

2. *Attaches* equal importance to prior consultations among the secretariats of the organizations of the United Nations system before proposals of interest to other organizations are presented to the intergovernmental bodies, and also before changes are made in the phase of execution of approved programmes;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure in all parts of the United Nations Secretariat under his over-all responsibility that:

(a) The comments of other United Nations organizations are invited on all draft work programme documents and their comments are notified to the intergovernmental bodies responsible for preliminary or final consideration of the work programme;

(b) Prior consultations with the secretariats of other United Nations organizations are held before proposals of interest to them are presented by the various branches of the United Nations Secretariat to intergovernmental bodies and also before changes are made in the execution of approved programmes;

4. *Invites* all organizations of the United Nations system in the interest of better planning of international action to observe in the implementation of the arrangements for prior consultations the spirit as well as the letter of these arrangements;

5. *Requests* its Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in the course of its work to pay particular attention to the observance of these arrangements for prior consultation;

6. *Calls* upon the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to ensure close control over all interagency meetings called for purposes of consultations and co-ordination;

7. *Further requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in this connexion to inform the Council, in its annual report, of the meetings for such purposes which have been held during the past year and of meetings envisaged.

*1721st plenary meeting,  
30 July 1970.*

#### **1550 (XLIX). Division of responsibilities between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its sixth session<sup>79</sup> and the thirty-sixth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,<sup>80</sup>

*Desirous* of clarifying the division of responsibility between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations for projects involving prospecting for nuclear metals,

<sup>79</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/4877).*

<sup>80</sup> E/4840 and Add.1/Rev.1.

*Considering* that nuclear metals may be found either through multi-mineral surveys or through specific prospecting for them, and that the choice between these two methods depends on the individual circumstances,

*Recalling* the interest of the Agency in having a sufficient supply of nuclear metals,

1. *Reaffirms* the primary role and responsibility of the United Nations for the conduct, at the request of the Governments of Member States, of multi-mineral or single mineral surveys;

2. *Recognizes* the special competence and responsibility of the International Atomic Energy Agency to conduct surveys for nuclear metals as requested by Governments of Member States and the need for the Agency to continue to co-operate with the United Nations in multi-mineral surveys by making available to the United Nations, on request, experts for such surveys;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Agency to consult together in order to avoid any duplication between their respective organizations, to foster co-operation in survey programming, and to report to the Council as appropriate.

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30 July 1970.*

#### **1551 (XLIX). Interagency co-operation relating to computers**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* its resolutions 1365 (XLV) and 1368 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 and 1455 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969 and General Assembly resolution 2579 (XXIV) of 15 December 1969, which deal with data processing,

*Noting* that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in response to the request of the General Assembly, commissioned the Auditor-General of Canada to make a study of the needs of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency with regard to their electronic data-processing facilities, and that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination subsequently submitted a special report on the subject,<sup>81</sup>

*Taking account* of the information placed before the Council<sup>82</sup> on the views of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and also of the intention of the Secretary-General, who has not been able to submit a report to the forty-ninth session, to submit a detailed report on the whole question to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session,

<sup>81</sup> E/4893.

<sup>82</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/8008)* (extract transmitted to the Council by a letter from the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (E/L.1342)), paras. 93-100.