requested the views of the Council on the question of the Joint Inspection Unit,

Taking note of the views of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination contained in the report on its eleventh session, 79

- 1. Considers that the United Nations system should continue to benefit from the services of the Joint Inspection Unit;
- 2. Further considers that the mandate of the Joint Inspection Unit, after its review by the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session, could, if necessary, be reappraised as the occasion arises, with a view to its possible further strengthening in the light of additional experience;
- 3. Stresses that any modifications made should not impair the autonomous nature of the Joint Inspection Unit, which should continue to have "the broadest powers of investigation in all matters having a bearing on the efficiency of the services and the proper use of funds";80
- 4. Expresses concern that recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit should be thoroughly examined and where appropriate implemented by the organizations of the United Nations system;
- 5. Urges the intergovernmental bodies concerned to ensure that proper follow-up action is taken on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit and to this end to request the secretariats to supply them on a regular basis with a succinct systematic report on the status of implementation of the Joint Inspection Unit's major recommendations;
- 6. Urges further all organizations of the United Nations system to continue their active participation in and co-operation with the Joint Inspection Unit.

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1720 (LIII). Implementation by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the item entitled "Implementation by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples", Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the item, 81

Having examined also the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council 82 and the relevant parts of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its twelfth session 83 and the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1971-72,84

Recilling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other relevant United Nations resolutions, including in particular General Assembly resolution 2874 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 and Council resolution 1651 (LI) of 29 October 1971.

Mindful of the repeated affirmation of the General Assembly that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations bodies of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples to achieve freedom and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the United Nations system of organizations of all necessary moral and material assistance to them, including specially those in the liberated areas of the colonial territories, and their national liberation movements,

Bearing in mind the views of representatives of the national liberation movements concerned, as well as those of representatives of the Organization of African Unity, concerning the urgent and grave need for further and effective assistance from the United Nations system of organizations to the colonial peoples in southern Africa, as expressed to the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples during its meetings in Africa in April 1972, 85 and taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Special Committee in that regard, 86

- 1. Takes note of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council:
- 2. Endorses the observations and suggestions contained therein;
- 3. Recommends those observations and suggestions for action, as a matter of urgency, by the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system and requests these organizations to include in their respective reports to the Secretary-General called for under the terms of General Assembly resolution 2874 (XXVI), information on such action as may be taken or envisaged in implementation of the present recommendation;

⁷⁹ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/5159), chap. VIII.

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

⁸¹ E/5147 and Corr.1.

⁸² E/5187.

⁸³ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/5186), chap. VII.

⁸⁴ E/5733, paras. 38-48.

⁸⁵ See A/AC.109/SR.857-870.

⁸⁶ See A/AC.109/400, A/AC.109/402, A/AC.109/404, A/AC.109/405.

- 4. Requests its President, taking the foregoing into account, and in the light of the tasks entrusted to it by the General Assembly in paragraph 12 of resolution 2874 (XXVI), to continue his consultations with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, to seek, where appropriate, the views of the Organization of African Unity, and to report thereon to the Council at an early date;
- 5. Invites, having regard to the special responsibility entrusted to it by the General Assembly to continue to seek the most suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and of all other relevant General Assembly resolutions, the attention of the Special Committee to the discussions that have taken place at the 456th meeting of the Coordination Committee 87 and in the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination 88 concerning the item;
- 6. Decides to transmit to the General Assembly the reports of the President of the Council and of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, in order to facilitate its consideration of the item at the Assembly's twenty-seventh session.

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1728 (LIII). Reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

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The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1642 (LI) and 1643 (LI) of 30 July 1971, entitled "Reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency" and "Review of the sphere of activities and competence of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination" respectively,

Having considered the reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, 89 the specialized agencies 90 and the International Atomic Energy Agency, 91

- 1. Takes note of these reports, bearing in mind the remarks made in connexion with them at the Council's fifty-third session; 92
- 2. Decides that a report of the FAO/WHO/UNICEF Protein Advisory Group on the world protein situation should be made available to the Council triennially or at greater intervals if this appears more appropriate in the light of the rate of change in the global problem of protein;
- 3. Decides that the system-wide study on programmes and spheres of competence in the field of natural resources being prepared, in accordance with Council resolution 1673 C (LII) of 2 June 1972, for submission to the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session and the Council at its fifty-fourth session will serve as the in-depth sectoral study called for in paragraph 4 of Council resolution 1643 (LI);
- 4. Decides further that in 1973 the reports of the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization should be the subject of in-depth reviews;
- 5. Invites the Administrative Committee on Coordination:
- (a) To submit and recommend for the Council's consideration a schedule for future in-depth reviews of reports of specialized agencies, ensuring that all agencies should receive detailed consideration by 1975;
- (b) To consider, in the light of the discussion at the fifty-third session of the Council, 93 the type and content of future reports which will best facilitate the Council's work in its in-depth reviews, stressing the co-ordination aspect.

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Organization to the Economic and Social Council for 1971 (E/5119); International Civil Aviation Organization, "Analytical summary of activities in 1971", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5154; World Health Organization, "Report of the World Health Organization 1971: Analytical summary' transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5121; report of the Universal Postal Union; analytical report on the work of the Universal Postal Union in 1971 (E/5164 and Corr.1); International Telecommunication Union, "Analytical summary of the report on the activities of the International Telecommunication Union in 1971 to the fifty-third session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council" (Geneva, 1972), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5125; World Meteorological Organization, "Analytical summary of the annual report of the World Meteorological Organization for 1971 submitted to the fifty-third session of the Economic and Social Council" transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5143 and Corr.1; Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, "Analytical summary of the annual report 1971/1972" transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5140.

⁸⁷ See E/AC.24/SR. 456.

⁸⁸ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/5186), chap. VII; also E/AC.51/SR.370-373.

⁸⁹ E/5133 and Corr.2.

⁹⁰ International Labour Office, "Twenty-sixth Report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations" (Geneva, 1972), summary transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5149; 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 fifty-third session: summary for the year 1971", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5139; report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

⁹¹ E/5142.

⁹² See E/AC.24/SR.434-437, E/AC.24/SR.439, E/AC.24/SR.451, E/AC.24/SR.455.

⁹³ See E/AC.24/SR.437-439, E/AC.24/SR.451.