

1769 (LIV). Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Conscious of the important work already performed by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and of the importance of the provision of expert advice in the field of science and technology to the Council, and particularly its Committee on Science and Technology for Development,

Recognizing that the unique and essential contribution of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development is to provide a pool of specialized scientific advice not otherwise available to the Council,

Desirous of further strengthening the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to assist it to meet increasing demands from the Council and its Committee on Science and Technology for Development,

Recognizing the difficulty of ensuring that the full range of scientific disciplines are adequately represented in a single formally constituted body,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to seek the views of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations concerned, on ways in which the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development can be strengthened, including the desirability and feasibility of the establishment of sessional sub-committees of the Advisory Committee on specific topics and the further possibility of extending and making more flexible the membership of the Advisory Committee with a view to increasing the expertise available for discussion of specific topics, especially those referred to it by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, at meetings of the Advisory Committee;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the conclusions of his consultations together with his own analysis of the situation and his own recommendations to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its second session.

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1770 (LIV). Measures to improve the documentation of the Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1623 (LI) and 1624 (LI) of 30 July 1971,

Further recalling the decision taken at its 1837th meeting, during its fifty-third session, relating to the submission of documentation,

Concerned at the late submission of many of the documents relating to items in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session,

1. Decides, without prejudice to rule 17 of its rules of procedure, that, except in the case of reports of subsidiary and other bodies on meetings which have concluded twelve weeks or less before the opening of the session of the Council, items on the Council's agenda shall be automatically postponed to the following ses-

sion when the documentation called for has not been made available to members of the Council six weeks before the opening of the session;

2. Decides that, before any resolution or decision involving the preparation of documentation for submission by specific dates is adopted by the Council or any of its subsidiary bodies, the Secretary-General shall indicate to that body whether he will be able to comply with the deadline; in cases where the General Assembly has requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council, the Secretary-General shall inform the Council at its organizational meetings when he will be able to submit the required documentation; should the Secretary-General subsequently find that he is unable to submit documentation by the date specified, he shall immediately so inform the members of the body concerned, giving the reasons; he shall, nevertheless, make every effort to complete and submit the documentation in question and shall inform the members of the body concerned of the date on which it will be submitted;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to take early measures to improve the present record in the production of documents for the Council and its subsidiary bodies;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to take steps to ensure that documents submitted to the Council, its subsidiary bodies and functional commissions conform strictly to the provisions of paragraph 8 of Council resolution 1623 (LI).

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1771 (LIV). Joint meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind the importance of ensuring the highest possible degree of co-ordination between the activities of the organs of the United Nations system,

Desirous of ensuring that this co-ordination should be as effective as possible at all levels,

1. Recommends that the formal group dialogue which characterizes the existing annual meetings between the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should develop into a more active working discussion of questions currently on the agenda of the Council, particularly those with system-wide implications and those where problems of co-ordination between the agencies and organs of the United Nations system have arisen or appear likely to arise in the future;

2. Invites the agencies and organizations of the United Nations system to participate more actively at the appropriate level both in the discussions of the Council and also of its subsidiary bodies, bearing in mind particularly the need for the contributions of the agencies to the policy-determining discussions of the Council and its subsidiary bodies to be both action oriented and made at a sufficiently early stage in the policy elaboration process;

3. Decides to review the progress made in the implementation of this resolution at its fifty-eighth session.

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