

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.

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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.

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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.

Having considered the working procedures for transmitting and handling reports of the Joint Inspection Unit contained in annex V to the thirty-fifth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,⁵⁹

Having considered also the section of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the second part of its third session regarding this subject⁶⁰ and the relevant extract of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁶¹

Bearing in mind the basic procedures for handling the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit founded upon the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies,⁶² General Assembly resolution 2150 (XXI) of 4 November 1966 and the report of the second series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination.⁶³

Considering it necessary to make certain supplementary arrangements, in the light of experience,

1. *Endorses* the consensus reached by the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination⁶⁴ with regard to the handling of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit;

2. *Endorses also*, subject to the modifications expressed in that consensus, the working procedures envisaged in annex V to the thirty-fifth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

3. *Requests, in particular*, that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning more than one agency or involving system-wide problems should be submitted to the Council, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, together with the observations of the executive heads concerned, within three months of the original submission of the reports to the executive heads:

4. *Endorses* the suggestions for co-operation with the Joint Inspection Unit contained in paragraph 57 (d), (e) and (f) of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the second part of its third session,⁶⁵ subject to the comments in paragraph 25 (d) of the report on the fourth series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange with the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions that, in the case of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the activities of the United Nations itself:

⁵⁹ E/4668/Add.1.

⁶⁰ See E/4716, paras. 50-59.

⁶¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/7608)*, paras. 73-80 (extract submitted to the Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/L.1268)).

⁶² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 80, document A/6343, para. 67.

⁶³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 17, document E/4404.

⁶⁴ See E/4717 and Corr.1, paras. 25 and 26.

⁶⁵ E/4716.

(a) All reports concerning activities under the general responsibility of the Council, with the observations of the Secretary-General, be submitted to it without any delay, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

(b) Reports concerning the activities of any United Nations programmes (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Industrial Development Organization) be submitted similarly without any delay, and with executive comments, to the governing organs of the programmes concerned;

(c) The comments of the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions be transmitted to the Council and the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, and to the governing organs of the United Nations programmes, in time for them to be taken into account before final consideration of the reports.

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1458 (XLVII). Reports of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on co-ordination matters, of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,⁶⁶ of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the second part of its third session,⁶⁷ of the fourth series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,⁶⁸ and of the specialized agencies⁶⁹ and the International Atomic Energy Agency,⁷⁰

⁶⁶ E/4668 and Add.1.

⁶⁷ E/4716.

⁶⁸ E/4717 and Corr.1.

⁶⁹ Twenty-third report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations "and *Activities of the ILO, 1968: Report of the Director-General (Part 2) to the International Labour Conference, fifty-third session, 1969* (Geneva, 1969), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by notes of the Secretary-General (E/4655 and Add.1); "Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session" (Rome, 1969), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/4689); "Report of UNESCO to the Economic and Social Council", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/4666 and Corr.1); International Civil Aviation Organization, *Annual Report of the Council to the Assembly for 1968* (Doc. 8792, A17-P/1, April 1969); and "Analytical summary of activities in 1968", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by notes of the Secretary-General (E/4656 and Add.1); World Health Organization, *The Work of WHO, 1968: Annual Report of the Director-General to the World Health Assembly and to the United Nations* (Geneva, 1969) (*Official Records of the World Health*