

as well as in assisting countries whose children suffer from natural and other disasters;

2. *Requests* the Fund to continue and expand the assistance it is providing to aid countries in the preparation of the younger generation for their future responsibilities;

3. *Appeals* to the Governments of Member States and other donors to make every effort to increase their contributions to the Fund, so as to enable it to reach its target figure of \$100,000,000 by 1975.

*1793rd plenary meeting,
27 July 1971.*

OTHER DECISION

World Food Programme

At its 1799th meeting, on 30 July 1971, the Council:

(a) Took note of the ninth annual report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme, submitted by the Committee to the Economic and Social Council and to the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United

Nations, transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General;⁷⁸

(b) Confirmed its decision, taken at its 1772nd meeting, on 21 May 1971, to defer to its resumed fifty-first session the adoption of a resolution on the pledging target for the World Food Programme for the period 1973-1974.

⁷⁸ E/5022.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AND RELATED FIELDS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AND ALL OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES RELATED TO THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

1642 (LI). Report of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the analytical summaries of the reports of the specialized agencies⁷⁹ and the International

Atomic Energy Agency⁸⁰ and the comments of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in its report on its ninth session,⁸¹

Believing that there should be an improvement in the Council's consideration of these reports,

Having heard the suggestion of the Director-General of the World Health Organization for an annual in-

⁷⁹ International Labour Office, "Twenty-fifth Report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations" (Geneva, 1971), summary transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4977; 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-first session: summary for the year 1970", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4983; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, "Report of UNESCO to the Economic and Social Council", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4975; International Civil Aviation Organization, "Analytical summary of activities in 1970", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4980; World Health Organization, "Report of the World Health Organization 1970: Analytical summary", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4978; Universal Postal Union, "Analytical report on the work of the Universal Postal Union in 1970 for submission to the fifty-first session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council" (Berne, 1971), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4976; International Telecommunica-

tion Union, "Analytical summary of the report on the activities of the International Telecommunication Union in 1970 to the fifty-first session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council" (Geneva, 1971), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4979; World Meteorological Organization, "Analytical summary of the annual report of the World Meteorological Organization for 1970 submitted to the fifty-first session of the Economic and Social Council", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4982; Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, "Analytical Summary of Annual Report 1970/71", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/4981.

⁸⁰ International Atomic Energy Agency, "The Agency's Annual Report to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations for 1970/71", and *Nuclear Techniques and the Green Revolution* (INFCIRC/146/Add.1), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbols E/4974 and Add.1.

⁸¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 9* (E/5038).

depth review of two or three agencies,⁸² as well as other suggestions made during the course of the fifty-first session of the Council,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the analytical summaries provided by the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency and in particular the improvements introduced in the summaries;

2. *Requests* the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to continue to furnish such analytical summaries, bearing in mind the guidelines laid down by the Council, in particular in its resolution 1548 (XLIX) of 30 July 1970;

3. *Instructs* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to recommend that the Council approve at its spring session the choice of the reports of two or three agencies which the Council might appropriately examine in depth, and to recommend procedures to be followed, having regard to the desirability of ensuring that the reports of all the agencies should receive detailed consideration over a five-year period;

4. *Decides* that, at the Council's summer session, after finishing the in-depth discussion of the reports selected on the recommendation of the Committee, sufficient time should be allowed for the discussion of any of the other reports.

*1799th plenary meeting,
30 July 1971.*

1643 (LI). Review of the sphere of activities and competence of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the provisions of Chapter IX of the Charter of the United Nations concerning international economic and social co-operation and, in particular, Article 58 concerning recommendations to be made by the Organization for the co-ordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies, and the provisions of Chapter X of the Charter, in particular Article 63, paragraph 2, which provides that the Council may co-ordinate the activities of the specialized agencies through consultation with and recommendations to such agencies and through recommendations to the General Assembly and to the Members of the United Nations,

Recalling the establishment of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in pursuance of Council resolution 13 (III) of 21 September 1946 and the concurring decisions of the competent organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency and, in some cases, the relationship agreements concluded between the Council and the agencies,

Recalling further its resolutions 1367 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 and 1547 (XLIX) of 30 July 1970,

Considering the need to increase the efficiency of the activities of the United Nations system in the economic,

social and related fields, *inter alia*, through a move by the United Nations family of organizations towards a more co-ordinated and rational approach in terms of the formulation and implementation of programmes on a system-wide basis,

Noting that the implementation of the goals and objectives set forth in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade will require, on the part of the United Nations system, dynamic action for the fulfilment of the needs of the developing countries, the maximum productivity and impact through adequate planning and programming and the rational utilization of all available resources,

Recalling that the policy-making role in the United Nations system is the prerogative of Member States represented in the competent organs of the system and that the different secretariats perform the functions assigned to them by those organs, in accordance with the constitutional provisions of each organization and agency,

Noting further that suggestions by various secretariats and secretariat bodies on possible courses of action would assist the competent intergovernmental bodies in exercising their decision-making role,

Noting also that, in accordance with the constitutional provisions and responsibilities of each of its components, the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in carrying out its functions as the main co-ordinating body at the secretariat level, can, *inter alia*, effectively assist the Council in fulfilling its task of co-ordinating the activities of the system in the economic, social and related fields by providing the necessary information and basic data, by serving as a clearing-house for matters that can more effectively be dealt with on a system-wide basis, by providing a suitable forum for consultations at the secretariat level on work programmes and by performing such other tasks as may be specifically entrusted to it by the Council,

Stressing the importance of securing the effective implementation of the agreements entered into between the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency,

Stressing further the need for a more effective participation of the regional economic commissions in the co-ordination arrangements at the secretariat level,

1. *Invites* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to maintain under constant review measures to be suggested to the Economic and Social Council, in order to ensure the fullest and most effective implementation of the agreements entered into between the United Nations, the specialized agencies, and the International Atomic Energy Agency;

2. *Requests* the Committee to give priority to the study of uniform and co-ordinated methods which would enable the United Nations system to achieve greater productivity and efficiency through economies of scale and related advantages;

⁸² *Ibid.*, Fifty-first Session, 1780th meeting.