

(b) The present analytical summaries prepared by the Secretariat should continue to be reproduced in four languages;

(c) The subject and country indexes should also be continued.

(7) The Commission on Human Rights and its *Ad Hoc* Committee on Periodic Reports should keep under continuing review the possibility of refining and improving the present system of periodic reports.

Periodic reports on human rights (Item 18)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the importance of the periodic reports system and to invite the Assembly to urge States Members of the

United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to co-operate fully in submitting reports under that system.

Human rights (Item 18)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council, having taken note of the letter dated 4 May 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General,¹²⁸ rejected the contents of the letter and the baseless attacks on the members of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts as well as the Commission on Human Rights.

¹²⁸ E/5325.

RATIONALIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL

1767 (LIV). Ratification of the amendment to Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1621 A (LI) of 30 July 1971 on the enlargement of the membership of the Economic and Social Council,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 2847 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 on the enlargement of the Economic and Social Council,

Aware that early ratification by Member States of the amendment to Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations, enlarging the membership of the Economic and Social Council to fifty-four, would facilitate the implementation of procedural and structural reform measures for the rationalization of the work of the Council,

Noting that, in spite of the length of time that has elapsed, many Member States have not yet ratified the amendment to Article 61 of the Charter,

1. Urges all Member States which have not yet done so, particularly the permanent members of the Security Council, to ratify the amendment at an early date, pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 2847 (XXVI), with a view to making the amendment effective before the convening of the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly, if possible;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fifth session of the progress made in implementing paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 2847 (XXVI).

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18 May 1973

1768 (LIV). Rationalization of the work of the Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Conscious of its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations as the central forum for discussion and policy recommendations on issues relevant to the world economic and social situation and for the promotion of human rights,

Reaffirming the need for the renewed commitment of all Member States, regardless of their level of development or their social or economic systems, to worldwide co-operation within the framework of the United Nations in order to bring about the necessary fundamental improvement in the world economic and social order, thereby creating a more just and rational world economic and social order for the benefit of all peoples and nations,

Considering that, within the relevant provisions of the Charter, the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade¹²⁹—especially when complemented by the inclusion after due consideration, as appropriate, by the Economic and Social Council or the General Assembly, of emerging concepts such as collective economic security, the relationship between environment and development and new methods and norms of international co-operation and in the light of the new politico-economic developments which have taken place since its adoption—provides a comprehensive body of principles to guide the policies and programmes of all the institutions of the United Nations system and its Member States in their activities related to economic and social co-operation,

Convinced that both short-term and long-term measures for the reorganization and reorientation of its own activities and its subsidiary organs are required to strengthen the role of the United Nations in international economic and social co-operation and, in particular during the Second United Nations Development Decade, to secure the implementation of the goals and policy measures of the International Development Strategy,

Having considered the report of its Working Group on Rationalization,¹³⁰

1. *Decides* that henceforth the Council shall so orient its deliberations as to focus attention on major issues and emerging developments on which action is necessary to bring about more equitable and harmonious economic and social relationships, in particular through the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations

¹²⁹ General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

¹³⁰ E/5259.