as may be necessary, to pursue actively its work in the field of standardization, classification and coding, and to seek general acceptance of such common classifications and codes as are essential for a more effective interchange of information and programmes and the central storage of standard data required for development planning and management purposes;

6. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, after the completion of the study being undertaken for the United Nations Development Programme on the conceptual design of an information storage and retrieval system, and taking account of other relevant studies, to make a summary report to the Council, through its Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, on the most effective and economical ways of collecting and producing information for which United Nations member organizations have a common need, and on the main points requiring consideration by the Council in judging the advantages or otherwise of establishing common computer facilities for the United Nations system in different applications;

7. *Expresses the hope* that the United Nations member organizations will be able to find within existing resources the means to finance whatever technical expertise may be required by the Computer Users' Committee;

8. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to arrange to give thorough examination to the report referred to in paragraph 6 above.

*1637th plenary meeting,
8 August 1969.*

⁵³ See E/4668, para. 76.

1456 (XLVII). Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the United Nations work programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1303 (XLIV) of 29 May 1968 and 1366 (XLV) and 1367 (XLV) of 2 August 1968,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields and its budgetary requirements⁵⁴ and the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the first part of its third session⁵⁵ which, *inter alia*, deals with the following parts of the work programme: economic development planning, projections and policies; natural resources; fiscal and financial questions; population questions; housing, building and planning; statistical services; public administration; science and technology; regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut; and international trade,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination for the efforts it has made in reviewing the work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the Committee's comments and observations with respect to the work programme⁵⁶ as well as the Council's comments and decisions thereon;⁵⁷

3. *Transmits* the relevant sections of the Secretary-General's report on the work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields and its budgetary requirements and the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the first part of its third session to the subsidiary organs and bodies concerned and to the Trade and Development Board for action as appropriate.

*1637th plenary meeting,
8 August 1969.*

1457 (XLVII). Supplementary arrangements for handling the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The Economic and Social Council,

Having received the report on the fourth series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,⁵⁸

Welcoming the assurances given at those meetings of the desire of the executive heads of member organizations to co-operate fully with the Joint Inspection Unit and to deal expeditiously with its reports and recommendations,

⁵⁴ E/4612 and Add.1-8.

⁵⁵ E/4670 and Corr.1.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, paras. 25-145.

⁵⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-seventh Session*, 1637th meeting; E/AC.24/SR.366-369, 372, 373, 376-379, 382, 383, 385, 386.

⁵⁸ E/4717 and Corr.1.