

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.

which have caused the death of hundreds of people and have injured several hundred others, as well as the tremendous material damage,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2034 (XX) of 7 December 1965 and 2435 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968,

Aware of the urgent measures taken by the Governments of Romania and Hungary to assist the stricken population, to prevent epidemics and to restore normal life in those countries,

1. Expresses its deep sympathy to the people and Governments of Romania and Hungary regarding the disaster which has stricken the two countries;

2. Invites Member States and non-governmental or-

ganizations to consider ways and means of rendering whatever urgent assistance they may be in a position to offer to the Governments of Romania and Hungary;

3. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Directors-General of the specialized agencies, the Executive Directors of the World Food Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in the light of the funds available, to render urgent assistance to the people of Romania and Hungary in order to alleviate their suffering and to help to restore normal living conditions in those two countries.

1694th plenary meeting,
28 May 1970.

Other decisions

Economic and social consequences of disarmament

(Item 8)

At its 1675th meeting, on 12 May 1970, the Council took note of the note⁶⁸ by the Secretary-General and replies of Governments to the notes verbales of the Secretary-General on the conversion to peaceful uses of the resources released by disarmament. The Council decided to transmit the notes and the annexed replies of Governments to the General Assembly together with any replies that might subsequently be received from Governments.

Standardizations of geographical names

(Item 11)

At its 1676th meeting, on 13 May 1970, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the results of the second session of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on Geographical Names⁶⁹ and endorsed his recommendations regarding the convening of a second United Nations conference on the standardization of geographical names, bearing in mind the comments of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination⁷⁰ and the statements of administrative and financial implications⁷¹ of such a conference.

Teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in schools and other educational institutions of Member States

(Item 6)

At its 1678th meeting, on 14 May 1970, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in schools and other educational institutions of Member States.⁷² The Council requested the United Nations and UNESCO to prepare

⁶⁸ E/4811 and Add.1-2.

⁶⁹ E/4812.

⁷⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/4846/Rev.1)*, chap. III.

⁷¹ E/4812/Add.1.

⁷² E/4762 and Add.1.

a further report on the subject to be submitted to the Council in 1975 and to continue their co-operation in this field.

Non-governmental organizations

(Item 7)

At its 1691st meeting, on 26 May 1970, the Council decided:

(a) To take note of the note by the Secretary-General⁷³ in which he informed the Council of his intention, in accordance with paragraph 19 of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968, to place the following organizations on the Roster:

Association for the Advancement of Agricultural Sciences in Africa

Organisation internationale pour le développement rural
World Society of Ekistics

(b) To place in Category II status or on the Roster the following non-governmental organizations, previously in consultative status or on the Register,⁷⁴ which claimed to have had a valid or technical reason for not having replied to the questionnaire of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations during the review:

CATEGORY II

All African Women's Conference

International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI)

ROSTER

International Bureau for the Suppression of Traffic in Persons

International Council of Commerce Employers

International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)

International Olive Growers Federation

World Union for Progressive Judaism

(c) To place in Category II status or on the Roster the following non-governmental organizations which had been in consultative status but which did not reply during the review and have had to re-apply for status:

CATEGORY II

International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH)

⁷³ E/4867.

⁷⁴ See resolution 288 B (X).