

international exchange of experience and favour the development of a non-profit market in such materials within an integrated international social housing plan;

(c) To report to the Economic and Social Council on the progress made in this connexion, through the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning at its ninth session;

2. *Requests also* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to intensify the studies requested at the Symposium on the Development of the Plastic Fabrication Industry in Latin America, held at Bogota, Colombia, from 20 November to 1 December 1972, and to devote special resources to the promotion and establishment in developing countries of industries producing building materials derived from petroleum, particularly polymers, and other binders and coatings of organic and mineral origin, in response to integrated industrial planning for this international market;

3. *Further requests* the International Union of Architects, the International Committee of Studies on New Building Systems (Bruxelles, Europlastic 73) and other non-governmental organizations to support and co-operate in the studies on the best use and application of building materials derived from petroleum and agricultural and industrial products.

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1887 (LVII). International Book Year, 1972, and the Second United Nations Development Decade: report of the secretariat of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

The Economic and Social Council.

Recalling its resolution 1575 (L) of 20 May 1971, in which it invited the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to submit to it a report on the results achieved through International Book Year, 1972, and particularly on the ways in which those results could contribute to the attainment of the goals of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Having examined the report on International Book Year, 1972, and the Second United Nations Development Decade⁷⁶ prepared by the secretariat of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Noting that International Book Year, with which almost all States members of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, various intergovernmental organizations and a large number of international non-governmental organizations were actively associated, gave a vigorous impetus to the promotion of books and reading throughout the world,

Noting further that many measures adopted by the world community, in particular for the purpose of creating or strengthening at the national, regional and international levels the infrastructure needed to improve the

⁷⁶ E/5468.

production, distribution and use of books, were designed with a view to long-term action consistent with the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade.

Considering that the success of International Book Year testifies to the vital importance which Governments and peoples attach to the role of books in the full development of the individual and the advancement of society, and that it is consequently essential that the action begun during International Book Year to make books accessible to all should be continued on a permanent basis,

Considering also that:

(a) It is necessary, in order to attain that objective, to mobilize on a world-wide scale the material, technical or financial resources needed in order to develop book production and distribution and to promote reading,

(b) It is important, in particular, that the grave consequences produced, especially in the developing countries, by the growing shortage of printing paper should be quickly overcome,

(c) The broad outlines for a book strategy suggested in the report of the secretariat of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization afford an appropriate setting in which to pursue concerted international action.

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the secretariat of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on International Book Year, 1972, and the Second United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Invites* Member States and, within their spheres of competence, United Nations organs and bodies and all other interested international organizations to give their support to the programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the promotion of books and reading and to take all measures to that end consistent with the guidelines and objectives laid down in the above-mentioned report.

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1888 (LVII). Reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The Economic and Social Council,

Having completed in-depth reviews of the activities of two specialized agencies, namely, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations⁷⁶ and the International Telecommunication Union,⁷⁷

⁷⁶ "Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-seventh session: summary for the year 1973", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5477.

⁷⁷ "Analytical summary of the report on the activities of the International Telecommunication Union in 1973 to the fifty-seventh session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council" (Geneva, 1974), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5512.

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the participation of the executive heads of those two organizations in the discussions at the fifty-seventh session of the Council, and requests the organizations in question to take into account the comments made during the discussion;

2. *Takes note* of the reports of the other specialized agencies⁷⁸ and of the International Atomic Energy Agency,⁷⁹ which were also submitted to it, and invites those bodies, and in particular the Universal Postal Union, the International Civil Aviation Organization, and the International Atomic Energy Agency, whose reports are to be examined in depth by the Council at its fifty-ninth session, to take into account, in presenting their reports, the general comments made during the discussion of this matter at its fifty-seventh session;

3. *Requests* that in future the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination be introduced to the Council before those of the agencies selected for in-depth review;

4. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to submit suggestions to the Council, at its fifty-ninth session, for the second round of in-depth reviews of reports of agencies which will begin in 1976.

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1889 (LVII). Special report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on information systems

The Economic and Social Council.

Reaffirming its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations as the central body for development planning and programme co-ordination,

Recalling its continuing role as described in paragraph 9 (b) of Council resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 of examining and co-ordinating "on a sector-by-sector

⁷⁸ International Labour Office, "Twenty-eighth report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations" (Geneva, 1974), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5553; report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (E/5518); International Civil Aviation Organization, "Analytical summary of activities in 1973", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5552; World Health Organization, "Report of the World Health Organization, 1973: analytical summary", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5534; Universal Postal Union, "Analytical report on the work of the Universal Postal Union in 1973" (Berne, 1974), transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5494; World Meteorological Organization, "Analytical summary of the annual report of the World Meteorological Organization for 1973 submitted to the fifty-seventh session of the Economic and Social Council", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5526; Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, "Analytical summary of the annual report 1973/1974", transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbols E/5497 and Corr.1.

⁷⁹ Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency: note by the Director-General (E/5493). The report of the International Atomic Energy Agency was submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session under the symbols A/9125 and Corr.1.

basis, the activities and programmes of the agencies of the United Nations system in order effectively to perform its functions as co-ordinator of the system and to enable it to ensure that the work programmes of the United Nations and its agencies are compatible and mutually complementary".

Reiterating the need of Governments of Member States for improved, coherent and comparable information on the projects and programmes of the United Nations system to facilitate the decision-making process in governing bodies.

Recognizing that the implementation of common concepts and compatible procedures among the organizations of the United Nations and the adaptation of established patterns within the organizations to the changing needs and requirements of Member States are long-term and continuous processes,

Considering that a maximum benefit for the States Members of the United Nations should be obtained from the co-ordinated effort to this end and that Governments of Member States should be provided with an improved insight into and an over-all picture of the activities of the United Nations system,

Realizing that information on the United Nations system's activities, resources, results and findings is of relevance and significance to the planning process in developing countries,

Recognizing of the need to develop ways and means to strengthen the planning process in developing countries, in order that their identified needs may be met more effectively by the resources and capabilities of the organizations within the United Nations system,

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1. *Notes* the special report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on information systems;⁸⁰

2. *Welcomes* the establishment of the Common Register of Development Activities (CORE) as a first and important step towards the provision of information support for system-wide planning and programming;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and invites the executive heads of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency to include in their next budget submissions and in their medium-term plans detailed project proposals for their organizations' participation in, respectively, the development and implementation phases of the Common Register;

4. *Recommends* that the General Assembly and governing bodies of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency support the participation of the United Nations and related agencies in the development of the Common Register;

5. *Calls upon* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to take the necessary measures for the Programme's full participation in the Common Register by the end of 1975;

⁸⁰ E/5489 and Add.1.