

VII

REPORTS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION

1. *Takes note* of the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1984/85;⁶²

2. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in the light of the debate at the second regular session of 1985 of the Economic and Social Council, to continue to improve its annual overview report, which should contain an analytical review of the activities of the Committee, the status of co-ordination efforts among the organizations of the United Nations system and recommendations for further co-operation and co-ordination among them;

3. *Takes note* of the Register of Development Activities proposed by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination⁶³ in response to Council resolution 1982/71 of 10 November 1982 and General Assembly resolution 37/226 of 20 December 1982 and urges its early implementation;

4. *Invites* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to proceed with the technical design for the establishment and operation of the Register and to submit a detailed progress report to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-sixth session, including, *inter alia*, information on cost, funding, assessment of utility to Member States and agency participation; with regard to the funding, the cost to be borne by the United Nations should be limited to the resources appropriated in the regular budget in connection with paragraph 23 of General Assembly resolution 37/226.

*52nd plenary meeting
26 July 1985*

1985/77. Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Articles 57, 58, 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also its resolutions 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and 1984/61 B of 26 July 1984,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, in particular paragraphs 2 and 3 thereof,

Having considered the report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the twentieth series of Joint Meetings of the two Committees,⁶⁴

⁶² E/1985/57.

⁶³ See E/AC.51/1985/7.

⁶⁴ E/1985/112.

1. *Takes note* of the efforts made in the preparations for and in the conduct of the twentieth series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and stresses the need for improvement in the functioning of the Meetings;

2. *Takes note also* of the report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the Joint Meetings of the two Committees, which includes the conclusions reached and the views expressed on the effectiveness and co-ordination of United Nations organs and specialized agencies in relief efforts in Africa and on economic and technical co-operation among developing countries;

3. *Stresses* the need for more vigorous observance of the responsibilities laid down in the Charter of the United Nations and the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies, bearing in mind problems which have arisen in co-ordination and the pressing need for effective co-ordination among all the organizations of the United Nations system, including co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

4. *Urges* the development of an open and constructive dialogue in the Joint Meetings in order to reach concrete solutions to problems of interorganizational co-ordination; to that effect, requests that the background paper for the Meetings should be submitted sufficiently in advance to allow careful study; and also requests that that document should highlight the problems faced by organizations in the field of interorganizational co-ordination and difficulties of implementation and should be action-oriented;

5. *Recommends* that normally only one item should be chosen to serve as a focus for discussion at the Joint Meetings; the item chosen should be sufficiently precise and of such a nature as to allow a concrete discussion among members, centred on the issues identified in the background paper;

6. *Calls upon* Member States and members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to be represented at a high level in order to maximize the usefulness of the Joint Meetings;

7. *Suggests* that problems of co-ordination should be more systematically taken into account in the work of the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system in view of the discussion in the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and at the Joint Meetings.

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1985/78. Hiring and use of consultant services

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the relevant parts of the general conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for

Programme and Co-ordination on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 as contained in its report on its twenty-fifth session,⁶⁵

Affirming that the use of consultant services is excessive and not conducive to an optimum utilization of regular staff resources,

Noting the importance of taking into account the appropriate competence, knowledge and expertise of the consultants,

Noting also the desirability of having as wide a geographical basis as possible in the hiring of consultants,

Recognizing the urgent need to address these and other related concerns regarding the hiring and use of consultant services by the United Nations and to take appropriate action,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into careful consideration the comments made on this question by Member States at the twenty-fifth session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and at the second regular session of 1985 of the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide adequate information to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the reasons why particular tasks could not be carried out by existing regular staff;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Economic and Social Council, a detailed report on this question, including, *inter alia*, comments on the implementation of the existing guidelines on the hiring and use of consultant services by the United Nations,⁶⁶ to the General Assembly at its forty-first session for consideration.

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26 July 1985

1985/79. Ninth special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2001 (LX) of 12 May 1976,

Recognizing that the social and human problems created by drug abuse continue to increase,

Aware of the probable need for the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to examine the urgent question of scheduling a number of substances under the provisions of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances,⁶⁷ following receipt of recommendations to that effect from the World Health Organization,

⁶⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/40/38)*, chap. IX, sect. A.

⁶⁶ ST/AI/296; ST/SGB/177.

⁶⁷ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1019, No. 14956, p. 175.

Decides that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs shall hold a special session of five days' duration in 1986 at a time when it will not overlap with other meetings, and within existing United Nations resources, to consider scheduling of substances under the provisions of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, follow-up action to General Assembly resolutions 39/141 and 39/143 of 14 December 1984, the review of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1985, and other urgent matters.

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1985/80. Critical economic situation in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Declaration on the Critical Economic Situation in Africa adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 39/29 of 3 December 1984,

Gravely concerned at the continuing critical economic situation in Africa, which has been exacerbated by the unfavourable international economic environment,

Recognizing the impact of drought and desertification, and environmental and demographic factors on the critical economic situation,

Expressing its appreciation of the efforts and generous contributions of the international community—Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, the general public, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations—in response to the emergency situation.

Welcoming all the initiatives undertaken by the Secretary-General in this connection,

Welcoming the resolve of African heads of State and Government and peoples to address in a coherent manner the economic and social problems facing the continent,

Welcoming in this context the declaration and resolutions on the economic situation in Africa, as well as on the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa, adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-first ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 18 to 20 July 1985, which was devoted essentially to economic issues,

Gravely concerned also at the continuing negative effects of the destabilization policy of South Africa on the economies of southern African States,

Considering that the responsibility for the development of Africa lies primarily with African Governments and peoples,

Stressing, however, the need for the international community as a whole to continue to give priority attention to the critical economic situation in Africa and, to that end, to increase its concrete support in addressing the immediate as well as the medium-term and long-