

## Disaster relief co-ordination

(Agenda item 12)

At its 1834th meeting, on 25 July 1972, the Council:

(a) Took note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations<sup>68</sup> and the explanatory statements of the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator at the 444th and 445th meetings of the Co-ordination Committee;<sup>69</sup>

<sup>68</sup> E/5151.

<sup>69</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.444 and E/AC.24/SR.445.

(b) Noted that, as provided for in paragraph 1 (j) of General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, a further report in the field of disaster relief co-ordination would be submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session;

(c) Requested that the Secretary-General ensure that the observations and suggestions made in the Co-ordination Committee at its 444th and 445th meetings be taken into account in the preparation of the report mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) above, and in particular in future activities in the field of disaster relief co-ordination.

## PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION QUESTIONS

### 1713 (LIII). Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the programme of recurrent publications of the United Nations

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered*, as recommended in General Assembly resolution 2886 (XXVI) of 21 December 1971, the specific recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the programme of recurrent publications of the United Nations,<sup>70</sup>

*Taking note* of the preliminary observations thereon by the Secretary-General<sup>71</sup> and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>72</sup>

*Taking note also* of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its twelfth session,<sup>73</sup>

*Having considered* the comments of the Working Group of the Statistical Commission, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and the Committee for Development Planning, contained in the note by the Secretariat on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit,<sup>74</sup>

*Having also considered* the comments of the Secretary-General on various recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit,<sup>75</sup>

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Joint Inspection Unit for a most useful report;

<sup>70</sup> A/8362.

<sup>71</sup> A/8540.

<sup>72</sup> A/8624.

<sup>73</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 10* (E/5186), chap. XI.

<sup>74</sup> E/L.1498.

<sup>75</sup> E/AC.24/L.421.

2. *Endorses* the comments so far produced by its subsidiary bodies<sup>76</sup> on the Joint Inspection Unit's recommendations 11 (b), 11 (h), 12 (f), 12 (g), 12 (k) and 12 (n);

3. *Endorses also* the comments of the Secretary-General on recommendations 11 (i), 11 (j) and 12 (m) and takes note of his comment on recommendation 12 (e) and the information furnished orally at the 447th meeting of the Co-ordination Committee concerning recommendation 12 (o);<sup>77</sup>

4. *Instructs* the subsidiary bodies concerned to give high priority to the consideration of recommendations 11 (c)-(g), 12 (h), 12 (i), 12 (l), 12 (q) and 12 (r);

5. *Also instructs* the subsidiary bodies concerned to give high priority to the further consideration of recommendations 9, 12 (j), 12 (m) and 12 (p), taking into account the observations and suggestions made in the Co-ordination Committee at its 446th and 447th meetings;<sup>78</sup>

6. *Recommends* that the General Assembly allow further time for the views of the subsidiary bodies of the Council to be taken into account.

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### 1714 (LIII). Future of the Joint Inspection Unit

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* General Assembly resolution 2735 A (XXV) of 17 December 1970, paragraph 3 of which

<sup>76</sup> See E/L.1498.

<sup>77</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.447.

<sup>78</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.446 and E/AC.24/SR.447.

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,<sup>79</sup>

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";<sup>80</sup>

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",

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

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

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General on the item,<sup>81</sup>

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

*Recalling* 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,<sup>85</sup> and taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Special Committee in that regard,<sup>86</sup>

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;

<sup>81</sup> E/5147 and Corr.1.

<sup>82</sup> E/5187.

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

<sup>84</sup> E/5733, paras. 38-48.

<sup>85</sup> See A/AC.109/SR.857-870.

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