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adopted by the Council at its 1067th meeting, on 30 June 1959

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 - (a) Survey of the world economic situation;
 - (b) Consideration of the reports of the regional economic commissions;
 - (c) General Assembly requests pertaining to international co-operation in economic fields.
3. World social situation :
 - (a) Report of the Social Commission;
 - (b) Survey of programmes of social development;
 - (c) General Assembly resolution 1283 (XIII) entitled " International health and medical research year ".
4. General review of the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole :
 - (a) Reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;
 - (b) Concentration of activities and General Assembly resolution 1272 (XIII) on control and limitation of documentation;
 - (c) Appraisal report on the scope, trend and cost of the United Nations programmes in the economic, social and human rights fields;
 - (d) Concerted action.
5. Economic development of under-developed countries.
6. Report of the Governing Council of the Special Fund.
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9. Report of the Transport and Communications Commission.
10. Report of the Commission on Human Rights.
11. Report of the Commission on the Status of Women.
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19. Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly.
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* To be considered at the resumed twenty-eighth session.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION

Economic questions

723 (XXVIII). Annual reports of the regional economic commissions

A

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe¹ for the period 25 April 1958 to 6 May 1959, of the views expressed during the discussion, and the resolutions adopted during the fourteenth session of the Commission, and endorses the programme of work and priorities contained in the report.

*1082nd plenary meeting,
17 July 1959.*

B

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East² for the period of 16 March 1958 to 19 March 1959, and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in parts II and III of the report, and endorses the programme of work and priorities contained in part V of the report;

II

Decides, in view of the unanimous recommendation of the Commission, to amend the terms of reference of the Commission³ as follows:

(a) Add the following sub-paragraph (*f*) to paragraph 1:

“(f) In carrying out the above functions deal as appropriate with the social aspects of economic development and the interrelationship of the economic and social factors”;

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/3227).*

² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2 (E/3214).

³ *Ibid.*, annex V.

(b) Add the following provision to paragraph 12:

“The Commission shall establish appropriate liaison and co-operation with other regional economic commissions in accordance with the resolutions and directives of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.”

*1082nd plenary meeting,
17 July 1959.*

C

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

The Economic and Social Council

I

Takes note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America⁴ covering the period 8 April 1958 to 23 May 1959 and of the resolutions and recommendations included in the account of proceedings of the eighth session of the Commission, and endorses the programme of work and priorities contained therein;

II

Taking into account the close interrelationship between the social and economic aspects of development,

Considering, moreover, that appropriate liaison and co-operation between the regional economic commissions is desirable,

Recalling that at the twenty-sixth session consideration was given to the question of amending the terms of reference of the Economic Commissions for Europe, Asia and the Far East and Latin America so as to include the foregoing principles and thus to bring them into line with the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Africa but that it was decided first to obtain the views of the Commissions concerned,

In view of the fact that at its eighth session the Economic Commission for Latin America unanimously recommended to the Council approval of the amendments suggested,⁵

⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4 (E/3246/Rev.1).

⁵ *Ibid.*, paras. 202 to 206.

Decides:

(a) To insert the following sub-paragraph (f) in paragraph 1 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Latin America: ⁶

“(f) In carrying out the above functions, deal as appropriate with the social aspects of economic development and the interrelationship of the economic and social factors”;

(b) To insert the following provision in paragraph 8:

“The Commission shall establish appropriate liaison and co-operation with other regional economic commissions, in accordance with the resolutions and directives of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.”

*1082nd plenary meeting,
17 July 1959.*

D

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the first session of the Economic Commission for Africa ⁷ and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in parts II and III of the report, and endorses the programme of work and priorities contained in part V of the report.

*1082nd plenary meeting,
17 July 1959.*

724 (XXVIII). Report of the Transport and Communications Commission

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the report of the Transport and Communications Commission on its ninth session,⁸

Noting further the important functions in the field of transport and communications discharged effectively by existing specialized agencies and the fact that the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, at its First Assembly, accepted the duties under the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (1948)—Revision of the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (1948), the International Code of Signals, and the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil (1954) and established a Group of Experts on the Unification of Maritime Tonnage Measurement,

⁶ *Ibid.*, annex V.

⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 10 (E/3201).

⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (E/3264).

1. Expresses its appreciation of the work undertaken by the Commission;

2. Approves the suggestions contained in the report of the Commission for the future arrangements for handling the remaining activities hitherto performed by the Commission;

3. Decides to terminate the Transport and Communications Commission, and as appropriate transfer its residual activities to the Council and to its regional economic commissions.

*1082nd plenary meeting,
17 July 1959.*

B

FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 563 (XIX), of 31 March 1955, and 644 (XXIII), of 26 April 1957, concerning the development of international travel,

Noting the views of the Transport and Communications Commission ⁹ relative to a resolution adopted by the International Union of Official Travel Organizations in 1958 requesting the convening by the Council of an international diplomatic conference on the subject of international travel and the removal or reduction of travel barriers after completion of relevant technical studies,

Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To bring up to date and pursue further the technical studies in the field of international travel and tourism;

(b) As soon as possible, and not later than at the thirty-first session of the Council, after consultation with Governments of Member States, the appropriate specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations in relationship with the United Nations, and non-governmental organizations in consultative status, to make recommendations for the development of international travel and tourism, including the desirability of convening an international conference on these subjects.

*1082nd plenary meeting,
17 July 1959.*

C

INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted with satisfaction the progress report of the new Committee of Experts for Further Work on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, resulting from its first session (Geneva, 9-26 March 1959),¹⁰ and the report of the Transport and Communications Commission thereon,¹¹

⁹ *Ibid.*, paras. 11 to 13.

¹⁰ E/CN.2/191 and Add.1.

¹¹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session. Supplement No. 12 (E/3264), paras. 18 and 19.

1. *Commends* the experts for their valuable work;

2. *Considers* that the results achieved by the Committee of Experts deserve close attention and provide a suitable basis for practical solutions of the problems submitted to it;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of the relevant recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of Experts:

(a) To amend the recommendations of the former Committee of Experts (1956)¹² by substituting the revised list¹³ for the list appearing in paragraph 45, and also as indicated by recommendations A, B, C, D, E and H in paragraph 49 of the progress report;

(b) To continue in existence the Committee of Experts set up as a result of its resolution 645 G (XXIII), of 26 April 1957, and to consider increasing its membership from eight to nine experts;

(c) To convene the next session of the Committee of Experts in the late summer of 1960, or at such other time as circumstances warrant, to continue the tasks assigned to it by Council resolution 645 G (XXIII) and as a first stage further explore the possibility of finding mutually acceptable performance tests for outer packages for certain classes or groups of dangerous substances, using the types of packages listed in paragraph 47 of the progress report;

(d) To set up and convene a group of three experts on explosives, who will meet during the next session of the Committee of Experts, for the purpose of listing and harmonizing the packing of explosives;

(e) To invite Governments of countries furnishing members of the Committee of Experts for Further Work on the Transport of Dangerous Goods to make available, at the request of the Secretary-General and at their own expense, the members of the group of experts on explosives, bearing in mind that a member of the group of experts on explosives may also serve on the Committee of Experts for Further Work on the Transport of Dangerous Goods either as an expert or as an adviser;

(f) To circulate the text of the "Comparative Study of the Systems of Regulations on packing Dangerous Goods for Transport",¹⁴ as an aid in harmonizing packing requirements to the Economic Commission for Europe and to the Central Office for International Railway Transport (Berne) for the use, as appropriate, of their respective intergovernmental and expert bodies; to the Coast Guard of the United States of America for its use and for transmission to other administrations concerned with the transport of dangerous goods with which it has dealings; and to such other authorities and bodies as may be desirable;

(g) To inform the International Atomic Energy Agency of the desire of the Council that the Agency be entrusted with the drafting of recommendations on the transport of radio-active substances, provided that they are consistent with the framework and general principles

of recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods of the United Nations, and that they are established in consultation with the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned;

(h) To circulate in due course the revised recommendations, resulting from the amendments made to the 1956 recommendations as explained in sub-paragraph (a) above, to Governments and interested international organizations, with the request that they send to the Secretary-General any suggested changes, so that he may forward them to the members of the Committee of Experts and, in order to keep the new comprehensive list of dangerous goods up to date, convene a session of the Committee if and when a sufficient number of problems for fruitful discussion have accumulated;

(i) To report to the Council periodically on the progress in this matter;

4. *Urges* the Governments, regional economic commissions and international organizations concerned to take note of the revised recommendations of the Committee of Experts referred to in paragraph 3 (h) above, and to continue to keep the Secretary-General currently informed of the extent to which they can bring their own practices into general conformity with them.

*1082nd plenary meeting,
17 July 1959.*

726 (XXVIII). International commodity problems

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with appreciation and satisfaction the report of the Commission on International Commodity Trade¹⁵ on its seventh session and the programme of the studies contained therein, and the report of the Interim Coordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements,¹⁶

Noting also with appreciation that the *World Economic Survey 1958*¹⁷ deals comprehensively with international commodity problems and policies,

Realizing the importance of research into commodity trade problems, principally in view of the connexion between them and the problems of the economic development of the under-developed countries,

Noting further the concern of the General Assembly with international commodity problems as expressed in its resolution 1324 (XIII) of 12 December 1958,

I

1. *Approves* the programme of work submitted by the Commission on International Commodity Trade including the study of national and international measures to deal with fluctuations in primary commodity markets;¹⁸

¹⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/3225).*

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 8, document E/3269.

¹⁷ United Nations publication, Sales No. 59.II.C.1.

¹⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/3225), Chap. IV.*

¹² United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1956.VIII.1.

¹³ E/CN.2/191/Add.1.

¹⁴ E/CN.2/Conf.5/R.5/Rev.1.

2. *Recommends* that, in dealing with problems of a specific commodity, Governments should take into account the views of the interested countries, particularly the less developed countries and countries dependent to a high degree on the export of a narrow range of primary commodities, which are producers of such commodities, and the possible harmful effects on them of any contemplated action;

II

Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To bring to the notice of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations before the opening of the tenth annual conference of that organization, the question of a joint session of the Commission on International Commodity Trade and the Committee on Commodity Problems of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, for the purpose of studying the first substantive report on prospective production of, and demand for, primary commodities;

(b) To submit to the Council at its thirtieth session, taking account of the views of the Commission on International Commodity Trade and of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, a report on the advisability and, if appropriate, on the practical arrangements for such a joint session.

*1085th plenary meeting,
24 July 1959.*

727 (XXVIII). World economic situation

A

UNITED NATIONS MEASURES FOR PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

The Economic and Social Council,

Observing that in recent years considerable successes have been attained in different countries in science and technology,

Taking into account that the international exchange of scientific and technical experience may be an important means of promoting the peaceful ends of world economic and social progress,

Considering that the peaceful achievements of modern science and technology in different countries should benefit the peoples of the world and help to raise their standards of living,

Recalling its resolution 695 (XXVI), of 31 July 1958, and General Assembly resolutions 1260 (XIII), of 14 November 1958, and 1316 (XIII), of 12 December 1958,

1. *Observes with satisfaction* the measures for developing international exchange of scientific and technical experience taken recently in the regional economic commissions and other United Nations organs, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and non-governmental organizations;

2. *Considers* that the rate of scientific and technical progress in the world and the continually extending human knowledge in various fields which can be used to accelerate economic development call for closest attention to be given to the international exchange of scientific and technical experience;

3. *Believes* that these considerations should continue to find their proper expression in the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and will accordingly be given their proper place in the five-year programme appraisals of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and in the consolidated report to be based thereon;

4. *Decides* to reconsider this question at its thirty-first session in the light of the discussion of five-year programme appraisals of the United Nations and the specialized agencies now in preparation and of other relevant reports at present in process of compilation.

*1087th plenary meeting,
27 July 1959.*

B

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTS PERTAINING TO INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN ECONOMIC FIELDS

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind its resolution 690 A (XXVI), of 31 July 1958, and General Assembly resolutions 1157 (XII) of 26 November 1957, and 1321 (XIII), of 12 December 1958,

1. *Takes note* of the compendium of resolutions concerning various principles of international economic co-operation prepared by the Secretary-General¹⁹ and of the views expressed by a number of Governments of Member States²⁰ in reply to paragraph (a) of the above-mentioned resolution 1321 (XIII), on the desirability of formulating "a statement of the economic objectives of the United Nations and of the means of international co-operation that may serve to attain those objectives";

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to Member States any further replies he may receive, and to prepare for the Council, at its thirtieth session, an analytical and comparative summary of all replies sent to him.

*1087th plenary meeting,
27 July 1959.*

740 (XXVIII). Economic development of under-developed countries

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the importance of the economic development of the under-developed countries as an essential condition for promoting such international relationships as are propitious for the maintenance of peace and world prosperity,

¹⁹ E/3202.

²⁰ E/3202/Add.1-9.

Bearing in mind that the present rate of development in many under-developed countries is unsatisfactory and that the situation calls for accelerating the development of their resources,

Recognizing that economic development requires, *inter alia*, the implementation of basic projects in the fields of agriculture, transport and communication, industry and energy, public health, housing and education, thus providing the essential foundation for increasing national income and raising standards of living,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1316 (XIII) and 1323 (XIII), of 12 December 1958,

Noting from the interim report²¹ prepared by the Secretary-General in response to General Assembly resolution 1316 (XIII) that many Governments are going forward with programmes and plans to assist the economic development of under-developed countries and that a number of Governments are considering the possibility of new multilateral financing programmes for assisting economic development,

1. *Urges* Member States to proceed as fully and as rapidly as possible with all practical programmes and plans for further assisting the economic development of the under-developed countries;

2. *Transmits* to the fourteenth session of the General Assembly the "Analytical Summary of Various Suggested Means of accelerating Economic Growth in less Developed Countries through International Action"²² together with the comments made on this report during the twenty-eighth session of the Council.²³

*1089th plenary meeting,
31 July 1959.*

B

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 710 B (XXVII), of 17 April 1959, concerned with the promotion of the better understanding of the economic problems of developing resources in under-developed countries to meet their expanding energy needs,

Recalling further resolution 711 B (XXVII), of 17 April 1959, concerning the continuation of concrete measures by the United Nations and certain specialized agencies and their technical assistance programmes to assist Governments interested in obtaining advice concerning the effective and rational development of their petroleum resources,

Recognizing that although the capital and technical resources needed must come from many varying sources, Governments interested in the development of petroleum production may require from the United Nations and the specialized agencies technical advice as to the possibility of discovering petroleum deposits and initiating their development,

²¹ E/3258 and Corr.1 and Add.1-2.

²² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 5, document E/3259.

²³ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-eighth Session*, 1085th, 1086th and 1087th meetings; see also E/AC.6/SR.272.

Recalling its resolution 345 A (XII), of 9 March 1951, and noting that in accordance with paragraph 1 (c) of that resolution the Secretary-General is authorized to consider requests from Governments for technical assistance in the organization and planning of national surveys and inventories of non-agricultural resources including petroleum reserves and for the training of personnel for such surveys and inventories,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the Council, if possible at its twenty-ninth session, of the studies so far undertaken by the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies in connexion with the development of petroleum resources in under-developed countries, and to include in his report a list of the projects concerned with petroleum matters so far undertaken under the technical assistance and development programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to make available to interested participating Governments particulars of the specific ways in which the programmes established under the auspices of the United Nations can assist in the development of petroleum supplies in under-developed countries;

3. *Decides* to consider at a later session, in the light of the information to be provided in accordance with the preceding paragraphs and in the light of the demand expressed by Member States, whether additional assistance to Governments in this field is called for within the framework of the existing technical assistance and development activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

*1089th plenary meeting,
31 July 1959.*

C

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 711 A (XXVII), of 17 April 1959,

Taking note of the note on the analysis and dissemination of experience from technical assistance in industrialization and energy resources,²⁴

Requests the Secretary-General to undertake, initially on a selective and experimental basis along the lines suggested in paragraph 8 of that note, the collection, analysis and dissemination of experience obtained in multilateral, regional, bilateral and national technical assistance in the field of industrialization and energy resources, and to report from time to time to the Council on progress achieved in this undertaking.

*1089th plenary meeting,
31 July 1959.*

D

The Economic and Social Council,

Being aware that in the meetings of the General Assembly and the Council, and in the organs of the Council and the specialized agencies, increasing attention is

²⁴ *Ibid.*, *Annexes*, agenda item 5, document E/3273.

being devoted to problems of economic development and, in particular, to the means of international co-operation, including financial means, by which such development could be further stimulated,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 1323 (XIII) of 12 December 1958, and the analytical summary²⁵ prepared by the Secretary-General on various suggested means of accelerating economic growth in less developed countries,

Taking into account also General Assembly resolution 1316 (XIII) of 12 December 1958, and the interim report on international co-operation for the development of under-developed countries prepared by the Secretary-General,²⁶

Recognizing the effectiveness of the efforts being made through the competent organs of the United Nations and other international institutions and arrangements to promote the economic growth of less developed countries,

Noting resolution 1317 (XIII) of 12 December 1958, in which the General Assembly urges Member States to continue working for the establishment of a United Nations capital development fund,

Calls upon States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to give further consideration to General Assembly resolution 1317 (XIII), and to continue to examine the possibility of contributing financial resources that may serve to accelerate economic development, giving consideration to the means envisaged in that resolution as well as to other means which have been proposed or referred to in the discussions or documents of the Council or the General Assembly.

*1089th plenary meeting,
31 July 1959.*

²⁵ *Ibid.*, document E/3259.

²⁶ E/3258 and Corr.1 and Add.1-2.

741 (XXVIII). Evaluation of techniques of long-term economic projections

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the importance of sound and substantial progress in the economic development of the less developed countries,

Recognizing the necessity for adequate economic statistics and other pertinent current data and for appropriate and sound economic studies as aids in the consideration of investment and development policies and actions by Governments and individual domestic and foreign investors,

1. *Draws the attention* of Member States to the continuing need in many countries for developing accurate economic statistics and other pertinent current data as an essential basis for economic studies and surveys;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake, in consultation with the appropriate specialized agencies and other competent organizations, an evaluation of the techniques of long-term economic projections which have been developed, including those currently used in the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies, their applicability to countries in different stages of development and the possibilities and limitations of these techniques;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its thirtieth session an initial report giving a summary account of such projections made to date and the problems encountered in their preparation, to be followed by other progress reports as appropriate.

*1089th plenary meeting,
31 July 1959.*

Questions relating to technical assistance

733 (XXVIII). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance: Annual Report of the Technical Assistance Board to the Technical Assistance Committee

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the eleventh report submitted by the Technical Assistance Board²⁷ to the Technical Assistance Committee.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

²⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/3226) and document E/3226/Add.1.*

734 (XXVIII). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that ten years have elapsed since the Council in its resolution 222 A (IX), of 15 August 1949, recommended that the General Assembly establish an expanded programme of technical assistance for economic development of under-developed countries,

Noting with profound satisfaction the results achieved thus far by the Expanded Programme during its first ten years,

Recognizing that these results were made possible by voluntary contributions from the States Members of the

United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, as well as by substantial participation by the countries receiving assistance, and that thereby a solid basis was laid for the Expanded Programme at its present level,

Appreciating the efforts made by the Governments and by the international organizations concerned further to increase the resources available for technical assistance through the expedient of funds in trust and the expansion of the field activities of the organizations financed from their regular budgets,

Regretting, however, the slowing of the rate of growth of the Expanded Programme in recent years whereas concurrently the number and the size of the requests for assistance both from newly independent countries and from other countries have continued to increase,

Concerned, particularly, about the reduction in the field programme for 1959 and in the estimates for planning the Expanded Programme for 1960,

Mindful of the further increase in assistance required on the part of certain countries in the African and other regions as they obtain independence,

Reaffirming its belief that, in the light of the results so far achieved, a continued gradual expansion of the activities and the financial resources of the Expanded Programme is desirable,

1. *Expresses the hope,* at the outset of the second decade of its activities, that countries participating in the Expanded Programme will be prepared further to increase their contributions so that the Programme can resume a gradual growth;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convey this resolution to Governments to be invited to attend the annual technical assistance conference in October 1959 for pledging their contributions to the Expanded Programme account for 1960.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

735 (XXVIII). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance: Country programming procedures

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 700 (XXVI), of 31 July 1958, on country programming procedures,

Having reviewed the proposals of the Technical Assistance Board to introduce two-year programming procedures under the Expanded Programme,²⁸

Believing that, without affecting the annual pledging procedure, the introduction of two-year programming will lead to improved advance planning of projects and further efficiency in implementation of the Programme,

1. *Decides* that, on an experimental basis and for the period 1961-1962, the Expanded Programme shall be planned by recipient Governments, the Technical Assistance Board and the participating organizations and

²⁸ E/TAC/84, paras. 19-21.

approved by the Technical Assistance Committee for a two-year period and that, provided funds are available, projects shall be undertaken at the most appropriate time in the course of the two-year period, to be determined in consultation between the Governments and the participating organizations concerned;

2. *Decides* that the authorization of allocation of funds to each participating organization for carrying out the technical assistance projects shall continue to be made on an annual basis;

3. *Decides further,* that projects, the planned duration of which is longer than the two-year period, be approved by the Government concerned for the full duration of the project at such time as the project is first included in the country's programme;

4. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board to submit to the Technical Assistance Committee at its next November session detailed recommendations for the implementation of the Programme as provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, after consulting recipient Governments through resident representatives;

5. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Committee to submit to the Council at its resumed twenty-eighth session any amendments necessary to the resolutions governing the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in order to establish and implement the Programme on a two-year basis;

6. *Invites* the Technical Assistance Board and the participating organizations to take such steps as may be necessary in order that the Expanded Programme may be planned and implemented on a biennial basis.

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30 July 1959.*

736 (XXVIII). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance: Local costs arrangements

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 470 (XV), of 15 April 1953, on the method of obtaining payment towards the living costs of experts under the Expanded Programme,

Having considered the desirability of securing a simplification and improvement in the existing methods of assessing Governments with respect to their contributions towards the living costs of experts,

Noting the proposals of the Technical Assistance Board²⁹ for a revision of the local costs arrangements under the Expanded Programme,

Believing that a simplification of the present arrangements might best be obtained if each Government were assessed for its local cost obligation on the basis of a percentage of the total cost of experts' services provided to it under the Expanded Programme,

Believing further that an interim arrangement for assessing local costs obligations should be adopted for the year 1960, while studies are pursued on the means of

²⁹ E/TAC/85.

securing a more equitable distribution of such obligations among Governments,

1. *Decides* that for the year 1960,

(a) The contribution of each Government towards the local costs of experts' services shall be computed on the basis of a percentage of the total cost of expert services provided to that Government by the participating organizations under the Expanded Programme;

(b) The percentage figure for each country shall be that percentage which the actual local cost obligation of the Government in 1958 was of the total cost to the participating organizations for the provision of expert services in 1958 under the Expanded Programme;

(c) The assessment of each Government shall be made, before 31 December 1959, by applying the percentage figure referred to in sub-paragraph (b) above to the approved 1960 programme; Governments shall make advance payments as assessed and the accounts shall be adjusted, after the end of the year, on the basis of the total costs of experts' services actually provided by the end of the year;

(d) Governments of recipient countries, where there was no programme in 1958, shall be assessed at the rate which would have resulted from application of the arrangements in effect before the adoption of this resolution but not exceeding 12.5 per cent of experts' costs;

2. *Requests* the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board to report to the Technical Assistance Committee in July 1960 on the means of securing a more equitable distribution of the local cost obligations among the Governments concerned.

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30 July 1959.*

737 (XXVIII). Allocation of administrative and operational services costs between Regular and Expanded Programme budgets

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the desirability of keeping as low as possible the administrative and operational services costs of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in order to maximize the resources available for project implementation,

Recalling its resolution 702 (XXVI), of 31 July 1958,

Taking note of the replies of the governing bodies of the participating organizations to the invitation extended in that resolution formally to consider the problem of the allocation of the administrative and operational services costs of technical assistance between the Regular and Expanded Programme budgets and to advise the Council of the results of such consideration,

Taking note also of the views of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions set forth in its third report to the General Assembly (fourteenth session),³⁰

³⁰ A/4130.

Considering that as soon as possible, a final decision should be made on the question of the allocation of the administrative and operational services costs of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance between the Regular and Expanded Programme budgets,

1. *Decides*, as an interim solution, that allocations from the Expanded Programme Special Account for administrative and operational services costs of the participating organizations should be made in the form of lump sum amounts on the following basis:

(a) For 1960, in amounts which should not exceed the corresponding 1959 allocations;

(b) For 1961, in amounts which shall be half-way between the 1960 allocations and the equivalent of 12 per cent of the 1959 project allocations including local cost assessments;

(c) For 1962, in amounts which shall be the equivalent of 12 per cent of the 1959 project allocations including local cost assessments;

2. *Invites* the participating organizations to continue to make efforts to reduce to the lowest possible level, compatible with efficient operation, the administrative and operational services costs of the Programme, and requests them to consider at the earliest practicable time the possibility of including any excess in their regular budgets if these costs cannot be covered entirely by the allocations referred to in 1 (b) and (c) above;

3. *Decides*, as an exceptional measure, in view of the various financial periods of the organizations, that allocations to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Meteorological Organization for 1961 will be the same as for 1960;

4. *Decides* that in the case of the International Atomic Energy Agency the lump sum amount to be allocated for administrative and operational services costs in 1960 shall not exceed \$ US 84,000 and that for 1961 the lump sum amount shall be determined on the basis of the 1960 project allocations according to the terms of 1 (b) above;

5. *Decides* that any portion of funds allocated for administrative and operational services costs under this resolution but not required by a participating organization for this purpose, should be taken into account in establishing the programme planning share of the organization concerned;

6. *Recognizes* the need for some measure of flexibility in the application of paragraph 1 above to organizations with small budgets or small allocations for Expanded Programme activities and authorizes the Technical Assistance Board in preparing estimates for the Technical Assistance Committee to take this factor into account;

7. *Decides* to consider at its thirtieth session further financial arrangements for administrative and operational services costs.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

738 (XXVIII). Report by the Secretary-General on the United Nations programmes of technical assistance

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report by the Secretary-General on the United Nations programmes of technical assistance.³¹

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

739 (XXVIII). Technical assistance in public administration

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken note of the statement made by the Secretary-General³² on the experimental programme for the provision of operational, executive or administrative personnel to Governments requesting assistance in this form,

Noting that the large number of requests received from Governments in many parts of the world provides evidence of the widespread need for this kind of aid,

³¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes, agenda item 7, document E/3236.*

³² *Ibid.*, document E/3230/Add.1.

Recognizing, however, that the time that has elapsed since the beginning of the experiment has been too brief, and the range of the experiment has been too narrow, to justify the drawing of final conclusions,

Recommends to the General Assembly:

(a) That the experiment started in 1959 be continued on the basis of General Assembly resolution 1256 (XIII), of 14 November 1958;

(b) That, in deciding upon the question of continuing the experimental programme, it take into account the views expressed in the Technical Assistance Committee³³ on the present status of the programme and the desirability of allowing the Secretary-General adequate scope in the carrying out of the experiment within the limits of the resources it makes available;

(c) That the Secretary-General be requested to present a report analysing in detail the progress of the experiment together with recommendations based thereon at the thirtieth session of the Council.

*1088th plenary session,
30 July 1959.*

³³ E/TAC/SR.190, 192, 195, 196.

SOCIAL QUESTIONS

725 (XXVIII). Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with the annexed reports of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme on its first and first special sessions,³⁴

Takes note of the report prepared by the High Commissioner for transmission to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session.

*1084th plenary meeting,
20 July 1959.*

730 (XXVIII). International control of narcotic drugs

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (fourteenth session)³⁵ and endorses the work programme and priorities contained therein.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

³⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/4104/Rev.1), and Appendices I and II.*

³⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3254).*

B

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT CENTRAL OPIUM BOARD

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Permanent Central Opium Board on the work of the Board in 1958.³⁶

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

C

PARTICIPATION IN THE PROTOCOL OF 19 NOVEMBER 1948

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 548 H (XVIII) of 12 July 1954 calling upon all States to become parties to the Protocol signed at Paris on 19 November 1948, bringing under international control drugs outside the scope of the Convention for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs signed at Geneva on 13 July 1931 as amended by the Protocol signed at Lake Success on 11 December 1946,

Noting with satisfaction that four States became bound by the Protocol during 1958,

Considering, however, that a large number of States are still outside the scope of this instrument and that in the

³⁶ E/OB/14 and E/OB/14/Addendum. United Nations publications, Sales No. : 1958.XI.5 and 1958.XI.5.Addendum.

Americas only four States out of twenty-two are parties to it,

Being of the opinion that so long as the Protocol is not universally adhered to, the international control of narcotic drugs is thereby impaired,

Urges Governments which have not yet done so to adhere to the Protocol of 1948 within the shortest possible time.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

D

PROVISIONAL CONTROL OF NEW NARCOTIC DRUGS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 436 G (XIV) of 27 May 1952 and 548 H I (XVIII) of 12 July 1954,

Noting that certain new drugs liable to produce addiction have been marketed in and exported from some countries for considerable periods before controls have been applied to them, and that in other countries there has sometimes been a considerable lapse of time between the receipt of a communication from the Secretary-General of the United Nations notifying a decision of the World Health Organization that a drug should be controlled, and the giving of effect to that decision by national measures, with the result that the drug has for a period been in use in those countries without any control,

Considering that in order to prevent abuse of new addiction-producing drugs it is essential that in any country in which they are produced they should be subjected, before trade in them, whether internal or export, takes place, to the control measures prescribed in the International Opium Convention signed at Geneva on 19 February 1925, the Convention for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs signed at Geneva on 13 July 1931, as amended by the Protocol signed at Lake Success on 11 December 1946 and the Protocol signed at Paris on 19 November 1948 bringing under International Control Drugs outside the Scope of the Convention of 13 July 1931,

Considering further that all countries should take steps to subject to such control measures without delay any new drug as soon as they are notified of a decision that it is addiction-producing,

Urges Governments to ensure the effective control of new narcotic drugs by taking the following action:

(a) The Government of a country in which any new drug for which its inventors claim powerful analgesic or anti-tussive properties is produced should, before the drug is marketed, examine the possibility of subjecting it provisionally, and until the World Health Organization has pronounced upon its liability to cause addiction, to the control measures prescribed by the above-mentioned Conventions, including the application of the system of import certificates and export authorizations;

(b) Where a Government has notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in accordance with article 1 of the Protocol signed at Paris on 19 November 1948, that it considers a drug to be liable to produce

addiction, all other Governments, on being informed by the Secretary-General of this notification, should examine the possibility of the immediate and provisional application to the drug of the control measures prescribed in the above-mentioned Conventions, even, in the case of a notification under the 1948 Protocol, in advance of a decision as to provisional control by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and should equally bear in mind the application of similar measures of control provided for in the 1931 Convention where the notification is made under article 11 of that Convention and relates to a product obtained from the phenanthrene alkaloids of opium or from the ecgonine alkaloids of the coca leaf;

(c) All Governments should, on the communication to them by the Secretary-General of the United Nations of a finding of the World Health Organization, or of a decision of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for provisional control, relating to a particular drug, impose the necessary controls as a matter of urgency, and with the least possible delay after the communication has been received.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

E

THE QUESTION OF CANNABIS : MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS DRUGS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 548 F I (XVIII) of 12 July 1954, and the opinion³⁷ expressed by the World Health Organization's Expert Committee on Addiction-Producing Drugs on the medical use of cannabis drugs,

Considering that certain pharmacodynamic properties, in particular antibiotic qualities of resinous parts of the cannabis plant, have been recently investigated in several countries,

Recalling that the third draft of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs contains an express provision for the prohibition of the medical use of cannabis drugs except in certain systems of indigenous medicine,

1. *Invites* the World Health Organization to prepare, in the light of recent research on the subject, a report on the use of cannabis for the extraction of useful drugs, particularly of the antibiotic type, and if possible to make the report available in sufficient time for the fifteenth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, if the report cannot be presented to the Commission at its fifteenth session, to put it at the disposal, in sufficient time, of the countries and organizations participating in the plenipotentiary conference which will be called in accordance with Council resolution 689 J (XXVI) of 28 July 1958 for the adoption of the Single Convention, with a view to a possible modification of the provisions of the Single Convention in order to permit the use of cannabis for the extraction of useful drugs.

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30 July 1959.*

³⁷ See *World Health Organization : Technical Report Series, No. 57, p. II.*

F

SYMBOL FOR IDENTIFICATION OF PACKAGES CONTAINING NARCOTIC DRUGS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling operative paragraph 3 (e) of its resolution 436 G (XIV) of 27 May 1952,

Having considered draft resolution E concerning the use of a symbol for identification of packages containing narcotic drugs set forth in the report of the fourteenth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,³⁸

Noting that the Plenipotentiary Conference on the Single Convention, which will be convened in 1960 or early 1961, will have before it the provisions proposed for paragraph 5 of article 41 of the third draft of the Single Convention,

Decides to take no action at this time on the above-mentioned draft resolution.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

G

CARRIAGE OF NARCOTIC DRUGS IN FIRST-AID KITS OF AIRCRAFT ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into consideration the opinion of the International Civil Aviation Organization³⁹ and the report and the legal opinion⁴⁰ furnished by the Secretary-General under operative paragraphs 3 and 5 of Council resolution 689 F (XXVI) of 28 July 1958,

Taking note of the study prepared by the International Criminal Police Organization,⁴¹

Noting that, after consultation with the World Health Organization⁴² the Commission on Narcotic Drugs is of the opinion⁴³ that narcotic drugs in limited quantities are necessary in first-aid kits on board aircraft engaged in international flight for use in emergencies,

Considering that to ensure proper application and to prevent misuse or misappropriation, such drugs should be carried and used under adequate controls and safeguards, also taking into account the need for interfering as little as possible with the expeditious handling of air traffic on the ground,

Invites the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the International Civil Aviation Organization and the World Health Organization and in consultation with the International Criminal Police Organization, to prepare and to distribute to Governments in sufficient time for consideration at the fifteenth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, a set of requirements essential to ensure proper use of narcotic drugs and to

³⁸ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3254), chap. XIV.

³⁹ See E/CN.7/SR.423.

⁴⁰ E/CN.7/367.

⁴¹ E/CN.7/363.

⁴² See E/CN.7/L.208.

⁴³ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3254), para. 362.

prevent their abuse and diversion for illicit purposes, such requirements to be recommended to Governments as a basis for the control of the carriage of narcotic drugs in first-aid kits on board aircraft engaged in international flight.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

H

CONTROL AND LIMITATION OF NARCOTICS DOCUMENTATION : QUINQUENNIAL SUMMARY OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that under article 21 of the 1931 Convention for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs parties are required to communicate to one another, through the Secretary-General, their national laws and regulations,

Recalling further that by resolution 626 C III (XXII) of 2 August 1956 it requested the Secretary-General :

“(a) To circulate annually to Governments a cumulative multi-purpose index relating to these laws and regulations;

“(b) To prepare a summary annual tabulation for the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of changes in the scope of control contained in the laws and regulations;

“(c) To prepare, as the need arises, summaries, analyses or studies of the material contained in the laws and regulations relating to particular aspects of international control;

“(d) In the light of the above, to prepare a summary of laws and regulations every five years in lieu of the annual summary authorized by Council resolution 49 (IV) of 28 March 1947 ”,

Having noted the view of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs that the main purposes of the summaries called for under sub-paragraph (d) above have so far in fact been served by the documents prepared and circulated under sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) above,

Taking account of the fact that the quinquennial summary for the years 1955 to 1959 inclusive could not be prepared for 1960 out of present resources and would require an extra provision in the budget for 1960,⁴⁴

Endorsing the opinion of the Commission that the extra effort and expenditure required for this quinquennial summary would not be justified in the light of the considerations set forth above and in view of other more important claims on the available resources,

Recalling its resolution 693 B (XXVI) of 31 July 1958, General Assembly resolution 1272 (XIII) of 14 November 1958 and other earlier relevant resolutions on the control and limitation of documentation,

Decides to rescind paragraph 2 (d) of its resolution 626 C III (XXII) which requested the Secretary-General to prepare every five years a summary of national laws and regulations in the field of narcotics control.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

⁴⁴ See E/CN.7/L.207, para. 14.

I

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF NARCOTICS CONTROL

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁴⁵ presented in accordance with its resolution 688 (XXVI) of 28 July 1958, and the sections of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fourteenth session⁴⁶ concerning technical assistance in the field of narcotics control,

Recognizing the desirability of facilitating increased co-operation on a regional level for narcotics control,

Noting that in spite of extensive efforts on the part of Governments and other authorities concerned, illicit traffic in drugs remains at a high level, and that in many cases narcotics control projects would benefit the international community as much as or more than the country receiving technical assistance,

1. Approves the recommendation of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs that a continuing programme for technical assistance in narcotics control should be established within the regular budget of the United Nations;

2. Recommends that the General Assembly adopt the following draft resolution :

The General Assembly,

Considering that under Chapter IX of the Charter and under the international narcotic treaties the United Nations exercises responsibilities in the field of narcotic drugs,

Considering that technical assistance is a means by which countries may be helped to increase the effectiveness of their measures to control the production, distribution and use of narcotic drugs, to reduce and eliminate drug addiction, and to combat the illicit traffic,

Recognizing the particular usefulness of technical assistance for those countries which have an important problem of drug addiction or illicit traffic, or both,

Taking account of the arrangements previously established by the Assembly concerning the regular technical assistance programmes and the advisory services of the United Nations, and concerning the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

Noting that in many cases narcotics control projects would benefit the international community as much or more than the country receiving technical assistance; and that the effectiveness of the control system embodied in the international narcotic treaties would be increased if technical assistance were available to countries which require it,

Noting that the specialized agencies concerned, the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, are rendering

⁴⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes, agenda item 14, document E/3268.*

⁴⁶ *Ibid., Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3254).*

valuable services to their members in matters within their competence touching questions of narcotics control,

1. Decides to establish a continuing programme of technical assistance in narcotics control with the regular budget of the United Nations;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to provide technical assistance in its various forms in the field of narcotics control, subject to the direction of the Economic and Social Council and in accordance with approved policies in so far as they are applicable; and at the request of and in agreement with Governments; and with the co-operation of the specialized agencies, where appropriate, and without duplication of their existing activities;

3. Authorizes the Secretary-General to take into account the programme established by the present resolution in preparing the budgetary estimates of the United Nations;

4. Invites the specialized agencies concerned, the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to continue to maintain and develop their technical assistance activities touching the field of narcotics control;

5. Expresses the hope that non-governmental organizations, including foundations and universities, will also give assistance in this respect within their fields of interest;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report regularly to the Economic and Social Council and to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on technical assistance in the field of narcotics control, including action taken under this and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

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30 July 1959.

731 (XXVIII). World social situation

A

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Social Commission (twelfth session)⁴⁷ and endorses the work programme and priorities contained therein.

1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.

B

LONG-RANGE PROGRAMME OF CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL ACTION IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Annex A I to its resolution 664 (XXIV) of 1 August 1957, and its resolution 694 C (XXVI) of 31 July 1958 concerning the drawing up of a long-

⁴⁷ *Ibid., Supplement No. 11 (E/3265/Rev.1).*

C

INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF PROGRAMMES OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

*Taking note of the second International Survey of Programmes of Social Development,*⁴⁹

Considering it necessary to take further action to prepare and carry out measures for exploring new possibilities of assisting under-developed countries in developing their social services,

Requests the Secretary-General :

(a) To ask the Governments of States Members of the United Nations to include in the information furnished by them for the purpose of future reports in this series, all information as to experience gained, difficulties encountered, and lessons learned in the field of social development which would be of assistance to under-developed countries in planning and carrying out programmes of social development;

(b) To utilize this material, in consultation with the specialized agencies concerned, for inclusion as appropriate in future reports in this series, including also his own suggestions and recommendations on the subject, for consideration by the Social Commission and the Council.

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30 July 1959.*

D

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Economic and Social Council,

*Having considered the observations and conclusions of the Social Commission on the needs in the field of social service as reflected in its report,*⁵⁰

Noting especially the growing impact of social and economic change on the welfare of the family and the importance of extending social service for the protection and strengthening of family life,

Recognizing that further progress in raising family levels of living in many countries will be favourably influenced by the establishment of social service programmes planned in relation to other aspects of social policy and economic development,

1. *Expresses its appreciation to the group of experts for its report on national social service programmes*⁵¹ *considering the great importance of its conclusions;*

2. *Expresses its thanks to those concerned in the preparation of the publication entitled* *Training for Social Work : Third International Survey;*⁵²

3. *Proposes that, in preparing the work programme, the United Nations should give particular attention to*

⁴⁹ United Nations publication, Sales No. : 59.IV.2.

⁵⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/3265/Rev.1), chap. IV.*

⁵¹ E/CN.5/333.

⁵² United Nations publication, Sales No. : 59.IV.1.

range programme of international action in the field of housing and related community facilities,

Noting that the supply of housing at costs attainable within the reach of low-income families continues to be inadequate, and that high building costs and lack of resources for housing point towards a growing deficit in dwellings,

Recognizing the significant role of Governments in the planning, financing and execution of programmes for low-cost housing and community facilities, and the important relation between such programmes and programmes in the fields of urbanization, industrialization and community development;

Recognizing further the need for intensive information and education for the promotion of better housing and community facilities,

1. *Notes and approves with satisfaction the principles and general lines of the long-range programme of concerted international action in the field of low-cost housing and related community facilities;*⁴⁸

2. *Requests the Secretary-General to circulate to Governments for comments and consideration the long-range programme of concerted international action together with the recommendations thereon of the Social Commission and the Council;*

3. *Invites the regional economic commissions, the specialized agencies and the regional housing centres concerned to review the long-range programme and to make provision for full participation in the proposed concerted action;*

4. *Recommends Governments :*

(a) *To institute or accelerate programmes for the extension of low-cost housing and community facilities and services as part of national programmes for housing, urban and rural development and general economic and social development;*

(b) *To facilitate a more intensive use within these programmes of efforts of individuals and groups (co-operatives, trade unions and other organizations) including self-help, mutual aid, co-operation and similar methods;*

5. *Recommends that the competent organs of central and local governments, and all in a position to influence public opinion in their respective countries, consider the possibility of undertaking further measures to increase joint efforts to solve this serious problem;*

6. *Recognizes that assistance by international organizations to Governments in the field of low-cost housing and related community facilities should be organized on a long-term basis;*

7. *Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its thirtieth session and to the Social Commission at its thirteenth session on specific joint and individual projects planned by the participating organizations on a long-term basis.*

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30 July 1959.*

⁴⁸ E/CN.5/339.

assisting Members States at their request, in drawing up, organizing and administering national social service programmes and in training the necessary personnel;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the comments of States Members of the United Nations the specialized agencies concerned, and appropriate non-governmental organizations in consultative status on the following documents, taking into account the views of the members of the Social Commission on these documents :

(a) The report of the group of experts on national social service programmes;

(b) The observations of the Secretary-General thereon;

(c) The publication entitled *Training for Social Work: Third International Survey*;

5. *Requests further* that the Secretary-General present an analysis of the comments of Governments, the specialized agencies concerned and appropriate non-governmental organizations in consultative status, together with his comments thereon to the Social Commission at its thirteenth session;

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to convene an expert group of key national social welfare officials selected from among Member States at different stages of economic development and with different social structures, to analyse recent national experience and to identify underlying principles and effective methods, in the organization and administration of social services, taking into account the comments on this subject called for in paragraph 4 above.

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30 July 1959.

E

THE SUPPRESSION OF THE TRAFFIC IN PERSONS AND OF THE EXPLOITATION OF THE PROSTITUTION OF OTHERS

The Economic and Social Council,

Being of the opinion that the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 317 (IV) of 2 December 1949 is a valuable contribution to the combating of these social evils,

Taking note of the fact that thus far twenty-five countries have ratified the said Convention or have acceded to it,

Expressing the hope that the Governments of the remaining countries will ratify or accede to the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others or attempt to implement its principal provisions,

1. *Requests* Governments to take all appropriate measures for the elimination of the causes leading to the traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others through constant improvement of the social and economic living conditions of their peoples;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretariat of the United Nations for the report on the suppression

of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others,⁵³ prepared in accordance with the decision of the Social Commission at its eleventh session;⁵⁴

3. *Invites the attention* of Governments mentioned in article 23 of the Convention to this report, and in particular to the programme of action set out in chapter IX, and recommends them :

(a) To give consideration to the adoption of the measures proposed in this chapter of the report, as part of the development of effective policies directed to the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others;

(b) To inform the Secretary-General of the progress made in regard to the adoption of such measures by including information thereon in their reports submitted biennially to the Secretariat on the basis of the questionnaire on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others, approved by the Council in its resolution 390 A (XIII) of 9 August 1951;

(c) To bring the programme of action to the attention of the governmental agencies concerned and, so far as necessary or appropriate, to non-governmental organizations interested in this field;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to make arrangements for the publication, as appropriate, of the information received in pursuance of sub-paragraph 3 (b) above and to ask for supplementary information if necessary.

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30 July 1959.

F

FUTURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SOCIAL DEFENCE PROGRAMME

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that in its resolution 155 C (VII) of 13 August 1948 it stated that the United Nations should assume leadership in promoting international activity in the field of the prevention of crime and treatment of offenders and that the General Assembly, in its resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950, approved the transfer of the functions of the International Penal and Penitentiary Commission to the United Nations,

Considering that Governments attach great importance to the United Nations programming in the field of the prevention of crime and treatment of offenders and have indicated a desire that international action in this respect should continue,

Bearing in mind the difficulties encountered by the Secretary-General in the implementation of the United Nations programme of social defence and also the need to allow for organization of the work within the Secretariat while ensuring the continuity of the work pro-

⁵³ E/CN.5/338.

⁵⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3008), annex II.*

gramme in this field and the maximum co-ordination with the activities of the non-governmental organizations concerned,

1. *Believes* that the United Nations should retain leadership and responsibility in the matter of social defence and strengthen technical assistance in this field, particularly to the less developed countries;

2. *Considers* that the United Nations Secretariat should provide for the continuation of the direction and co-ordination of the social defence programme at Headquarters;

3. *Believes further* that with a view to achieving better co-ordination with the non-governmental organizations, the activities of the European Office of the United Nations in the field of the prevention of crime and treatment of offenders should be enlarged;

4. *Agrees* that in order to implement the aims stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the Secretary-General, as a matter within his competence, should assign to the European Office such staff as may be necessary to carry out the activities entrusted to it;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his consultation with the International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation and other non-governmental organizations with a view to finding the best arrangements for associating them more closely with the functions of the United Nations in the field of the prevention of crime and treatment of offenders;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the measures to bring into operation the regional institutes in Latin America and in Asia and the Far East.

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30 July 1959.*

G

ADVISORY SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 418 (V) of 1 December 1950, on advisory social welfare services in which the Assembly requests that the Commission formulate recommendations from time to time concerning the continued action required to carry out essential United Nations advisory services in the field of social welfare,

Recalling further Council resolution 496 (XVI) of 31 July 1953 in which it requested the Secretary-General to give high priority to assisting Governments in the planning and administration of social programmes, the training of personnel at all levels for carrying out such programmes, and in the use of community development methods and techniques,

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of technical assistance to Governments for the achievement of their national goals in raising levels of living and in strengthening family and community life;

2. *Notes* the growing need for technical assistance in the social field as shown by the substantial increase in

requests received by the United Nations during 1957-1958, and the expansion of fields of activity in which assistance was provided;

3. *Notes further* the recommendation of the twelfth session of the Social Commission that the United Nations should give particular attention to assisting Member States at their request with national social service programmes and training of staff;

4. *Recognizes* that the accession of countries to independence means an increase in technical assistance needs in Africa where the establishment of the Economic Commission for Africa is expected to accelerate economic and social development for which technical assistance from the United Nations is essential;

5. *Recognizes* the additional technical assistance requirement arising from recent policy decisions of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund concerning aid by the United Nations Children's Fund for community development projects and, in particular, for social services for children;

6. *Expresses its concern* that the present allocation in the United Nations budget for advisory social welfare services does not permit the Secretary-General to meet, in many cases, urgent and valid requests from the newly developing countries, especially in Africa, in the fields covered by resolution 418 (V) of the General Assembly;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To study with the newly developing countries, at their request, to what extent existing technical assistance services in the social field extended through the United Nations suit their needs;

(b) To carry out pilot projects at the request of Governments designed to improve national social welfare programmes and to find new and more effective approaches to the training of social welfare personnel;

(c) To report to an early session of the Social Commission on the operation of existing programmes and to make recommendations to strengthen them, including recommendations on possible new forms of technical assistance;

8. *Requests* the General Assembly, when it considers the level of budgetary appropriations for 1960 and following years, to take into consideration the necessity for further development of the programme of advisory social welfare services and the desirability of increasing the relevant financial provision to this end.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

H

PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMMES FOR FAMILY AND CHILD WELFARE

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the need for improving and developing national social service programmes for children,

Recognizing the interest of the United Nations in supporting technical services required to plan and implement the aid to be given by the United Nations Children's Fund for social services for children,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General :

(a) To continue to give high priority to assisting Governments in the planning and implementation of national social services for family and child welfare, and particularly to co-operation with the United Nations Children's Fund in providing the technical services required for the planning and implementation of aid by the United Nations Children's Fund to social services for children and the social welfare aspects of other programmes aided by the United Nations Children's Fund;

(b) To take account of the additional budgetary provisions for adequate technical personnel and travel required for the technical planning and implementation of such aid by the United Nations Children's Fund;

2. *Invites* the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned to co-operate, in aspects of special interest to them in the supporting of technical services for aid by the United Nations Children's Fund to social services for children.

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30 July 1959.*

I

THE POSSIBILITIES OF SUPPLYING DRUGS AND PREVENTIVE MEDICAL PREPARATIONS AT A COST WITHIN THE REACH OF LOW-INCOME GROUPS

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind that an important aspect of the raising of the living levels of nations and individuals is the raising of human health levels, which the United Nations is bound by article 55 (b) of the Charter to promote,

Observing that the cost of drugs and preventive medicines is an important element in efforts to raise the general standard of health, and has an essential bearing on the cost of medical services,

Noting that a number of new drugs and preparations needed for the prevention and cure of epidemic and other widespread diseases are still beyond the reach of large sections of the population owing to their high cost,

Considering that this is one of the international health problems the solution of which the Council is bound by article 55 (b) of the United Nations Charter to make every effort to promote,

Recalling that the General Assembly by adopting resolution 1283 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 concerning the International Health and Medical Research Year, has stressed the importance of health problems,

1. *Recommends* that the national and international services and organizations, including voluntary organizations, concerned with medical care, give special attention to the possibilities of supplying drugs and preventive medical preparations at a cost within the reach of low-income groups;

2. *Invites* the World Health Organization, on the basis of information collected, to give special attention to this question in the preparation of its second report on the world health situation.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

J

SOCIAL ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering it essential that further action be taken to stimulate and encourage greater attention to the social aspects of economic development,

Noting especially the recognition of the interdependence of social and economic planning and policies and the acceptance of the basic premise that the ultimate objective of social and economic development is the well-being of the individual,

Noting with concern the rapid increase in world population accompanied by the accelerated movement from rural to urban areas which results in severe burdens being placed on social welfare services and community and housing facilities in urban areas,

Recognizing the national responsibility for determining appropriate project priorities to achieve a proper programme balance in accordance with particular needs,

1. *Declares itself in favour* of greater national and international emphasis being placed on the social aspects inherent in the interrelated problems of population growth, urbanization and housing shortages;

2. *Expresses the hope* that special efforts will be devoted to the development of social programmes in these fields and that the resources of Member States, intergovernmental organizations, voluntary organizations, and individual citizens will be enlisted;

3. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations to consider the social implications at all stages of economic planning and development;

4. *Recommends* that States Members of the United Nations :

(a) Review in detail the situation with regard to the availability of trained social experts and social workers with an understanding of broad socio-economic problems;

(b) Consider plans, including maximum utilization of existing personnel, for overcoming any deficiencies that may be revealed;

5. *Emphasizes* the importance of the community development concept, especially the need for further exploration by Member States of its application to the problems of the mass movement of population to urban centres;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the specialized agencies concerned, to give special attention to the inclusion of social experts at appropriate stages, especially the initial stage, in the planning and implementation of economic development projects in order to ensure adequate consideration of the social implications.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

K

DECISIONS OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION CONCERNING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1283 (XIII) ENTITLED "INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH YEAR"

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the decisions⁵⁵ of the Twelfth World Health Assembly concerning the organization of an International Health and Medical Research Year, and transmits them to the General Assembly.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

⁵⁵ *Official Records of the World Health Organization, No. 95, resolution WHA, 12.28.*

QUESTIONS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS

722 (XXVIII). Report of the Commission on the Status of Women

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women (thirteenth session)⁵⁶ and endorses the work programme and priorities contained therein.

*1078th plenary meeting,
14 July 1959.*

B

STATUS OF WOMEN IN PRIVATE LAW

AGE OF MARRIAGE, FREE CONSENT, AND REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 680 B (XXVI) of 10 July 1958 concerning a minimum age of marriage, the requirement of the free consent of both parties to the marriage, and the compulsory registration of marriages,

1. *Considers* that it may be appropriate to prescribe desirable standards in these fields by means of international instruments prepared under the auspices of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the fourteenth session of the Commission on the Status of Women a draft convention and a draft recommendation dealing with the three questions referred to above, including provisions for regular reporting by the Governments of Member States.

*1078th plenary meeting,
14 July 1959.*

⁵⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/3228).*

C

NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that, by its resolution 1040 (XI) of 29 January 1957, the General Assembly had adopted the Convention on the Nationality of Married Women and that, by 6 March 1959, the Convention had been signed, ratified and acceded to by sixteen countries,

Noting that the printed publication on the *Nationality of Married Women*⁵⁷ prepared by the Secretary-General for the ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is practically exhausted,

Noting also the subsequent reports⁵⁸ prepared annually by the Secretary-General for submission to the Commission on the Status of Women, containing changes in legislation affecting the nationality of married women and other valuable information,

Believing that a history of the Convention and a concise and objective commentary on its provisions should be made available to the public in the form of a printed publication similar to the successful publication on the *Convention on the Political Rights of Women*,⁵⁹

Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare a publication on the Convention on the Nationality of Married Women, containing a history of the Convention and a commentary on its provisions, and arrange for its issuance at an early date;

(b) To make preparations for a later publication bringing up to date the information contained in the publication prepared for the ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women and in subsequent reports.

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14 July 1959.*

⁵⁷ United Nations publication, Sales No. : 1955. 14 July 1959.

⁵⁸ E/CN.6/254/Add.1 to 5.

⁵⁹ United Nations publication, Sales No. : 1955.IV.17.

D

EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the recommendation⁶⁰ of the Commission on the Status of Women that the draft pamphlet on equal pay prepared by the Secretary-General in collaboration with the International Labour Office⁶¹ be issued by the United Nations as a sales publication,

Believing that progress in this field may be stimulated by this publication,

Requests the Secretary-General to issue this publication as soon as possible.

*1078th plenary meeting,
14 July 1959.*

E

ACCESS OF WOMEN TO EDUCATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the views expressed in the debates of the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirteenth session on the report prepared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the access of women to the teaching profession,⁶²

1. Calls the attention of Governments to its resolutions 547 K (XVIII) of 12 July 1954 and 587 G (XX) of 3 August 1955;

2. Invites the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to prepare for the fifteenth session of the Commission on the Status of Women a further report on the access of women to the teaching profession based on information from Member States and other authoritative sources, this further report to take into account the debates in the Commission at its thirteenth session and also the developments arising from the report of the Meeting of Experts on Teachers' Problems⁶³ convened by the International Labour Office in Geneva in October 1958.

*1078th plenary meeting,
14 July 1959.*

F

AGE OF RETIREMENT AND RIGHT TO PENSION

The Economic and Social Council,

Affirming the principle that arrangements in regard to pensionable age and retirement age should not be such as to place women workers at any disadvantage as compared with men workers,

⁶⁰ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/3228), chap. VI, resolution 5 (XIII).

⁶¹ E/CN.6/341.

⁶² E/CN.6/345.

⁶³ International Labour Office, document METP/1958/13.

Having considered draft resolution F in the report of the thirteenth session of the Commission on the Status of Women,⁶⁴

Recognizing that differences of opinion continue to exist as to whether an age of earlier optional retirement and an earlier pensionable age for women constitute any infringement of the above-mentioned principle,

Decides to take no decision at the present time on the above-mentioned draft resolution.

*1078th plenary meeting,
14 July 1959.*

728 (XXVIII). Report of the Commission on Human Rights

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights (fifteenth session).⁶⁵

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

B

PERIODIC REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the suggestions submitted by the Secretary-General⁶⁶ will assist Governments in preparing and submitting triennial reports on human rights,

Requests States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to take full account of those suggestions in drafting their triennial reports on human rights.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

C

DRAFT DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the draft Declaration of the Rights of the Child submitted to the Council by the Commission on Human Rights in the report of the Commission on its fifteenth session,⁶⁷

Decides to transmit chapter VII of the Commission's report, relating to the draft Declaration, together with the records⁶⁸ of the discussion of this subject in the Council, and the other documents before the Council, to the General Assembly for consideration at its fourteenth session.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

⁶⁴ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/3228), chap. XVII.

⁶⁵ Ibid., Supplement No. 8 (E/3229).

⁶⁶ Ibid., para. 96.

⁶⁷ Ibid., para. 197.

⁶⁸ E/AC.7/SR.393 to 396.

D

DISCRIMINATION IN RESPECT OF EMPLOYMENT AND OCCUPATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered resolution 7 (XV) adopted by the Commission on Human Rights,⁶⁹

1. *Notes with great satisfaction* the adoption by the International Labour Organisation of a Convention and a Recommendation concerning Discrimination in Respect of Employment and Occupation;⁷⁰

2. *Invites* the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the International Labour Organisation to ratify or to take other appropriate action with regard to the said Convention, and to adjust their policies to the said Recommendation.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

E

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered resolution 11 (XV) adopted by the Commission on Human Rights,⁷¹

1. *Approves* the decision of the Commission on Human Rights to increase the membership of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities from twelve to fourteen;

2. *Decides* to elect the two new members of the Sub-Commission at the resumed twenty-eighth session of the Council.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

F

COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered chapter V of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its first session,⁷² concerning communications, and chapter IX of the report of the Commission on its fifteenth session,⁷³

1. *Approves* the statement that the Commission on Human Rights recognizes that it has no power to take any action in regard to any complaints concerning human rights;

⁶⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/3229), para. 214.*

⁷⁰ Convention No. III and recommendation No. III, see International Labour Office, *Official Bulletin*, vol. XLI, 1958, No. 2.

⁷¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/3229), para. 240.*

⁷² *Ibid.*, Fourth Session, *Supplement No. 3 (E/259)*.

⁷³ *Ibid.*, Twenty-eighth Session, *Supplement No. 8 (E/3229)*.

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General :

(a) To compile and distribute to members of the Commission on Human Rights before each session a non-confidential list containing a brief indication of the substance of each communication, however addressed, which deals with the principles involved in the promotion of universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and to divulge the identity of the authors of such communications unless they indicate that they wish their names to remain confidential;

(b) To compile before each session of the Commission a confidential list containing a brief indication of the substance of other communications concerning human rights, however addressed, and to furnish this list to members of the Commission, in private meeting, without divulging the identity of the authors of communications except in cases where the authors state that they have already divulged or intend to divulge their names or that they have no objection to their names being divulged;

(c) To enable the members of the Commission, upon request, to consult the originals of communications dealing with the principles involved in the promotion of universal respect for, and observance of, human rights;

(d) To inform the writers of all communications concerning human rights, however addressed, that their communications will be handled in accordance with this resolution, indicating that the Commission has no power to take any action in regard to any complaint concerning human rights;

(e) To furnish each Member State concerned with a copy of any communication concerning human rights which refers explicitly to that State or to territories under its jurisdiction, without divulging the identity of the author, except as provided for in sub-paragraph (b) above;

(f) To ask Governments sending replies to communications brought to their attention in accordance with sub-paragraph (e) whether they wish their replies to be presented to the Commission in summary form or in full;

3. *Resolves* to give members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, with respect to communications dealing with discrimination and minorities, the same facilities as are enjoyed by members of the Commission on Human Rights under the present resolution;

4. *Suggests* to the Commission on Human Rights that it should at each session appoint an *ad hoc* committee to meet shortly before its next session for the purpose of reviewing the list of communications prepared by the Secretary-General under paragraph 2(a) above and of recommending which of these communications, in original, should, in accordance with paragraph 2(c) above, be made available to members of the Commission on request.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

**729 (XXVIII). Programme of advisory services
in the field of human rights**

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with satisfaction the success achieved in the seminars held since its twenty-sixth session in pursuance of the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights,

Approves the plan presented by the Secretary-General,⁷⁴ for holding three seminars in 1960.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

732 (XXVIII). Draft declaration on freedom of information

The Economic and Social Council,

Desiring to promote freedom of information as a basic human right,

Recognizing the importance of freedom of information in the development of friendly relations among nations, and in the fulfilment of the purposes of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 720 (XXVII) of 24 April 1959 concerning a draft declaration on freedom of information,

Recalling that in the above-mentioned resolution it called attention to "the significance which the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has acquired among the peoples of the United Nations", and considered "that a United Nations declaration on freedom of information could be a further step towards the realization" of the promotion of freedom of information,

Noting that the provisional agenda for the fourteenth session of the General Assembly⁷⁵ includes the question of a draft convention on freedom of information,

Desiring to take no action which would hinder or prejudice Assembly action in this respect,

1. *Accepts* for submission to the Governments of Member States the draft text of a declaration on freedom of information annexed to this resolution;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit this resolution and its annex to the Governments of Member States;

3. *Invites* Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General by 1 January 1960 comments on :

(a) The desirability of the adoption by the United Nations of a declaration on freedom of information;

(b) The draft text;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a consolidated report embodying the comments referred to above;

⁷⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes, agenda item 12, document E/3253/Add.2.*

⁷⁵ A/4150.

5. *Decides* to consider the question further at its twenty-ninth session in light of the comments received.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

ANNEX

DRAFT DECLARATION ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Whereas the development of friendly relations among nations and the promotion of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all are basic purposes of the United Nations,

Whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides that "Everyone has the right of freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers",

Whereas this right is fundamental to the respect for other rights and fundamental freedoms, since no other liberty is secure if men cannot freely convey their thoughts to one another,

Whereas the erection of artificial barriers to communication creates fear and suspicion between peoples and impairs prospects for world peace,

Whereas newspapers, periodicals, books, radio, television and other media of information, because of their function of conveying information, play an important role in determining the reactions of peoples and nations to each other,

Whereas the efforts of the United Nations can succeed only as the peoples of the United Nations are able to receive information about the United Nations and its associated organizations so that they may be able to understand and support its objectives and activities,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Desiring to affirm the principles which should be observed and which domestic law and international agreements for the protection of freedom of information should endeavour to support,

PROCLAIMS this Declaration of Freedom of Information to the end that the peoples of the United Nations may enjoy free interchange of information and ideas :

Article I

Everyone has the right to seek and convey information and ideas

The right to know and the right to seek the truth are inalienable and fundamental rights of men.

Article II

All Governments have the responsibility to pursue policies under which the free flow of information will be protected

The right to observe, gather and transmit news within countries and across frontiers should be assured.

Article III

Media of information should be employed in the service of the people

No Government or public or private agency should have a monopoly on all means of disseminating news and ideas. There should be a diversity of sources from which the individual may choose freely. Neither public nor private interests should have any such control as to deprive the individual of this freedom.

Article IV

All media of information should report honestly and in good faith

They should strive to ensure the accuracy of their reports and should respect the reputation of individuals. It is their high privilege and responsibility to provide the basis on which enlightened opinion can be formed.

Article V

The rights and freedoms proclaimed above should be universally recognized and respected

They should be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order and the general welfare in a democratic society.

OTHER QUESTIONS

742 (XXVIII). Concentration of activities of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields, and control and limitation of documentation

The Economic and Social Council,

I

Having reviewed the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Observations on the Work Programme of the Council in the Economic, Social and Human Rights Fields,"⁷⁶

Noting that the review of the work programme by the Secretary-General is a continuing process and is not designed primarily to bring about financial savings but to enable the Council to consider how best to use the limited resources available in the light of changing requirements,

1. *Approves* the efforts to achieve a greater concentration of activities in economic, social, and human rights fields as set forth in the above-mentioned report;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare annually a similar report for the consideration of the Council, at its summer session;

3. *Requests* its subsidiary bodies to utilize existing studies or publications where possible or where they can be adapted to the purposes of the work programme concerned;

4. *Further requests* these bodies, whenever possible, to accept the Secretary-General's time schedule for the completion of studies, provided they can be completed in the most economical way within a reasonable period of time;

5. *Approves* the annex to the present resolution;

II

Having taken note of General Assembly resolution 1272 (XIII), of 14 November 1958, on control and limitation of documentation, designed to avoid duplication and unnecessary documentation,

⁷⁶ *Officials Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 4, document E/3274.

Recalling that in response to this resolution the Council requested⁷⁷ its subsidiary bodies to include this question in their agenda,

Noting that the reports of its subsidiary bodies contain descriptions of the various measures taken,

Noting further that it has itself taken decisions in the past, as part of its efforts to achieve a greater concentration of activities, which have resulted in control and limitation of documentation, and will continue to keep this question under review,

Considering that a primary objective of control and limitation of documentation should be to ensure the distribution of documents in all the working languages of the Council within the six weeks' time-limit,

1. *Calls the attention* of its subsidiary bodies to the fact that the problem is a continuing one and should be constantly borne in mind and reviewed;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, for inclusion in the report of the Council to the General Assembly at its fourteenth or fifteenth session or in the report which he has been requested to make under General Assembly resolution 1272 (XIII), a summary of the action taken by the Council and its subsidiary bodies pursuant to that resolution;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the distribution, in good time, of documents in all the working languages of the Council.

*1089th plenary meeting,
31 July 1959.*

ANNEX

Merger of the Technical Assistance Administration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs

1. The Council expresses its appreciation of the importance and timeliness of the merger of the Technical Assistance Administration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. It agrees with the Secretary-General that the merger should gear more effectively the research and information activities of the

⁷⁷ *Ibid.*, *Resumed Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 1 A*, E/3169/Add.1, p. 2.

Secretariat to the needs of technical assistance operations and render research and information services more effective by utilizing operational experience.⁷⁸ The Council understands that the merger will not alter existing arrangements which provide that technical assistance activities are to be undertaken only in response to requests from Governments, under the terms of reference and rules governing the technical assistance programmes as set forth by the Technical Assistance Committee and the Council, so as to preserve the identity of these programmes.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

2. The Council hopes that the Secretary-General will make the fullest use, in appropriate cases, of the services of public and private research institutions outside the United Nations for the purpose of carrying forward economic studies and surveys.

3. The Council agrees with the Secretary-General's proposal⁷⁹ that the series of country studies on the taxation of private foreign investment by capital exporting and capital importing countries should be discontinued, since on the basis of studies carried out in co-operation with the United Nations Secretariat, information of this kind is now being published by a private research institution.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

4. The Council notes with satisfaction the response of the regional economic commissions to the Council's request,⁸⁰ that their rules of procedure contain a provision for distribution of documentation six weeks in advance of meetings. The Council continues to regard it as essential that the commissions should have before them in good time all pertinent information with respect to proposed programmes or projects. In this connexion, the Council notes that the Executive Secretaries are submitting to the commissions financial implications of new programmes or projects prior to their approval and hopes that this practice will be continued.

HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITIES

5. The Council, in line with paragraph 4 of part I of the present resolution, considers that the study on discrimination in the matter of political rights should be completed without additional costs and that therefore the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and the Commission on Human Rights should adjust their programmes accordingly.

APPENDIX

At its 1089th plenary meeting, the Council decided to append to the above resolution the following excerpt from the report of the Co-ordination Committee.⁸¹

"(a) The Committee considered that, for the time being, the Secretary-General's consolidated statement of work programmes should continue to be produced annually."

⁷⁸ *Ibid.*, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes, agenda item 4, document E/3274, para. 5.

⁷⁹ *Ibid.*, para. 13.

⁸⁰ Council resolution 694 B II (XXVI), para. 3.

⁸¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 4, document E/3299, para. 12 (a).

743 (XXVIII). Development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole

A

CONCERTED ACTION

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 675 (XXV) of 2 May 1958,

Noting with satisfaction that the Water Resources Development Centre has been set up at United Nations Headquarters and has become the focal point for concerted action among United Nations agencies in the field of water resources,

Noting that hydrology is a field where concerted action might have useful results for the development of water resources,

Noting with interest resolution 19 (CG-III) adopted by the World Meteorological Organization on 20 April 1959 and its decision to establish a new Technical Commission on Hydrological Meteorology,

1. *Commends* the World Meteorological Organization for the establishment of the Commission;

2. *Expresses the hope* that States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies will make appropriate use of and will co-operate fully with the Water Resources Development Centre of the United Nations, as well as with the work of the World Meteorological Organization and its new Technical Commission on Hydrological Meteorology;

3. *Invites* the competent United Nations agencies and bodies to inform regularly the Water Resources Development Centre of requests that may be received from Member States in respect of the development of their water resources;

4. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to continue its efforts to bring about programmes of concerted action in the field of water resources development.

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31 July 1959.*

B

PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY

The Economic and Social Council,

*Having considered section VII and section F of annex I, and annex II of the twenty-third report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,*⁸²

*Endorsing the view expressed by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination*⁸³ that in the field of atomic radiation there remains a need for intensification of scien-

⁸² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 4, document E/3247.

⁸³ *Ibid.*, Annex I, para. 57.

tific and administrative co-operation between the organizations concerned in each of the diverse disciplines involved,

Recalling its resolution 694 (XXVI) of 31 July 1958, section E III of which draws attention to the necessity for multilateral arrangements for future action in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the measures taken with a view to establishing close relations between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency as well as between the Agency and the specialized agencies, the acceptance by the Agency of the invitation to participate in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the establishment of a Scientific Advisory Committee by the Board of Governors of the Agency;

2. *Expresses the hope* that the organizations concerned will continue their endeavours to implement the arrangements for practical co-operation foreshadowed in the relationship agreements;

3. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to give further attention to multilateral and other measures directed to co-ordinated and concerted action among the organizations concerned in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy and to provide reports thereon on a continuing basis.

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31 July 1959.*

C

FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN

The Economic and Social Council,

Having heard the statement of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations⁸⁴ on the progress in developing the Freedom from Hunger Campaign,

Noting the findings of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination⁸⁵ regarding this project of co-operative action under the leadership of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

Noting that the project has been unanimously approved in principle by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and will be before the tenth session of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in November 1959, for final approval,

1. *Welcomes* the initiative of the Director-General and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to centre world attention and to speed action, both national and international, on the continuing problem of hunger and malnutrition;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue to offer the co-operation of the United Nations in the project in the light of the decision to be taken by the Conference

⁸⁴ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-eighth Session*, 1074th meeting, paras. 53-72.

⁸⁵ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-eighth Session*, *Annexes*, agenda item 4, document E/3247, paras. 42 to 45.

of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the subject;

3. *Invites* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to continue to co-operate in the project to ensure its success and effective execution;

4. *Recommends* that States members of the participating agencies, and non-governmental organizations accredited to them, co-operate in the project in ways each finds most appropriate;

5. *Invites* the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to keep the Council advised of the progress in developing this campaign.

*1089th plenary meeting,
31 July 1959.*

D

PROGRAMME APPRAISALS FOR THE PERIOD 1959 TO 1964

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the principles expressed in its resolution 694 D (XXVI) of 31 July 1958 as regards the objectives and nature of the "appraisals",

I

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Secretary-General⁸⁶ on the scope, trend and cost of the programmes of the United Nations for 1959 to 1964 prepared in response to Council resolution 694 D (XXVI);

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, after making such changes as may seem advisable in light of the comments made in the debates and the resolutions adopted during the twenty-eighth session of the Council, to submit the revised report to its Committee on Programme Appraisals by 1 December 1959;

II

1. *Expresses appreciation* to the participating organizations for their part in preparing the "appraisals" and to the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for striving to ensure a measure of comparability;

2. *Notes* that the proposed programme appraisals of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the economic, social, human rights and related fields would not be complete without reference to the programmes of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

3. *Invites* the International Atomic Energy Agency to consider the possibility of participating in the "appraisals" by submitting to the Council Committee on Programme Appraisals a statement giving information on its programme, with an indication, where possible, of future trends in those activities which may have a bearing on the relevant programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies participating in the five-year "appraisals";

⁸⁶ E/3260, and Add.1 and 2.

III

Requests its Committee on Programme Appraisals, in preparing its report, to take appropriate action in accordance with paragraph 10 of Council resolution 694 D (XXVI) on the statement which may be submitted by the International Atomic Energy Agency in response to the above request.

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APPENDIX

At its 1089th plenary meeting, the Council decided to append to the above resolution the following excerpt from the report of the Co-ordination Committee:⁸⁷

“(b) The Co-ordination Committee agreed that the attention of the General Assembly should be called to the desirability of adopting a procedure similar to that outlined in rule 80 of the Council’s rules of procedure providing for prior consultation with the specialized agency concerned, before the adoption of any project or proposal which relates to matters of direct concern to that agency.

“(c) The Committee expressed the hope that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination would examine what steps might be desirable to promote co-ordination among the organizations concerned as regards the peaceful uses of outer space.

“(d) The Committee considered that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination might devote attention to methods

⁸⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 4, document E/3299, para. 12 (b) to (f).

of exchanging information between countries in the field of community development, and to the publication of bibliographies relating to the experience of various countries in this field.

“(e) The Committee noted that the programme of conferences, symposia and seminars of the International Atomic Energy Agency was being communicated to members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for comment and expressed the hope that the United Nations and the specialized agencies would likewise communicate to the International Atomic Energy Agency, for comment, their programmes of conferences and meetings relating to atomic energy.

“(f) The Committee noted that the records of the debates in plenary meeting of the Council and in the Co-ordination Committee regarding the machinery and procedures of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination would be communicated to the latter. It expressed the hope that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination would report further to the Council at its thirtieth session on the review of the machinery and procedures of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and that this review would include a survey of the inter-agency structure of technical committees, working groups, etc., together with an indication of the terms of reference and membership of these bodies.”

744 (XXVIII). Financial implications of actions of the Council

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the statement on financial implications of actions of the Council.⁸⁸

*1089th plenary meeting,
31 July 1959.*

⁸⁸ *Ibid.*, agenda item 18, document E/3301.

OTHER DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION

Symbol for the labelling of corrosive substances

At its 1082nd meeting, on 17 July 1959, the Council decided to endorse the agreement reached at Secretariat level⁸⁹ regarding the symbol for the labelling of corrosive substances recommended by the United Nations Committee of Experts for Further Work on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

Report of the Governing Council of the Special Fund

At its 1082nd meeting, on 17 July 1959, the Council approved the Report of the Governing Council of the Special Fund⁹⁰ and decided that the comments made on it should appear in the report of the Council to the General Assembly (fourteenth session).

Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly

At its 1089th meeting, on 31 July 1959, the Council agreed to the arrangements for the preparation of its report to the General Assembly described by the Secretary-General in document E/L.835.

⁸⁹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 9, documents E/3282/Rev.1 and E/3287, para. 7.

⁹⁰ *Ibid.*, agenda item 6, document E/3270.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES FOR 1960

At its 1089th meeting, on 31 July 1959, the Council approved the following calendar of conferences for 1960 :

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL PROGRAMME

(to be held at the Headquarters of the United Nations unless otherwise stated)

CONFERENCES OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES⁹¹

11 January - (29 January) ⁹²	<i>Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities</i>
January	(TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL)
27 January - (6 February)	<i>Economic Commission for Africa</i> (Tangiers, Morocco)
17 February - (27 February)	<i>Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East</i> (Karachi, Pakistan)
29 February - (2 March)	Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
29 February - (18 March)	<i>Commission on Human Rights</i> (Geneva, Switzerland)
7 March - 16 March ⁹³	(Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund)
March	<i>Commission on the Status of Women</i> (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
April	<i>Economic Commission for Latin America (Committee of the Whole)</i> (Santiago, Chile)
5 April - (20 April)	ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (Twenty-ninth Session)
18 April - (6 May)	<i>Statistical Commission</i>
20 April - (6 May)	<i>Economic Commission for Europe</i> (Geneva, Switzerland)
25 April - (13 May)	<i>Commission on Narcotic Drugs</i> ⁹⁴ (Geneva, Switzerland)

⁹¹ The major annual conferences of the specialized agencies, the dates of which are established by the appropriate organs of the agencies themselves, are also shown. Where the biennial, quadriennial or quinquennial conferences of the agencies concerned do not fall in 1960, the probable dates of the sessions of their governing bodies are indicated with an asterisk (*).

⁹² The dates shown in parentheses are target terminal dates based on the best estimates that can be made of the requirements. They do not preclude either the earlier termination of the conference concerned, where the work permits, or necessary extensions of the length of the session.

⁹³ These dates are tentative, and may be changed if only one Executive Board meeting is held in 1960.

⁹⁴ The Council decided that the Illicit Traffic Committee would begin its work four days prior to the fifteenth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

CONFERENCES OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

2 May - 28 May		*UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION (Berne, Switzerland)
9 May - 27 May		WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (Geneva, Switzerland)
2 May - (17 May)	<i>Commission on International Commodity Trade</i>	
May		*INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (Geneva, Switzerland)
May		*FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (Rome, Italy)
6 June - 24 June		INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (Geneva, Switzerland)
5 July - (6 August)	ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (Thirtieth session) (Geneva, Switzerland)	
July	Technical Assistance Committee (Geneva, Switzerland)	
July		*WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (Geneva, Switzerland)
5 September - 15 September ⁹⁵	(Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund)	
September		INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (Washington, D.C.) ⁹⁵
September		INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION (Washington, D.C.) ⁹⁵
September		INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (Washington, D.C.) ⁹⁵
September - October		*INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (Montreal, Canada)
20 September - December	(GENERAL ASSEMBLY)	
November	Technical Assistance Committee	
November		UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (Paris, France)
October - December	ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (Resumed thirtieth session)	
November - December		*INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (Montreal, Canada)

⁹⁵ Meeting to be held during the second half of month.

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