



Eighteenth Session

CO-OPERATION FOR THE ERADICATION OF ILLITERACY THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD: REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL,
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONNote by the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly by its resolution 1677 (XVI) of 18 December 1961, invited the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization "to present, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at a regular session, a survey of the position in the world with regard to the extension of universal literacy, together with recommendations on the measures which might be taken, within the framework of the United Nations, for co-operation in the eradication of illiteracy".
2. In response to the request of the Assembly, UNESCO submitted to the Council, at its thirty-sixth session this year, a report (E/3771) reviewing the incidence of mass illiteracy throughout the world and presenting recommendations as to the measures which might be taken, at the international and national level, for its eradication.
3. At its 1298th and 1300th meetings, the Economic and Social Council considered the report of UNESCO and adopted resolution 972 (XXXVI) which reads as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council

"1. Takes note with appreciation of the report entitled "World Campaign for Universal Literacy" submitted by the United Nations Scientific, Educational and Cultural Organization in response to the request in General Assembly resolution 1677 (XVI) of 18 December 1961;

"2. Transmits the report to the General Assembly, together with the records of the discussion of this subject in the Council."

4. In accordance with the Council's resolution the Secretary-General transmits to the General Assembly the report of UNESCO (E/3771) and the records of the Council's discussion on the subject.^{1/}

^{1/} Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, 1298th and 1300th meetings.