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Report of the Second Committee (Part III)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 12 (see A/43/750), at its 10th to 15th meetings, on 11, 13 and 14 October 1988. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/43/SR.10-15).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/43/L.13 and Rev.1 and 2

2. On 24 October, Algeria, Bahrain, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia submitted a draft resolution (A/C.2/43/L.13) entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people". The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 42/166 of 11 December 1987,

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in four parts (see also A/43/750 and Add.1 and 3).

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/54 of 26 July 1988,

"Bearing in mind the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 1/

"Recalling the Programme of Action for the Achievement of Palestinian Rights, adopted by the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, 2/

"Taking into account the uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories against the Israeli occupation including its economic and social policies and practices,

"Taking into consideration the recent steps taken by Jordan concerning the occupied Palestinian West Bank,

"Affirming that the Palestinian people cannot develop their national economy as long as the Israeli occupation persists,

"Aware of the increasing need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people; 3/

"2. Regrets that the programme of economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people has not been developed as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/166;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to charge the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) with supervising the development of the programme and to provide it with the funds needed to engage twenty experts to prepare an adequate programme, in close co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, taking into account the uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories and its implications;

"4. Expresses its appreciation to those States, United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have provided assistance to the Palestinian people;

1/ General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV).

2/ Report of the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, Geneva, 29 August-7 September 1983 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.21), chap. I, sect. B.

3/ A/42/289-E/1987/86 and Add.1 and Add.2 and Add.2/Corr.1.

"5. Urges the international community, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations to disburse their aid or any other forms of assistance to the occupied Palestinian territories solely for the benefit of the Palestinian people and in a manner that will not serve to prolong the Israeli occupation;

"6. Calls for the provision of emergency assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories, including the dispatch of teams of orthopaedic surgeons;

"7. Requests the international community, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations to sustain and increase their assistance to the Palestinian people in close co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization;

"8. Requests all Member States and donors that provided any form of assistance to the occupied Palestinian West Bank to sustain and increase that assistance and channel it to the Palestinian people through their representative, the Palestine Liberation Organization;

"9. Decides to extend to the occupied Palestinian territories the same preferential treatment accorded the least developed countries, pending the elimination of the Israeli occupation and the assumption of full control by the Palestinian people over their national economy without external interference;

"10. Calls for treating on a transit basis Palestinian exports and imports passing through neighbouring ports and points of exit and entry;

"11. Also calls for the granting of trade concessions and concrete preferential measures for Palestinian exports;

"12. Further calls for the implementation of development projects in the occupied Palestinian territories, including the projects mentioned in General Assembly resolution 39/223 of 18 December 1984;

"13. Condemns the occupying Power, Israel, for its brutal economic and social policies and practices against the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories;

"14. Requests the United Nations bodies not to extend any form of assistance to the occupying Power, Israel;

"15. Stresses that aid is not and cannot be a substitute for a genuine and just solution to the question of Palestine;

"16. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution."

3. At the 24th meeting, on 26 October, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of Algeria, Bahrain, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia, subsequently joined by Mauritania, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/43/L.13/Rev.1) entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people".

4. At the 32nd meeting, on 4 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. José Fernandez (Philippines), reported on the results of the informal consultations that had been held on revised draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.13/Rev.1.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee had before it revised draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.13/Rev.2, sponsored by Algeria, Bahrain, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Iraq, Mauritania, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia, which called for the addition of the following words at the end of operative paragraph 11: "on the basis of certificates of origin issued by Palestinian bodies designated by the Palestine Liberation Organization".

6. At that meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement on the programme budget implications of revised draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.13/Rev.2 (see A/C.2/43/SR.32).

7. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Iraq, Kuwait, Malawi, Israel and the United States of America (see A/C.2/43/SR.32).

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted revised draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.13/Rev.2 by a recorded vote of 90 to 14, with 14 abstentions (see para. 24, draft resolution I). The voting was as follows: 4/

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Barbados, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamhiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia.

4/ The representative of Oman stated that, while his delegation had voted in favour of the revised draft resolution, it did not appear to be reflected in the voting record. The representatives of Angola, Bangladesh, Malaysia and the Syrian Arab Republic stated that, had they been present, they would have voted in favour of the revised draft resolution. The Chairman made a statement concerning the vote registered mechanically by the Syrian Arab Republic.

Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Israel, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Austria, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Fiji, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago.

9. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Norway, Uruguay, Iceland, Venezuela, Sweden, Colombia, Argentina, Greece (on behalf of the States Members that are members of the European Economic Community), Malta, Finland, Côte d'Ivoire, Canada, Bolivia, Barbados, Ecuador, Austria, Fiji, Peru, Mexico, the Central African Republic, the Philippines and Chad (see A/C.2/43/SR.32).

B. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.18

10. At the 28th meeting, on 31 October, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African States, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/43/L.18) entitled "Transport and Communications Decade in Africa".

11. At the 44th meeting, on 23 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. José Fernandez (Philippines) made a statement, in which he informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations that had been held on the draft resolution, and orally revised it by inserting, in operative paragraph 3, the words "through the Economic and Social Council" after the words "submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session".

12. At that meeting, the representative of the Programme Planning and Budget Division made a statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution, as orally revised.

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.18, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 24, draft resolution II).

14. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Greece, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community, made a statement (see A/C.2/43/SR.44).

C. Draft decision A/C.2/43/L.11

15. At the 32nd meeting, on 4 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. José Fernandez (Philippines), introduced a draft decision (A/C.2/43/L.11) entitled "Inclusion of Mozambique in the list of the least developed countries", submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations.

16. The programme budget implications of the draft decision were before the Committee in document A/C.2/43/L.14.

17. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/43/L.11 without a vote (see para. 25, draft decision I).

18. After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of Mozambique made a statement (see A/C.2/43/SR.32).

D. Draft decision A/C.2/43/L.21

19. At the 30th meeting, on 2 November, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft decision (A/C.2/43/L.21) entitled "Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council".

20. At the 44th meeting, on 23 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. José Fernandez (Philippines) made a statement, in which he informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations that had been held on the draft decision.

21. At that meeting, the representative of the Programme Planning and Budget Division made a statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

22. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/43/L.21 without a vote (see para. 25, draft decision II).

23. After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, made a statement (see A/C.2/43/SR.44).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

24. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Assistance to the Palestinian people

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/166 of 11 December 1987,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/54 of 26 July 1988,

Bearing in mind the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 5/

Recalling the Programme of Action for the Achievement of Palestinian Rights, adopted by the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, 6/

Taking into account the intifadah of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, against the Israeli occupation, including its economic and social policies and practices,

Affirming that the Palestinian people cannot develop their national economy as long as the Israeli occupation persists,

Taking into consideration the recent steps taken by Jordan concerning the occupied Palestinian West Bank,

Aware of the increasing need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people; 7/
2. Regrets that the programme of economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people has not been developed as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/166;

5/ General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV).

6/ Report of the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, Geneva, 29 August-7 September 1983 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.21), chap. I, sect. B.

7/ A/43/367-E/1988/82 and Corr.1 and 2.

3. Requests the Secretary-General to charge the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) with supervising the development of the programme and to provide it with the funds needed to engage 20 experts to prepare an adequate programme, in close co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization, taking into account the intifadah of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and its implications;

4. Expresses its appreciation to those States, United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have provided assistance to the Palestinian people;

5. Urges the Member States, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to disburse their aid or any other forms of assistance to the occupied Palestinian territory solely for the benefit of the Palestinian people and in a manner that will not serve to prolong the Israeli occupation;

6. Calls for the provision of emergency assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including the dispatch of teams of orthopaedic surgeons;

7. Requests the Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to sustain and increase their assistance to the Palestinian people, in close co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization;

8. Requests all Member States and donors that provide any form of assistance to the occupied Palestinian West Bank to sustain and increase that assistance and to channel it to the Palestinian people through their representative, the Palestine Liberation Organization;

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15. Stresses that aid is not and cannot be a substitute for a genuine and just solution to the question of Palestine;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977,

Emphasizing the need for full implementation of the goals and objectives of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, especially in the light of continuing inadequacies in the field of transport and communications in Africa,

1. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/67 of 28 July 1988;

2. Declares the period 1991-2000 the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Organisation of African Unity and existing African regional and subregional economic groups as well as relevant United Nations agencies, to undertake the necessary preparatory arrangements for the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, and to submit a progress report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, and a final report at its forty-fifth session.

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25. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Inclusion of Mozambique in the list of the least developed countries

The General Assembly, noting Economic and Social Council decision 1988/153 of 13 July 1988, in which the Council endorsed the conclusion and recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning regarding the inclusion of Mozambique in the list of the least developed countries, &/ decides to include Mozambique in the list of the least developed countries.

DRAFT DECISION II

Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly decides to endorse Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/77 of 29 July 1988 on the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council, contained in the annex to the present decision.

ANNEX

Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/170 of 11 December 1987 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, concerning the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

Recalling further section IV of General Assembly resolution 33/202 of 29 January 1979, concerning the role of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1458 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969 and 1982/50 of 28 July 1982,

Recognizing that the process of reforming the economic and social sectors of the United Nations aims at contributing to the full implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213 and requires continued attention,

Aware that the work of the Economic and Social Council should be enhanced and streamlined in order to make the United Nations system more responsive to the challenges of development, in particular of developing countries, and to the needs of Member States in the coming years,

Fully aware of the urgent need to revitalize the Council in order to enable it, under the authority of the General Assembly, to exercise effectively its functions and powers as set out in the Charter of the United Nations and relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Council,

Having heard statements by the President of the Economic and Social Council and by Member States on the revitalisation of the Council as the principal organ of the United Nations under the Charter in the economic and social fields, 2/

1. **Affirms** that the Economic and Social Council should make an important contribution to the major issues and concerns facing the international community, in particular, the economic and social development of developing countries;

2. **Decides** to adopt the following measures aimed at revitalizing the Council, improving its functioning and enabling it to exercise effectively its functions and powers as set out in Chapters IX and X of the Charter of the United Nations:

Policy formulation

(a) With a view to formulating and elaborating action-oriented recommendations:

- (i) The annual general discussion of "international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments" should take place during the first five working days of the second regular session and should allow enough time for a dialogue and an exchange of views between members and executive heads of the organisations of the United Nations system;

- (ii) The Council should undertake annually in-depth discussions of previously identified major policy themes, to be selected on the basis of a multi-year work programme derived, inter alia, from the priorities set out in the medium-term plan of the United Nations and the work programmes of other relevant United Nations bodies;
- (iii) The Council shall, as and when necessary, address urgent and emerging issues relating to acute international economic and social problems possibly as one of the themes identified in accordance with subparagraph (ii) above;
- (iv) In the context of the above:
 - a. The executive heads of the specialized agencies or their senior representatives should participate actively in the deliberations of the Council;
 - b. The specialized agencies should be invited to resume submission of analytical summaries of their annual reports for the consideration of the Council;

Monitoring

(b) The Council shall monitor the implementation of the overall strategies, policies and priorities established by the General Assembly in the economic, social and related fields as set out in relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Council; it shall also consider all appropriate modalities for carrying out the recommendations of the Assembly on matters falling within the Council's competence; in this regard:

- (i) The Secretary-General should circulate each year to Member States and all organizations of the United Nations system, as well as to the Council at its organisational session, a consolidated note on the decisions adopted by the General Assembly in the economic, social and related fields, highlighting matters that require action by them;
- (ii) The Council shall obtain information from the specialized agencies on the steps taken to give effect to the recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council on economic, social and related matters that fall within the respective mandates and areas of competence of the agencies; such information is to be included in the analytical summaries of their annual reports;

(c) With a view to submitting appropriate recommendations to the General Assembly on the overall and programme priorities of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, the Council shall examine in depth the relevant chapters of the proposed medium-term plan and sections of the proposed programme budget of the United Nations in the light of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

Operational activities

(d) The Council shall recommend to the General Assembly overall priorities and policy guidelines for operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system; for that purpose:

- (i) The Council, as part of its co-ordination functions, shall define, as and when necessary, overall priorities and specific activities for the organizations of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, so that the operational activities for development of the United Nations system are carried out in a coherent and effective manner;
- (ii) The Council shall deal, each year, with a limited number of policy co-ordination issues, including those identified in General Assembly resolution 42/196 of 11 December 1987; the executive heads of the organizations concerned should be invited to participate actively in such discussions;
- (iii) Once every three years the Council shall conduct a comprehensive policy review of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system, which shall be one of its major policy themes and shall be undertaken in connection with the triennial policy review of operational activities carried out by the General Assembly;
- (iv) The Council shall monitor the follow-up to its recommendations; organizations of the United Nations system should report to the Council on progress made in the implementation of those recommendations;

Co-ordination

(e) The Council shall carry out its functions of co-ordinating the activities of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields as an integral part of its work; to this effect:

- (i) Co-ordination instruments, such as cross-organizational reports, the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and its subsidiary bodies, should be rationalized in order to enable the Council to carry out its co-ordination functions in an effective manner, based on the measures contained in the present resolution; the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination should assist the Council in this regard and submit specific proposals thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1989;

- (ii) The Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, through its Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Operational Activities), and the Joint Consultative Group on Policy should prepare suggestions to assist the Council in fulfilling its central co-ordinating role in the field of operational activities for development and should submit them to the Council at its second regular session of 1989;
- (iii) The Council shall consider the activities and programmes of the organs, organisations and bodies of the United Nations system, in order to ensure, through consultation with and recommendations to the agencies, that the activities and programmes of the United Nations and its agencies are compatible and mutually complementary, and shall recommend to the General Assembly relative priorities for the activities of the United Nations system in the economic and social fields; for that purpose, cross-organisational programme analyses shall be discontinued in their present form and be replaced by brief analyses on major issues in the medium-term plan, as referred to in subparagraph (a) (ii) above, to be considered directly by the Council; immediately after the General Assembly adopts the next medium-term plan, the Secretary-General should submit to the Council draft proposals on a multi-year programme for such analyses;
- (iv) In considering the question of regional co-operation, the Council shall concentrate on the policy review and co-ordination of activities, particularly with respect to issues of common interest to all regions and matters relating to interregional co-operation;

Working methods and organisation of work

(f) In formulating its biennial programme of work, the Council shall, to the extent possible, consolidate similar or closely related issues under a single agenda item, in order to consider and take action on them in an integrated manner; the Council shall pay particular attention to bringing the economic and the social activities of the United Nations system closer together; to this effect:

- (i) In proposing future calendars of conferences, the Secretary-General should ensure that meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Council will end at least eight weeks before the session of the Council at which their reports are to be considered; the Committee on Conferences should be requested to act accordingly;
- (ii) The Council shall further continue to consider the biennialization of the sessions of its subsidiary bodies and items on its own agenda and programme of work, taking into account the need for a balance between economic and social issues;

- (iii) The Secretariat shall prepare for the Council, on the basis of reports submitted by the relevant organs, organisations and bodies of the United Nations system, issue-oriented consolidated reports on economic, social and related questions that the Council will consider under the consolidated agenda items;
- (iv) All reports submitted to the Council should be prefaced by an analytical executive summary that highlights the main issues addressed and the recommendations made in the report;
- (v) The six-week rule for the circulation of substantive reports of the Secretariat and the eight-week rule for the annotated agenda of the Council should be strictly observed;
- (vi) The Council shall report to the General Assembly on the outcome of its work in a manner that will enable the Assembly, in its Main Committees, to consider the recommendations made by the Council in an integrated manner;
- (vii) The Council shall review all relevant documentation prepared for the consideration of questions in the economic, social and related fields;

(g) The Secretary-General, in the context of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213, should submit to the Council, at its second regular session of 1989, proposals on the structure and composition of a separate and identifiable secretariat support structure for the Council, which would undertake the substantive functions and technical servicing that will be required to implement subparagraphs (b) (i), (b) (ii), (e) (iii) and (f) (iii) above;

(h) To achieve better and more effective co-ordination of the economic, social and related activities of the United Nations system, including operational activities for development, the Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation should be strengthened; in this context, the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 32/197 and 33/202, including those concerning improved policy planning, should be fully implemented;

(i) In the recruitment of staff for the United Nations Secretariat in the economic and social fields, due consideration should be given to the principle of equitable geographical representation;

(j) The Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee of the Council shall henceforth focus on:

- (i) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system and system-wide co-ordination of those activities;
- (ii) Programme questions;

(iii) Co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations and the United Nations system;

(k) The Council shall elect its President and Bureau early in the calendar year, prior to the organizational session of the Council;

(1) Prior to the organizational session, the President, with the co-operation of the other members of the Bureau, should arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and on the allocation of agenda items and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council; the duration of the organizational session of the Council could consequently be shortened;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1989 on the feasibility and comparative costs of holding at the United Nations, with the present in-session arrangements, one consolidated or two regular sessions of the Council;

4. Decides to include an item entitled "Revitalisation of the Economic and Social Council" in the provisional agenda for its second regular session of 1989 and to consider under that item a report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the present resolution;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1989 on the progress made in the implementation of the relevant paragraphs of the present resolution and on proposals for incorporating in the biennial programme of work of the Council measures to implement the present resolution;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General, in order to enable the Council to continue discussions on how its work can be enhanced so as to make it more responsive to the challenge of development in the coming years, to submit to the Council at its second regular session of 1989 a note on:

(a) The functioning of the Council and its subsidiary bodies in relation to the relevant chapters of the medium-term plan, using the following categories: (i) policy formulation, co-ordination and monitoring; (ii) operations and implementation; (iii) technical support;

(b) The mandates of the bodies established to assist the Council in carrying out its functions, listed according to the same three categories.