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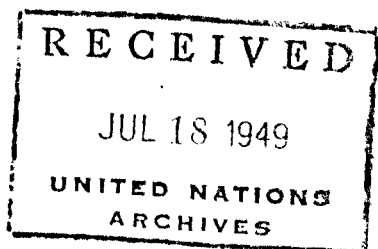
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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON
RELATIONS WITH INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Since the issuance of document E/1318, replies have been received from the Governments of Brazil, China, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Turkey. The views contained in these replies have duly been set out under the same headings as in document E/1318.

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PART I. COMMENTS OF A GENERAL NATURE

3. Replies relating to the organizations in general:

China: "Those organizations whose functions do not fall within the competence of any particular Specialized Agency or whose particular character does not permit its consolidation with other organizations should be given some consideration by the Economic and Social Council; these organizations might be granted some consultative status similar to that given to non-governmental organizations."

"Due consideration should be given to the interests of those countries who are non-members of the United Nations or the specialized agencies, but members of the international organizations to be absorbed or integrated."

New Zealand: "1. The immediate purpose of trying to simplify and co-ordinate the structure of international organizations is to avoid duplication and dispersion of effort: the ultimate objective is to make international collaboration more effective. Simplification and co-ordination should not be made ends in themselves.

2. International contacts are becoming increasingly multifarious and any organisational machinery which seeks to regulate these contacts must be patterned accordingly and be similarly complex.

3. Moreover, in general it may be anticipated that international organisation will extend rather than narrow its purview in future, tending to bring more and more aspects of economic and social activity within the scope of international collaboration. It would seem, therefore, that the pattern of international organisation must not only tend to remain complex but it must also be flexible if it is to allow for development.

4. Such a conception of a complex and flexible organisation would not insist that all international arrangements in the economic and social

field would serve their purpose better if they were all brought under the central administering authority of the United Nations, either through integration or through establishing formal relations with the United Nations and the specialized agencies. This might well achieve the opposite result of encumbering the United Nations and the specialized agencies as well as the organisations affiliated.

5. Each case must no doubt be considered on its merits but there is scope for the United Nations Organisation to be buttressed by smaller independent groups that have been set up for localised or highly specialised purposes.

6. Progress along the lines indicated in paragraphs 4 and 5 is in fact proceeding. The present structure of the United Nations and the specialised agencies is still expanding and, as it develops, is absorbing previously established organisations or entering into relations with them. It may be anticipated that this process will continue on both an international and a regional basis and it is felt that this progressive co-ordination and integration in the light of practical needs is the correct approach to the problem of avoiding duplication and dispersion of effort.

7. Fundamentally, as the Council Resolution itself states, any action to simplify the structure of inter-governmental organisations can only be taken by Governments members of such organisations. There is value in drawing their attention to the need for simplification but in part this purpose has been served by the discussions already undertaken. The point might be reinforced by an appropriate resolution directed to Governments, the specialised agencies, regional economic Commissions and other international organisations concerned."

C. Replies relating to certain groups of organizations

Brazil: "Those organizations which are by region of an American character should be maintained within the sphere of the Organization of American States."

PART II. COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS RELATING TO SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS

ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE,
FOOD, FISHERIES, FORESTRY

(2) International Commission of Agricultural Industries

China: It would be desirable if this organization could be integrated into the Food and Agriculture Organization.

Netherlands: This is one of the organizations which, as far as known, are not yet in communication with UN or one of the specialised agencies and which the Netherlands considers desirable should enter into contact either with the UN or with one of the specialized agencies in order to establish relations without, however, giving up their identity for the time being.

(3) International Office of Epizootics

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

Turkey: Considers with favour the possible absorption or integration of this organization into the United Nations or a specialized agency.

ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF ARTS,
SCIENCES, EDUCATION

(8) Central Bureau, International One Million Map of the World

China: It would be desirable that this organization be integrated into UNFSCO.

Netherlands: This is one of the organizations which, as far as known, are not yet in communication with UN or one of the specialized agencies and which the Netherlands considers desirable should enter into contact either with the UN or

with one of the specialized agencies in order to establish relations without, however, giving up their identity for the time being

Norway: It is considered necessary to retain the Central Bureau for co-ordination of the work with "Carte internationale du Monde au millionième". It is, however, possible that it would be adequate to subordinate the bureau under the United Nations after this work has been completed. It seems important that if the bureau is subordinated under the United Nations at the present time, no delay should occur in connection with the distribution of this map work.

(10) International Bureau of Weights and Measures

Netherlands: Relations with either UN or one of the specialized agencies are not considered urgent with regard to this organization.

Norway: The correct procedure must be that the question of co-ordination put forward by the Economic and Social Council is forwarded to this Bureau for consideration by the representatives of the member states.

Turkey: Considers with favour the possible absorption or integration of this bureau into the United Nations or a specialized agency.

(11) International Bureau for Technical Training

China: It would be desirable that this organization be integrated into ILO.

Netherlands: This Bureau having already been taken over by ILO, the Netherlands consider re-establishment of the Bureau unnecessary.

(14) International Council for the Exploration of the Sea

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

Norway: It is recommended that the questions concerning this Council should be put before the Secretary-General of the Organization.

(15) International Institute of Refrigeration

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

Norway: This bureau should be maintained. It is, however, recommended that the question of its expansion and co-ordination with the United Nations should be taken up.

(16) International Union for the Protection of the Rights of Authors and their Literary and Artistic Works

Brazil: Believes that with further study it may be found necessary to subordinate this organization to UNESCO.

Netherlands: Relations with either the UN or one of the specialized agencies are not considered urgent with regard to this organization.

(17) International Union for the Protection of Nature

Brazil: Should be absorbed by UNESCO.

ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORT

(21) Central International Railway Transport Office

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

Norway: It would be an advantage if the great international apparatus we have today concerning questions of communications could be simplified. The United Nations are looked upon as suitable to continue the work in these fields.

(22) International Commission of the Cape Spartel Light

Netherlands: Relations with either the UN or one of the specialized agencies are not considered urgent with regard to this organization.

Norway: It is presumed that the lighthouse that has been built on Cape Spartel, according to the Convention, cannot be abolished. Concerning the maintenance of the lighthouse, which is now performed by an international commission, it is presumed that no objection can be made to a transferring of the maintenance to the United Nations or one of its bodies.

(23) International Conference for Promoting Technical Uniformity in Railways

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

Norway: It would be an advantage if the great international apparatus we have today concerning questions of communications could be simplified. The United Nations are looked upon as suitable to continue the work in these fields.

Turkey: Considers with favour the possible absorption or integration of this organization into the United Nations or a specialized agency.

(24) International Hydrographic Bureau

Brazil: Because of the finality of its work, the International Hydrographic Bureau should remain autonomous, but it would be found more suitable if it could be subordinated to the IMCO.

Netherlands: Relations with either the UN or one of the specialized agencies are not considered urgent with regard to this organization.

Norway: See comments under Central Bureau, International One Million Map of the World.

(26) Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine

Netherlands: The terms of reference of the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe (document E/ECE.71) directing that the Committee shall make no recommendations concerning the regimes of international inland waterways of Europe, the Netherlands Government consider that there is no occasion for establishing relations between the UN or the special agencies and this Commission.

(27) European Conference on Time Tables

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF HEALTH,
HYGIENE, MEDICINE

(31) Permanent Committee of International Congress on Military Medicine and Pharmacy

Brazil: With further study it may be found necessary to subordinate this organization to the WHO.

Netherlands: This is one of the organizations which, as far as known, are not yet in communication with the UN or one of the specialized agencies, and which the Netherlands considers desirable should enter into contact either with the UN or with one of the specialized agencies in order to establish relations without, however, giving up their identity for the time being.

Norway: This organization should not be abolished. It works intimately with the World Health Organization and it is therefore presumed that the necessary co-ordination with the United Nations already is a fact.

Turkey: Is of the opinion that the Permanent Committee would better fulfill its purpose if its existing status is maintained.

ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATION

(36) International Institute for the Unification of Private Law

Netherlands: Relations with either the UN or one of the specialized agencies are not considered urgent with regard to this organization.

(37) International Penal and Penitentiary Commission

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

Norway: It is strongly recommended that this Commission continue as an independent organization.

ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF TRADE,
COMMERCE, COMMODITIES, FINANCE

(46) Bank for International Settlements

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

Norway: It is strongly recommended that this institution continue as a completely independent organization.

(47) International Customs Tariffs Bureau

Brazil: Believes that with further study it may be found necessary to subordinate this organization to the International Trade Organization.

China: It would seem desirable that this Bureau (if not terminated) could be integrated into the International Trade Organization, when established.

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

Norway: It is strongly recommended that this institution continue as a completely independent organization.

Turkey: Considers with favour the possible absorption or integration of this organization into the United Nations or a specialized agency.

(48) International Exhibition Bureau

Netherlands: This is one of the organizations which, as far as known, are not yet in communication with the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies and which the Netherlands considers desirable should enter into contact either with UN or with one of the specialized agencies in order to establish relations without, however, giving up their identity for the time being.

(49) International Union for the Protection of Industrial Property

Brazil: Believes that with further study it may be found necessary to subordinate this Union to the International Trade Organization

Netherlands: Relations with either UN or one of the specialized agencies are not considered urgent with regard to this organization.

Norway: This Union is considered to be of great importance and should not be abolished. It is difficult to say whether it would be an advantage to have it made an integral part of the United Nations or other special organization.

Turkey: Considers with favour the possible absorption or integration of this organization into the United Nations or a specialized agency.

(50) International Cotton Advisory Committee

Brazil: Believes that with further study it may be found necessary to subordinate this Committee to the Food and Agriculture Organization.

China: It would be desirable that this Committee could be integrated into the Food and Agriculture Organization.

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

Turkey: Considers with favour the possible absorption or integration of this organization into the United Nations or a specialized agency.

(51) International Rubber Study Group

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

(52) International Sugar Council

Brazil: Believes that with further study it may be found necessary to subordinate the Council to FAO.

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

(53) International Tin Study Group

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

(54) Combined Tin Committee

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

(55) International Wheat Council

Brazil: Believes that with further study it may be found necessary to subordinate the Council to FAO.

China: It would be desirable that this organization could be integrated into FAO.

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

Norway: It is presumed that this Council will be composed in such a way that an adequate co-ordination is already assumed. It is difficult, therefore, to make any statement in this matter before the question can be clarified by those organs which through their representatives in the Council will follow its activity.

(56) International Wine Office

Netherlands: This is one of the organizations which, as far as known, are not yet in communication with UN or one of the specialized agencies and which the Netherlands considers desirable should enter into contact either with UN or with one of the specialized agencies in order to establish relations without, however, giving up their identity for the time being.

Turkey: Considers with favour the possible absorption or integration of this organization into the United Nations or a specialized agency.

(57) International Wool Study Group

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

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(62) International Relief Union

China: May be terminated.

Turkey: Considers with favour the possible absorption or integration of this organization into the United Nations or a specialized agency.

(64) Caribbean Commission

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

(65) Commissioner-General's Economic Organization (For Southeast Asia)

Netherlands: Understands that this is one of the organizations already in communication with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies in order to consider the establishment of relations or transfer of functions.

(68) South Pacific Commission

Netherlands: Relations with either the United Nations or one of the specialized agencies are not considered urgent with regard to this organization. (As this Commission has only recently begun to function, relations with the United Nations have been envisaged in the mandate of the Commission, but should first be considered by the Commission itself.)

PART III: SUMMARY: TYPES OF ACTION SUGGESTED
BY GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES

A. ORGANIZATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR TERMINATION

(62) International Relief Union (China)

**B. ORGANIZATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR ABSORPTION
OR INTEGRATION**

1. ABSORPTION OR INTEGRATION INTO THE INTERNATIONAL RAILWAYS
 - (21) Central International Railway Transport Office (Norway)
 - (22) International Commission of the Cape Spartal Light (Norway)
 - (23) International Conference for Promoting Technical Uniformity
in Railways (Norway, Turkey)

2. Absorption or integration into the International Labour Organization
 - (11) International Bureau for Technical Training (China)

3. Absorption or integration into the Food and Agriculture Organization
 - (2) International Commission of Agricultural Industries (China)
 - (3) International Office of Epizootics (Turkey)
 - (56) International Wine Office (Turkey)

4. Absorption or integration into the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization
 - (8) Central Bureau, International One Million Map of the World
(China)
 - (10) International Bureau of Weights and Measures (Turkey)
 - (16) International Union for the Protection of the Rights of
Authors and their Literary and Artistic Works (Brazil)
 - (17) International Union for the Protection of Nature (Brazil)

5. Absorption or integration into the World Health Organization
 - (31) Permanent Committee of International Congress on Military
Medicine and Pharmacy (Brazil)
 - (62) International Relief Union (Turkey)

6. Absorption or integration into the International Trade Organization
 - (47) International Customs Tariffs Bureau (Brazil, China, Turkey)
 - (49) International Union for the Protection of Industrial Property
(Brazil, Turkey)

7. Absorption or integration into the Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization

(24) International Hydrographic Bureau.(Brazil)

C. RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING RELATIONSHIPS
TO BE ESTABLISHED OR MAINTAINED

1. Relationship with the United Nations

(8) Central Bureau, International One Million Map of the World

2. Relationship with the World Health Organization

(31) Permanent Committee of International Congress on Military
Medicine and Pharmacy.