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Agenda item 48

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE UNITED
NATIONS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. The Fifth Committee, at its 643rd meeting, considered the following reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the twelfth session of the General Assembly: (a) the twenty-eighth report (A/3767) which dealt with the administrative budgets of the specialized agencies for 1958; and (b) the first, second and third reports which related respectively to administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and WHO (A/3596), WMO (A/3597) and FAO (A/3598), with particular reference to the working of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance.
2. In introducing these reports, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee indicated, as regards that Committee's special studies which had particular reference to the Expanded Programme, that upon completion of enquiries in respect of the two remaining participating organizations (ICAO and ITU), the Committee would submit an over-all report embodying its conclusions and recommendations on the subject.
3. In the course of the discussion in the Fifth Committee, attention was drawn to the table following paragraph 3 of the report on the agency budgets (A/3767), which showed a continuing increase in these budgets. Attention was also invited to paragraphs 6 to 9 of the report in which the Advisory Committee had summarized the action that was being taken, through the Economic and Social Council, in

regard to a long-term appraisal of the over-all programmes to be undertaken by the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the economic and social fields.

4. Reference was also made to a tentative suggestion which the Advisory Committee made in 1955 (A/3023, para. 26)^{1/} that the present procedures for annual review of agency budgets, which resulted in a somewhat cursory examination of those budgets, might be replaced by a more thorough review, to be made at regular intervals of a few years, with only one or, at most, two agencies coming under review in a given year. It was suggested in this connexion that the Fifth Committee, at the thirteenth session of the General Assembly, should give formal and detailed consideration to this matter. Certain possible procedures which would facilitate the type of thorough, periodic examination envisaged by the Advisory Committee were also outlined.

5. The assistance rendered by the Advisory Committee (A/3738) to the Technical Assistance Committee in the review of the administrative costs of the Expanded Programme was mentioned with appreciation, and it was suggested that this co-operation should be continued.

Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. As a result of its discussion, the Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative Budgetary Questions on the administrative budgets of the specialized agencies for 1958 (A/3767), and of its special reports relating to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (A/3598), the World Health Organization (A/3596), and the World Meteorological Organization (A/3597);

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 45.

2. Invites the attention of the specialized agencies to the comments and observations made in the Advisory Committee's report on the budgets of the agencies and to the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the twelfth session of the General Assembly;

3. Invites the attention of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and the World Meteorological Organization to the observations and suggestions contained in the Advisory Committee's special reports relating to those organizations.
