

OTHER QUESTIONS

1489 (XLVIII). Work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields

The Economic and Social Council,

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 requirements⁶⁵ and the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work programme,⁶⁶

Reaffirming the importance it attaches to an exhaustive annual review of the United Nations work programme in the economic, social and human rights fields in the light of the budgetary implications of that programme,

Recalling its resolutions 1046 (XXXVII) of 15 August 1964, 1093 (XXXIX) of 31 July 1965, 1177 (XLI) of 5 August 1966, 1275 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967, 1367 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 and 1456 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 2370 (XXII) of 19 December 1967,

Believing that the Secretary-General should formulate the United Nations work programme in the economic, social and human rights fields in the context of the development strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Believing further that programme formulation should represent a meaningful translation of legislative decisions and that the implementation of this programme should not be impeded by unnecessary limitations on budgetary levels,

Bearing in mind that the General Assembly and the Council in numerous resolutions adopted over the past eight years have called for the development of an integrated approach to the work programme and budget of the Organization,

Noting with regret that only limited progress has been made in this direction,

1. Commends the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination for its efforts in reviewing meaningfully the work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields;

2. Approves the Secretary-General's work programme for 1971, having considered it in the light of its budgetary implications, as contained in his report;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to review his programme projections for 1972 bearing in mind the goals, objectives and policy measures to be set for the Second United Nations Development Decade and the increased role the United Nations system is likely to play in the attainment of those objectives;

4. Endorses, in general, the observations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination with re-

spect to the various sectors of the work programme of the United Nations in economic, social and human rights fields;

5. Takes note of the comments and observations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination regarding the proposed interdisciplinary planning advisory teams and endorses the recommendation of the Committee in this regard as contained in paragraph 88 of its report;⁶⁷

6. Expresses its appreciation of the fact that some progress has been made regarding the formulation of long-term plans; however, calls upon all concerned to make every effort to implement fully the relevant recommendations of the General Assembly, the Council and the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on this matter;

7. Recommends that, when drawing up their work programmes, subsidiary organs and programme managers should state the main objectives to be realized from such programmes as well as the relationship between individual projects and these objectives;

8. Expresses its satisfaction over the improvement in the documentary presentation of the work programme and calls upon all concerned to continue to strive for greater improvements and particularly draws attention to the observations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in this regard in order to further the process of assignment of priorities;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to take into account the comments and observations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination with respect to the work programme as well as the comments of members in the Council;

10. Invites the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to take into account the comments and observations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination with respect to the work programme as well as the comments of members in the Council;

11. Endorses the proposals of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination regarding the schedule of its meetings for the rest of the year, as contained in paragraphs 104 and 112 of its report;⁶⁷

12. Transmits the relevant sections of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to the subsidiary organs and bodies concerned for action as appropriate.

1690th plenary meeting,
26 May 1970.

1508 (XLVIII). Natural disaster in Romania and Hungary

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the enormous suffering inflicted on the people of Romania and Hungary by the disastrous floods

⁶⁷ *Ibid.*

⁶⁵ E/4793 and Corr.1-4.

⁶⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/4846/Rev.1), chap. XII.*