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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in resolution 2188 (XXI), requested the Economic and Social Council to enlarge its Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to twenty-one members, for a period not exceeding **three** years, and asked the Enlarged Committee to undertake, as a matter of priority, a review which would provide a clear and comprehensive picture of the existing operational and research activities of the United Nations family of organizations in the field of economic and social development and an assessment thereof (see paragraph 2 of resolution 2188 (XXI)).
2. The Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination submitted a preliminary report to the General Assembly at the twenty-second session.<sup>1/</sup> Its final report is before the Assembly at the present session.<sup>2/</sup> Also before the Assembly is an account of the operational and research activities of the United Nations system in the field of economic and social development,<sup>3/</sup> which the

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<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Resumed Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/4435).

<sup>2/</sup> E/4748 and Corr.1.

<sup>3/</sup> E/4744 (Vol. I) and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1; E/4744 (Vol. II).

Committee decided to transmit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, without endorsing it, and which is being circulated under the responsibility of the Secretary-General.

3. In its final report, the Enlarged Committee drew the particular attention of the General Assembly to a handbook of criteria and procedures for requesting technical assistance,<sup>4/</sup> which it believed would constitute a useful tool for resident representatives and national officials concerned with assistance programmes in both developing and developed countries, and which was prepared under paragraph 5 (c) of resolution 2188 (XXI). The handbook has been circulated to all Member Governments.

4. The Economic and Social Council considered the report of the Enlarged Committee at its resumed forty-seventh session. It adopted resolution 1467 (XLVII) in which it took note of the final report of the Enlarged Committee and transmitted it to the General Assembly; the Council noted in particular the recommendation contained in Chapter III A of the Committee's report and agreed to revert to that question after the report had been examined by the Assembly. An account of the discussion in the Council will be found in its report to the Assembly.<sup>5/</sup>

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<sup>4/</sup> Assistance for Economic and Social Development Available from the United Nations System: A Handbook of Criteria and Procedures (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.69.I.23).

<sup>5/</sup> A/7603/Add.1 (Part III).