

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 agencies<sup>78</sup> and of the International Atomic Energy Agency,<sup>79</sup> 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

<sup>78</sup> 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.

<sup>79</sup> 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,

#### **I**

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

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;

<sup>80</sup> E/5489 and Add.1.

6. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system to continue and accelerate their efforts through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to complete the development of the Common Register throughout the United Nations system as a priority matter;

7. *Recommends* that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination strengthen the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems and Related Activities and its staff, so as to ensure its capacity for consultation with agency management with a view to the development of common concepts;

## II

8. *Considers* that, for the purpose of information systems, the common concepts applied in support of planning and programming, in the preparation of financial plans and in the formulation of projects should be based on the following principles:

(a) Projects, programmes and related financial plans should be oriented towards results to be obtained (outputs) rather than towards resources required (inputs), as has been the case heretofore;

(b) Project proposals should specify:

(i) The beneficiaries;

(ii) The expected results;

(iii) A time schedule for those results;

(iv) An explanation of how progress in the attainment of results is to be assessed;

9. *Urges* the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to give special emphasis to the utilization by their organizations of common concepts, on the basis set out in paragraph 8 above;

## III

10. *Decides* that, in order to facilitate the decision-making process in governing bodies, the project register incorporated in the Common Register should provide:

(a) An inventory of the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system by country, by geographic region, by economic or social discipline, and by broad programme or problem areas;

(b) An inventory of resources by source and status of expenditure of funds, including, if possible, counterpart contributions;

(c) Information relating to goals, purposes and timetables of the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system;

## IV

11. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system to report to the Council at its fifty-ninth session, through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, on the progress in the implementation of the present reso-

lution; the report should outline the benefits to be obtained from the Common Register by Member States, with special emphasis on developing countries, in the event of implementation on a system-wide basis, and should contain an assessment of the cost implications by participating organizations, both as regards the share of cost to be absorbed by the reallocation of available resources and as regards whatever additional resource requirements might be needed; that assessment of cost implications should indicate, *inter alia*, the amount of costs resulting from the requirement in paragraph 10 (b) above for information on "status of expenditure of funds";

## V

12. *Decides* to evaluate fully at its sixty-first session the progress in the development of the Common Register, including agency participation therein.

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### 1890 (LVII). Agreement with the World Intellectual Property Organization

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its decision on relations with the World Intellectual Property Organization, adopted at its fifty-fifth session,<sup>81</sup>

*Having considered* the draft agreement prepared by the Council Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies and the Negotiating Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>82</sup> for the purpose of bringing that institution into relationship with the United Nations,

*Recommends* to the General Assembly that it should approve at its twenty-ninth session the text of the draft agreement set out in the annex to the present resolution.

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## ANNEX

### Draft agreement between the United Nations and the World Intellectual Property Organization

#### PREAMBLE

In consideration of the provisions of Article 57 of the Charter of the United Nations and of article 13(1) of the Convention establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization, the United Nations and the World Intellectual Property Organization agree as follows:

<sup>81</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 1 (E/5400 and Corr.1), "Decisions", p. 33, under the heading "Relations with the World Intellectual Property Organization".*

<sup>82</sup> Report on negotiations with the World Intellectual Property Organization (E/5535), annex.