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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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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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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.