

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 Co-ordination Committee⁸⁷ and in the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination⁸⁸ 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

A

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 agencies⁹⁰ and the International Atomic Energy Agency,⁹¹

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

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 Co-ordination:

(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.

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.

B

The Economic and Social Council,

Having undertaken its first two in-depth reviews of the reports of the specialized agencies, i.e. the World Health Organization and the World Meteorological Organization,⁹⁴

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the participation of the executive heads of these organizations in the discussions at the fifty-third session of the Council;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the results of these discussions and requests the organizations to take into account the comments made during these discussions.

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C

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that many aspects of World Meteorological Organization programmes have been undertaken in response to requests addressed to it by the United Nations, and in particular, in response to General Assembly resolutions on international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space, namely resolution 1721 (XVI) of 20 December 1961, which led to the World Weather Watch, resolution 1802 (XVII) of 14 December 1962, which led to the Global Atmospheric Research Programme, and resolution 2733 (XXV) of 16 December 1970, which led to the Tropical Cyclone Project,

1. *Draws the attention* of Governments of member States to the need for recognizing the vital character of their atmospheric and hydrological resources in maintaining progress in economic and social development, including the protection of life and property against weather-related disasters;

2. *Urges* Governments of member States to support the balanced development of their national services in these fields, thereby ensuring that these services can make their fullest contribution to national economic and social development and, at the same time, implement the

⁹⁴ See E/AC.24/SR.436-439.

various programmes of the World Meteorological Organization, thus contributing to the well-being of mankind.

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1729 (LIII). Review of activities of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the evolution of programme needs and programme planning trends in the United Nations system in recent years,

Wishing to be assured that the programmes and related projects being undertaken within the United Nations system are responsive, particularly *inter alia* to the goals of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recognizing that many organizations of the United Nations system are undertaking continuing studies of the appropriateness and relevance of programmes,

1. *Invites* the agencies and programmes concerned in the United Nations system to continue to pursue reviews, in any manner which they consider best adapted to their methods of work, of programmes and projects under their regular programmes, in particular those that were initiated more than 10 years ago, and to include, as appropriate, in the analytical summary of their annual reports to the Council the results of those reviews;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake a review of those programmes and projects for which the Council has responsibility and to include in the work programme for consideration at an early session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Council only those activities and projects which directly contribute to the achievement, particularly, of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, and to other priority concerns of the United Nations.

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OTHER DECISIONS

Pending reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

(*Agenda item 15 a*)

At its 1836th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council took note with interest of the pending reports of the Joint Inspection Unit,⁹⁵ and drew the attention of the

administrations concerned to the observations made during the discussion of the reports at the Council's fifty-third session⁹⁶ and to the observations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination contained in its report on its eleventh session.⁹⁷

⁹⁶ See E/AC.24/SR.446 and E/AC.24/SR.448.

⁹⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/5159)*, chap. VIII.

⁹⁵ E/5048 and E/5049.