

(c) Consider the possibility of separating recommendations that could be implemented by the executive heads from those that would require approval by one or more governing organs.

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1555 (XLIX). Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on the regional economic commissions

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Economic Commission for Africa⁸⁹ and on the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,⁹⁰ and the comments thereon of the Secretary-General together with those of the United Nations Development Programme and the specialized agencies⁹¹ and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁹²

Recalling its resolution 1442 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969, which recommended that the regional economic com-

missions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut play a more active role in the implementation of operational programmes for economic and social action in the priority areas,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that the recommendations made by the Joint Inspection Unit are in line with the desires expressed in the Council on the decentralization of United Nations activities,⁹³ with an appropriate devolution of resources and authority to regional economic commissions aimed at strengthening the role of those commissions within the United Nations system in the economic and social fields;

2. *Commends* the recommendations made by the Inspectors together with the comments thereon for consideration and action as appropriate by the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and other intergovernmental bodies concerned;

3. *Decides* to revert to consideration of the action taken by the regional economic commissions and other intergovernmental bodies concerned at its fifty-third session.

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⁸⁹ See E/4733, sect. I.

⁹⁰ E/4781.

⁹¹ See E/4733, sect. II; E/4733/Add.1 and E/4781/Add.1.

⁹² E/4733/Add.2 and E/4781/Add.2.

⁹³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session*, 1721st meeting; see also E/AC.24/SR.403 and 409.

OTHER DECISIONS

Reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

At its 1719th meeting, on 27 July 1970, the Council decided:

(a) To take note with appreciation of the analytical summaries provided by the specialized agencies⁹⁴ and the International Atomic Energy Agency;⁹⁵

⁹⁴ International Labour Office, "Twenty-fourth report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations" (Geneva, 1970), summary transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4826, and *The ILO and the United Nations: Twenty-five years of a partnership of service* (Geneva, 1970), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretariat (E/4885); Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, "Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-ninth session" (Rome, 1970) and "The protein problem and FAO's activities: a progress report", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbols E/4852 and Add.1; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, "Report of UNESCO to the Economic and Social Council", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4843; International Civil Aviation Organization, "Analytical summary of activities in 1969", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4849; World Health Organization, "Report of the World Health Organization 1969: Analytical summary" and *Organizational Study on Co-ordination with the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies prepared by the Executive Board of the World Health Organization* (Geneva, June 1970) (Extracts from *Official Records of the World Health Organization, No. 181*), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbols E/4847 and E/AC.24/L.369; Universal Postal Union, "Analytical report on the work of the Universal Postal Union in 1969" (Berne, 1970), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4830; International Telecommunication Union, *Analytical summary of the report on the activities of the International Telecommunication Union in 1969* (Geneva, 1970), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4848; World Meteorological Organization, "Analytical summary of the annual report of the World Meteorological Organization for 1969—submitted to the forty-ninth session of the Economic and Social Council", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4851; Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, "Analytical summary of the annual report 1969/70", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4850.

⁹⁵ International Atomic Energy Agency, *Annual Report to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations for 1969-1970 and Nuclear Energy and the Environment: Addendum to the Agency's report to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations for 1969-1970*, transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbols E/4821 and Add.1