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22. Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly.
23. General review of the programmes and activities in the economic, social, technical co-operation and related fields of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Children’s Fund and all other institutions and agencies related to the United Nations system.*
25. Reports of the World Bank Group and of the International Monetary Fund.*
27. Elections.*
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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL
DURING ITS FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS

1437 (XLVII). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe for the period 3 May 1968 to 23 April 1969,1 of the views expressed during the discussion and of the resolutions and the other decisions adopted during the twenty-fourth session of the Commission; 2
2. Endorses the programme of work and priorities 3 contained in the report.

1625th plenary meeting, 31 July 1969.

1438 (XLVII). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East for the period 1 May 1968 to 28 April 1969,4 and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in parts II and III of that report;
2. Endorses the programme of work and priorities contained in part V of that report.

1625th plenary meeting, 31 July 1969.

1439 (XLVII). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America covering the period 26 April 1968 to 23 April 1969,5 and of the resolutions and recommendations contained in parts II and III of that report;
2. Endorses the programme of work and priorities contained in part V of that report.

1625th plenary meeting, 31 July 1969.

1440 (XLVII). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa for the period from 1 March 1968 to 14 February 1969,6 and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in parts II and III of that report;
2. Endorses the programme of work and priorities contained in part V of that report;
3. Takes note, in particular, of Commission resolutions 187 (IX) on the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Commission, 188 (IX) on the institutional machinery of the Commission, 189 (IX) on the organization, structure and functions of the secretariat of the Commission and 191 (IX) on transitional provisions, adopted in accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the Commission;
4. Endorses Commission resolution 190 (IX) on relations with the Organization of African Unity, adopted in accordance with paragraph 12 of the terms of reference of the Commission;
5. Commends the Economic Commission for Africa for the measures it has taken to expand its programme, particularly its operational activities;
6. Further commends the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa for its efforts during the first ten years of the Commission’s existence, particularly its emphasis on self-reliance by African countries in their economic and social development efforts as indicated in the report entitled “A venture in self-reliance: ten years of ECA, 1958-1968”.

1625th plenary meeting, 31 July 1969.

2 Ibid., part III.
3 Ibid., part V.
4 Ibid., document E/4640.
5 Ibid., document E/4639 and Add.1.
6 Ibid., document E/4651 and Add.1.
1/CN.14/424.
1441 (XLVII). Regional co-operation

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut.*

2. Requests the Secretary-General to take the appropriate measures to strengthen the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut by providing it with the necessary expertise and other means that will enable it to discharge efficiently its functions in the field of social and economic development.

1625th plenary meeting, 31 July 1969.

1442 (XLVII). The role of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut in the Second United Nations Development Decade

The Economic and Social Council

Noting with satisfaction the growing effectiveness of the regional economic commissions in initiating and implementing an increasing number of regional, subregional and multinational projects of direct and practical importance to the developing countries, as well as the increasing spirit of self-reliance and the desire for economic cooperation in the developing world,

Aware that the promotion of economic co-operation in such forms among the developing countries within a comprehensive regional framework is important for the success of their development efforts, individually and collectively,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1709 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 and 1823 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 and Council resolution 793 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 on decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions,

Aware of the firm determination of the developing countries to mobilize all their human and material resources for speeding up their economic and social development during the 1970s,

Emphasizing the importance of consultations within the system of United Nations organizations and specialized agencies and with the United Nations Development Programme,

Considering that within the framework of any arrangement that might be made for the implementation of the Second United Nations Development Decade, the regional economic commissions have a crucial and vital role to play in helping Governments to implement the global strategy,

Appreciating that steps are being taken to promote specific measures to ensure the effective co-operation of the United Nations system of specialized agencies in the implementation of the work programmes approved by the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, and towards this end to achieve, as far as possible, the establishment of joint work programmes with the individual agencies in their respective fields of competence,

Endorsing the proposals for reorganization set out in resolutions 188 (IX) and 189 (IX) of the Economic Commission for Africa,* and including, inter alia, the strengthening of subregional offices.

1. Urges that a more effective and substantial decentralization of operational activities be carried out in accordance with the resolutions of the Council and of the General Assembly, and invites the regional economic commissions to bear this requirement in mind in drawing up their work programmes;

2. Recommends that the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut play a more active role in the implementation of operational programmes for economic and social action in the priority areas indicated by the commissions, the Office in Beirut, the Council and the General Assembly:

3. Further recommends that the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut participate effectively in the operation of any arrangement that might be established for the formulation of policies and the preparation and evaluation of development plans under the Second United Nations Development Decade and for this purpose assist in setting the standards and criteria that are appropriate for a meaningful assessment of economic and social progress in the different regions;

4. Urges the appropriate agencies to give favourable consideration to such requests as may be made by member States of the regional economic commissions, individually or collectively, for the placing at their disposal of the services of experts and such other services essential for the development of the regions.

1625th plenary meeting, 31 July 1969.

1446 (XLVII). Report of the Industrial Development Board

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its third session 10 and transmits it to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.

1628th plenary meeting, 4 August 1969.

* See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-seventh session, document E/4651, part III.
1447 (XLVII). Second United Nations Development Decade

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1356 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 on the United Nations Development Decade and General Assembly resolution 2411 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968 on international development strategy,

Recognizing that planning on a long-term continuing basis would contribute towards the realization of the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Taking note of the reports of the Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Development Decade on its first three sessions, 11

Taking note also of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourth and fifth sessions. 12

Noting with concern that very little progress was achieved during the resumed eighth session of the Trade and Development Board in preparing the major contributions of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to the strategy for the Second Development Decade,

Expressing its appreciation of the contribution made by other organizations of the United Nations system to the preparatory work for the Second Development Decade,

1. Agrees that the international development strategy for the 1970s should consist, in principle, of the following:
   (a) A preambular declaration;
   (b) The specification of objectives;
   (c) Policy measures designed to fulfill those objectives;
   (d) A review and appraisal of both the objectives and the policies;
   (e) The mobilization of public opinion;

2. Agrees further that the main objective during the Second United Nations Development Decade should be to promote sustained growth, especially in developing countries, leading to "higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions for economic and social progress and development" 13 so as to facilitate the process of narrowing the gap between the developed and the developing countries;

3. Reaffirms its earlier decision to take into account, in formulating the goals and programmes of the Second United Nations Development Decade, the necessity for the progressive integration of social and economic goals and programmes in the context of the strategy of the Decade;

4. Recognizes the need for establishing a target for the over-all growth rate for gross product in real terms of the developing countries during the Second United Nations Development Decade as a broad indication of the scope of international co-operative efforts to be made within the framework of the international development strategy;

5. Recognizes the importance of reaching agreement on quantitative targets for a few major variables, consistent with the over-all target and, to the extent possible, each consistent with the other, as well as the need to define certain broad social objectives;

6. Notes with satisfaction the agreement reached so far on the list of key areas for international co-operation for development during the Second United Nations Development Decade, in which policy measures should be considered for fulfilling the objectives of the Decade;

7. Expresses its concern that whereas progress has been made in outlining the broad framework of the strategy and towards defining the goals and objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade, this has not so far been matched by agreement on concerted policy measures for realizing those goals and objectives, in particular, in the field of trade and development;

8. Recalls that the Trade and Development Board, at its resumed eighth session, agreed to make the maximum efforts at its resumed ninth session to reach agreement on the outstanding matters 14 and expresses the hope that the contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will be finalized by the Board at that session;

9. Draws the attention of the organizations of the United Nations system to the recommendations made by the Committee for Development Planning in its report on its fourth and fifth sessions; 15

10. Calls upon the Governments of Member States and the organizations of the United Nations system to make additional efforts in their contributions to the preparatory work for the Second United Nations Development Decade so that a preliminary draft of the international development strategy can be submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its resumed forty-seventh session, with a view to finalizing it early in 1970.

1631st plenary meeting, 5 August 1969.

1451 (XLVII). Promotion of private foreign investment in developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Pursuing the action progressively defined by the General Assembly, the Council and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in relation to the promotion of foreign investment for financing development,

Noting with satisfaction that the Secretary-General, acting in pursuance of Council resolution 1359 (XLV) of

2 August 1968, organized a Panel on Foreign Investment in Developing Countries, which, with the generous assistance of the Government of the Netherlands, met at Amsterdam from 16 to 20 February 1969.

Noting with keen interest the themes of the dialogue and the final statement of the Panel contained in its report,\(^{18}\)

Recognizing that private foreign investment is a complement to and not a substitute for the official and technical assistance needed by the developing countries.

Considering the appreciable progress thus made in analysing the conditions for foreign investment in developing countries and also such basic questions as the prime role of the host country in defining the priority sectors as well as the advantages to foreign investors of accepting those priorities,

Considering also the recommendations of the Panel concerning research and training in the developing countries to facilitate the assimilation of the production and management techniques associated with the entry of foreign capital,

Noting also the attention given to information on investment opportunities, joint ventures and a new multinational approach to development,

Welcoming the renewal of confidence expressed by investors,

1. Takes note with interest of the recommendations made by the Panel on Foreign Investment in Developing Countries;\(^{17}\)

2. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake the studies suggested by the Panel and set out as points (a) to (e) inclusive in chapter III of the progress report of the Secretary-General,\(^{18}\) as well as a study on the effects of agreements between parent companies and their subsidiaries concerning production and trade, particularly those relating to market reservations in so far as they are not already covered by work done, or to be done, by organizations of the United Nations system;

3. Invites the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the parties concerned and with the appropriate international organizations and institutions, to organize other panels, at the regional and global level, for the purpose of considering specific measures to increase the flow of foreign investment to developing countries;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its forty-ninth session on the progress made in this matter.

1452 (XLVII). Export credits and export promotion in developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1270 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967 and 1358 (XLV) of 2 August 1968, and decision 29 (II) adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on 28 March 1968,\(^{19}\)

Having considered the Report of the Round Table on Export Credit as a Means of Promoting Exports from Developing Countries\(^ {20}\) and the report of the Secretary-General on the conclusions of the Round Table,\(^ {21}\)

1. Notes with appreciation the Report of the Round Table on Export Credit as a Means of Promoting Exports from Developing Countries:

2. Requests the Secretary-General to study, in close co-operation with the International Monetary Fund, ways and means of enabling developing countries to ease the balance-of-payments strains arising from the short-term financing of export credits granted by their exporters:

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the regional development banks, a study on the possibility of financing or refinancing medium-term and long-term export credits granted by the developing countries as well as of guaranteeing such credits for the purpose of facilitating their financing or refinancing on the international capital market;

4. Requests the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies of the United Nations and the international organizations concerned to give the Secretary-General every assistance in carrying out the immediately feasible parts of the activities mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 above;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to give further careful consideration to the other aspects of the work programme contained in his report on the conclusions of the Round Table, in the light of the views expressed on the subject at the forty-seventh session of the Council;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the provisions of this resolution.

1636th plenary meeting, 8 August 1969.

\(^{18}\) See Panel on Foreign Investment in Developing Countries, report on a meeting held at Amsterdam from 16-20 February 1969 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.69.II.D.12), paras. 1-39.

\(^{17}\) Ibid., paras. 1-20.

\(^{19}\) E/4664.


\(^{20}\) United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.69.II.D.11.

\(^{21}\) E/4662.
OTHER DECISIONS

Simplification and standardization of documents and procedures in international trade

With respect to the simplification and standardization of documents and procedures in international trade, the Council decided at its 1625th meeting, on 31 July 1969, to take note of resolution 4 (XXIV) adopted by the Economic Commission for Europe on 23 April 1969 and of section XII of the report of the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions held in 1969, which dealt with this subject.

22 See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-seventh Session, document E/4641, part III
23 E/4709.

Amendment of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Latin America

At its 1625th meeting, on 31 July 1969, the Council decided to amend the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Latin America by adding to the end of paragraph 12 the following text:

"For those years in which the Commission does not hold a session, the Executive Secretary shall submit to the Economic and Social Council a full report of its activities and plans, including those of any subsidiary bodies, after approval by the Chairman of the Commission and circulation to Governments of member States for their comments and any necessary modifications."

QUESTIONS RELATING TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1448 (XLVII). Problems of the human environment

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the problems of the human environment,

Reaffirming the importance and urgency of those problems and underlining the necessity for the complete preparatory arrangements for the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment to become operative as soon as possible,

Believing that it is important that the following considerations be borne in mind during the further preparations for the Conference:

(a) A small conference secretariat should be established as soon as possible, by drawing particularly upon, with the agreement of the specialized agencies concerned, regular staff of the United Nations system, specially qualified in the environmental field;

(b) In order for the Conference to achieve its objectives it is essential that its agenda be selective, its organizational structure be simple and efficient, and that the documentation be kept reasonably limited;

(c) All efforts should be made to reduce the costs of the Conference,

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its decision in resolution 2398 (XXIII) of 3 December 1968 to convene in 1972 a United Nations Conference on the Human Environment and to begin immediately preparations for the Conference,

"Having considered with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General called for in the above-mentioned resolution,

24 E/4667.

Recognizing the important work on the problems of the human environment that is at present being undertaken and planned by organizations in the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and national Governments,

"1 Endorses in general the proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General regarding the purposes and objectives of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment;

"2. Affirms that it should be the main purpose of the Conference to serve as a practical means to encourage, and to provide guidelines for, action by Governments and international organizations designed to protect and improve the human environment, and to remedy and prevent its impairment, by means of international co-operation, bearing in mind the particular importance of enabling developing countries to forestall the occurrence of such problems;

"3. Entrusts to the Secretary-General the over-all responsibility for organizing and preparing for the Conference, bearing in mind the views expressed during the debates of the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session and of the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

"4. Establishes a Preparatory Committee to advise the Secretary-General consisting of highly qualified representatives nominated by the Governments of . . . ;

"5. Further requests the Secretary-General to set up immediately a small conference secretariat and to appoint, at the appropriate time, a Secretary-General of the Conference;

"6. Moreover requests the Secretary-General to consult with Governments of States Members of the

25 Ibid., paras. 82-92.
United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, to take account of the results of other international conferences such as the meeting of governmental experts on problems relating to environment, organized by the Economic Commission for Europe, to be held at Prague in 1971, and to draw on contributions from appropriate intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

"7. Invites States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency to participate actively in the preparations for the Conference:

"8. Invites the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to collaborate closely with the Secretary-General in the preparations for the Conference and to assist, as appropriate, in the work of the Preparatory Committee;

"9. Invites the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to lend every possible assistance in the preparations for the Conference;

"10. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Preparatory Committee, to take the necessary steps, as part of the preparations for the Conference, to bring to public attention the nature and importance of the problems of the human environment;

"11. Invites all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to participate in the Conference;

"12. Expresses the belief that it is essential that all invited countries should be enabled to take an active part in the preparations for the Conference and in the Conference itself, and requests the Secretary-General to investigate what concrete steps could be taken to that end;

"13. Takes note of the outline on the range of the possible financial implications for the United Nations of the holding of the Conference presented in the Secretary-General’s report 27 and requests the Secretary-General, in the light of the views expressed during the debates of the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session and of the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, to make all efforts to reduce the costs of the Conference;

"14. Decides that the Conference should be of approximately two weeks’ duration and requests the Secretary-General to take full account of that duration in preparing for the Conference;

"15. Accepts with appreciation the invitation of the Government of Sweden 28 to hold the Conference in Sweden in June 1972;"

16. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a brief progress report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its forty-ninth session."

1632nd plenary meeting, 6 August 1969.

1454 (XLVII). Future institutional arrangements for science and technology

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the views of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development on the future arrangements for the Advisory Committee 29

Having also considered the report of the Secretary-General on the arrangements for the transfer of operative technology to developing countries 30 and the comments thereon of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; 31

Noting Trade and Development Board resolution 48 (VII) of 21 September 1968, 32

Noting further the growing involvement of the organizations of the United Nations system in the problems of the application of science and technology to development,

Recognizing the need for a continuing effort towards an orderly intensification of activities, on the part of all organizations concerned, designed to promote economic and social development in developing countries,

Noting the particular concern of the developing countries with the arrangements for the transfer of patented and non-patented technology likely to promote the economic development of developing countries,

Recognizing that none of the existing United Nations bodies deals exclusively with the specific question of the transfer of operative technology to developing countries,

1. Recognizes the need for the reinforcement and co-ordination of present and contemplated activities, including the desirability of the establishment of an intergovernmental machinery in the field of the application of science and technology to development;

2. Decides to consider, after ascertaining the views of the Governments of Member States and those of the organizations concerned within the United Nations system and of other intergovernmental organizations concerned, how best to meet the needs for reinforcement and co-ordination and the place and role of any intergovernmental machinery that may be set up;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit, in pursuance of paragraph 2 above, a comprehensive report to the Council at its forty-ninth session in the light of the

27 See E/4667, paras. 139-143.
28 A/7514.
views of Governments of Member States and the organizations concerned;

4. *Notes* the decision of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to review future institutional arrangements in the field of science and technology at its third session and *requests* the Committee, while considering this question, to take into account the views expressed and action taken by the Council at its fortieth session;  

5. *Considers* that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development is competent to take any action, including appropriate institutional arrangements within its framework, in connection with those aspects of the transfer of operative technology that fall within its jurisdiction;

6. *Recognizes* that the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development has made an outstanding contribution to the general recognition of the role of science and technology in the development process;

7. *Decides*:

(a) To review future arrangements relating to the Advisory Committee, including its terms of reference, after a period of two years;

(b) To extend the term of the Advisory Committee until the end of 1971;

(c) To enlarge the membership of the Advisory Committee from the present number of eighteen to twenty-four.

1636th plenary meeting, 8 August 1969.

OTHER DECISIONS

Mineral resources of the sea

At its 1630th meeting, on 5 August 1969, the Council decided that the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Mineral resources of the sea" should be issued as a United Nations publication, after the last eleven paragraphs had been deleted and an annex had been added that presented a factual account of the decisions taken by the General Assembly during the previous two years on matters relating to the sea.

Marine science

At its 1630th meeting, on 5 August 1969, the Council decided to request the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the specialized agencies and organizations concerned, to report regularly to the Council on the progress achieved in the field of marine science.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

1431 (XLVII). Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its seventh and eighth sessions;  

1620th plenary meeting, 25 July 1969.

1432 (XLVII). Procedures for implementation of new arrangements for regional and interregional projects under the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1250 (XLI.111) of 26 July 1967 and General Assembly resolution 2279 (XXII) of 4 December 1967 concerning the introduction of revised programming procedures for the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme,

*Recalling* the decision taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its sixth session to eliminate the system of agency targets for regional and interregional projects, and *believing* that this decision should facilitate the planning of assistance on a regional basis,

*Taking into account* the decision of the Governing Council at its eighth session concerning procedures for implementation of new arrangements for regional and interregional technical assistance projects,

1. *Decides* that the following procedures relating to regional and interregional projects under the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme should supersede those specified for this purpose in the annex to Council resolution 1250

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36 See E/AC.51/GR/22, para. 4(e).


(XLIII) for the planning, approval and implementation of the programme beginning with the year 1971:

(a) The Governing Council shall review the Administrator’s assessment of the priority for regional and inter-regional projects and determine each year a single global target for the following year and authorize earmarkings for the current year corresponding to the global amount available for regional and interregional projects;

(b) The Governing Council shall fix the limit within which the Administrator is authorized to review and approve regional and interregional projects or their extension if the anticipated cumulative cost of the project including its eventual extension is within the limit fixed by the Council; this authorization shall be in force with immediate effect;

(c) The Governing Council shall review and approve regional and interregional projects or the extension of such projects recommended by the Administrator after consultation with the Inter-Agency Consultative Board, if the anticipated cumulative cost of the project including its eventual extension is over the limit fixed by the Governing Council;

(d) Savings accruing on regional and interregional projects during the course of the operational year and any balance of the amount earmarked by the Governing Council remaining unprogrammed at the end of the programme year should be surrendered to the Central Technical Assistance account and added to the general resources available for the Technical Assistance programme for the ensuing year;

2. Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

“The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its eighth session and Economic and Social Council resolution 1432 (XLVIII) of 25 July 1969 concerning the revised programming procedures for regional and interregional projects for the Technical Assistance component of the Programme,

Recalling its resolution 2279 (XXII) of 4 December 1967 concerning the new programming procedures for the Technical Assistance component of the Programme,

Approves the procedures recommended by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme for regional and interregional projects under the Technical Assistance component of the Programme beginning with the year 1971.”

1620th plenary meeting, 25 July 1969.

1434 (XLVII). Programming and budgetary procedures for the United Nations regular programme of technical cooperation

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted the action taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its

seventh session with respect to the United Nations regular programme of technical cooperation,

Recommends to the General Assembly that it adopt at its twenty-fourth session the following programming and budgetary procedures for Part V (Technical programmes) of the United Nations budget by which:

(a) The Secretary-General would frame his annual budget estimates for Part V taking into account the expressed needs of the developing countries and regions together with the recommendations of the various programme-formulating bodies of the United Nations, including the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Industrial Development Board;

(b) The current system of separate section appropriations requested under Part V would be replaced by chapters reflecting targets to be applied to the major fields of activity: economic development, industrial development, social development, public administration, human rights advisory services and narcotic drugs control;

(c) The Secretary-General would approve individual projects based on government requests to be financed under the regular programme;

(d) Annual reports on the programme and projects implemented would be submitted as appropriate to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and to the Industrial Development Board.

1620th plenary meeting, 25 July 1969.

1435 (XLVII). United Nations programmes of technical cooperation

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its eighth session, including chapter IX thereof dealing with the United Nations programmes of technical cooperation,

Noting that the Governing Council has approved the 1970 regular programme contained in the report of the Secretary-General and has recommended $5,408,600 to be appropriated by the General Assembly,

Noting further the action taken by the Industrial Development Board at its third session to recommend that the General Assembly appropriate the sum of $1.5 million in respect of a separate section for industrial development under Part V of the United Nations budget,

1. Endorses the action of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme noted above;

40 Ibid., document E/4609, para. 181.
41 Ibid., document E/4706.
42 DP/RP/7/Add.2.
43 See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-Fourth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/7617), annex VII, resolution 13 (III); transmitted to the Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/4708).

29 Ibid., document E/4706.
2. Recommends to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session that it take the budgetary action necessary for 1970.

_1620th plenary meeting, 25 July 1969._

**1444 (XLVII). Utilization of volunteers in United Nations development projects**

_The Economic and Social Council._

_Having considered_ General Assembly resolution 2460 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 which requested the Council to study the feasibility of creating an international corps of volunteers for development and to include in its annual report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, if possible, appropriate conclusions and recommendations deriving from its study,

_Mindful_ of Council resolution 1407 (XLVI) of 5 June 1969 which recognized that the young generation is called upon to play an important role in the process of social, economic and spiritual development in which mankind is engaged,

_Having reviewed_ the note by the Secretary-General which described the important role that volunteers are increasingly playing in the projects of the United Nations,

_Acknowledging_ the important contribution of national volunteer schemes which fulfil the general principles mentioned in paragraph 2 (a) and (d) below and the part that they could play in helping international organizations to promote volunteer work,

_Further acknowledging_ the useful work being performed by international organizations in promoting and co-ordinating volunteer work,

Conscious of the contribution that youth can make to economic and social development as well as to international understanding and co-operation,

_Considering_ that an integrated and co-ordinated approach to the utilization of volunteers in development projects could contribute towards further improving their effectiveness,

1. _Invites_ the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and in consultation with the heads of those other organizations of the United Nations system particularly concerned with volunteers and with the further assistance of such expert consultants as he may deem necessary, to study the constitutional, administrative and various financial arrangements mentioned in his note for the creation of an international corps of volunteers and to submit his report and recommendations to the Council at its forty-ninth session, through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme.

2. _Recommends_ that in his study the Secretary-General should take account of the following general principles:

(a) A volunteer should be a person who gives his services without regard to financial benefit and with the purpose of contributing to the development of the recipient country;

(b) A volunteer scheme should consist of persons recruited on as wide a geographical basis as possible;

(c) Where possible the composition of teams should be on a multinational basis;

(d) No volunteer shall be sent to a country without the explicit request or approval of the receiving country.

3. _Decides_ to submit its final recommendations on this matter to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session and, meanwhile, to inform the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session of the action that the Council has so far taken.

_1625th plenary meeting, 31 July 1969._

**OTHER DECISION**

_Evaluation of programmes of technical co-operation_

At its 1636th meeting, on 8 August 1969, the Council decided to defer to its forty-ninth session further consideration of draft resolution E/AC.24/L.359/Rev.1.

1443 (XLVII). Target for pledges to the World Food Programme for the period 1971-1972

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the seventh annual report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme,43

Noting the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Committee concerning the target for voluntary contributions for the period 1971-1972,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2462 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 on multilateral food aid, which recognized the special competence and experience of the World Food Programme in the field of multilateral food aid,

1. Submits for the consideration and approval of the General Assembly the draft resolution set forth below;

2. Urges States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to undertake the necessary preparation for the announcement of pledges at the Fourth Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

“The General Assembly,

“Recalling the provisions of its resolution 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965 on the continuation of the World Food Programme according to which the Programme is to be reviewed before each pledging conference,

“Recalling the provisions of operative paragraph 4 of its resolution 2290 (XXII) of 8 December 1967 on the review of the World Food Programme that, subject to the review mentioned above, the next pledging conference shall be convened at the latest early in 1970, at which time Governments would be invited to pledge contributions for 1971 and 1972, with a view to reaching such a target as may be recommended by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

“Noting that the review of the Programme was undertaken by the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme at its fifteenth session and by the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session,

“Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1443 (XLVII) of 1 August 1969 on the target for pledges to the World Food Programme for the period 1971-1972, as well as the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committee,

“Recognizing the value of multilateral food aid as implemented by the World Food Programme since its inception and the necessity for continuing its action both as a form of capital investment and for meeting emergency food needs,

“1. Establishes for the two years 1971 and 1972 a target for voluntary contributions of $300 million, of which not less than one third should be in cash and services, and expresses the hope that such resources will be augmented by substantial additional contributions from other sources in recognition of the prospective volume of sound project requests and the capacity of the World Food Programme to operate at a higher level;

“2. Urges States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to make every effort to ensure the full attainment of the target;

“3. Urges Governments that have pledged contributions of commodities or services for the period 1969-1970 to make every possible effort to carry over and make available for the period 1971-1972 any portion of such pledges that may remain unused at the end of 1970, and to indicate their readiness to effect such a carry-over when announcing pledges at the Fourth Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme;

“4. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to convene a pledging conference for this purpose at United Nations Headquarters early in 1970;

“5. Decides that the next following pledging conference, subject to the review provided for in General Assembly resolution 2095 (XX), should be convened at the latest early in 1972, at which time Governments should be invited to pledge contributions for 1973 and 1974 with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.”

1626th plenary meeting.
1 August 1969.

1450 (XLVII). Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the item of its agenda entitled “Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by
the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations,

Recalling the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 2311 (XXII) of 14 December 1967 and 2426 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly,

Taking into account the report \(^{46}\) submitted by the President of the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with the decision taken by the Council at its resumed forty-fifth session \(^{47}\) and paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 2426 (XXIII), on the consultations with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Taking into account also the statements made to the Council by the representatives of the executive heads of a number of the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations,\(^{48}\)

Bearing in mind the urgent need of the peoples of several colonial territories, particularly in Africa, for assistance from the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned, particularly in the fields of education and training, health and nutrition,

Recognizing the need for further measures to be taken for the co-ordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned in implementing the relevant General Assembly resolutions,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees and to those specialized agencies and international institutions that have cooperated with the United Nations in implementing the relevant General Assembly resolutions and, in so doing, have taken measures for the co-ordination of their policies and activities;

2. Expresses its deep regret that some of the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned, particularly the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund, have not extended their full co-operation to the United Nations in implementing the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

3. Endorses the report of the President of the Council and recommends to the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned that they give effect to the suggestions outlined therein;

4. Recommends to the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned that they establish relationship agreements and other special arrangements

with the Organization of African Unity, as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has done, in order to give concrete assistance to the liberation movements with a view to bringing about a more full and speedy implementation of paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 2426 (XXIII);

5. Recommends the United Nations, in particular the Office of Technical Co-operation, the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned, including the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Children’s Fund, to take measures individually and in collaboration with one another to increase the scope of their assistance to refugees from the colonial territories, particularly in Africa, including assistance to the Governments concerned in the preparation and execution of projects beneficial to those refugees;

6. Urges the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned to introduce the greatest measure of flexibility into the procedures followed by them in the field of assistance to refugees from the colonial territories, particularly in Africa, and to strengthen the existing arrangements for interagency co-operation in order to facilitate the planning and implementation of joint or complementary programmes as well as a concerted approach to problems in that field;

7. Recommends the governing bodies or deliberative organs as appropriate of the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned, on the basis of reports to be submitted by their executive heads, to give consideration to the following:

(a) The history of the General Assembly’s legislation on the question of granting independence to colonial countries and peoples since the adoption of its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960;

(b) The legislative programmes and procedures so far adopted by the specialized agencies or international institutions concerned to assist the General Assembly in fulfilling its mandate;

(c) The specific difficulties, if any, encountered by the executive heads in formulating and executing concrete programmes and suggestions for assisting in the realization of the mandates of the General Assembly;

(d) What programmes and procedures might still be formulated to make more effective existing programmes and procedures, as well as to establishing new concrete proposals for assisting the General Assembly;

(e) The establishment of machinery to supervise and review the implementation of the measures adopted with regard to the implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

(f) An annual progress report to the Economic and Social Council on the action taken;

8. Decides to maintain the item on the agenda of the Economic and Social Council and requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to give separate and continuing consideration to this item;

\(^{46}\) E/4712.


\(^{48}\) Ibid., Forty-seventh Session, 16279th and 16351th meetings.
9. Requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to maintain contact with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

1635th plenary meeting,
7 August 1969.

1453 (XLVII). Co-ordination at the country level: the role of the Resident Representatives of the United Nations Development Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1090 B (XXXIX) of 31 July 1965, in particular its reaffirmation of the necessity that the Resident Representatives should exercise more effectively their central role in achieving co-ordination at the field level of the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and other organizations in the United Nations system;

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on co-ordination and co-operation at the country level,49

Noting the references made in the report of the United Nations Evaluation Mission to Iran to the relationships between the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme and the country representatives of the agencies concerned,50

Convinced that there is need for further clarification of the central role and responsibilities of the Resident Representative in co-ordinating the technical co-operation and pre-investment programmes of the United Nations system of participating organizations at the field level.

Pending the report on the Capacity Study of the United Nations Development Programme and other related reports,

Being aware, moreover, of the assistance that the Resident Representatives can give to the Governments of Member States in the co-ordination of the development activities of the United Nations system,

1. Believes that the co-ordinating role of the Resident Representatives of the United Nations Development Programme should be exercised in full recognition of the primary responsibility of Member States for the co-ordination of development programmes and projects in their countries;

2. Emphasizes the value to Governments of Member States of having central machinery for the planning and processing, in consultation with the Resident Representative, of requests to the member organizations of the United Nations system for development assistance;

3. Re-emphasizes the need to maintain the central role of the Resident Representative in achieving co-ordination at the field level of the technical co-operation and pre-investment programmes of the United Nations and its related organizations;

4. Stresses the importance of the Governments concerned giving their full support to the Resident Representative in the execution of his functions;

5. Considers that, in order to enable the Resident Representative to discharge those functions, he should be able to call upon the agencies' country representatives, where they exist, for assistance and advice;

6. Invites the organizations of the United Nations system to ensure that Resident Representatives are consulted on the planning and formulation of development projects for which those organizations are responsible, and that they are supplied with reports on the execution of those projects;

7. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to transmit this resolution to all country and regional Resident Representatives;

8. Requests the organizations concerned to take the necessary measures to ensure that this resolution is brought to the attention of all concerned within their organizations including their field representatives.

1636th plenary meeting,
8 August 1969.

1455 (XLVII). Computers

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling section II of its resolution 1368 (XLV) of 2 August 1968,

Noting the part of the thirty-fifth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination concerning the activities of its Computer Users' Committee,51 and the comments thereon of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,52

Recognizing the need to ensure that the studies of possible computer applications that are undertaken in the United Nations system of organizations are properly co-ordinated,

Considering that only in this way can a concept be reached of the eventual possibilities of a common system of computer facilities for the United Nations system, in different types of applications, including the establishment of one or more central data banks, if and as required,

Concerned that, meanwhile, there should be the utmost harmonization in the planning and establishment of such computer facilities as are immediately necessary for individual member organizations,

Recognizing the interest in this field of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

1. Reaffirms paragraph 5 of its resolution 1368 (XLV), and in particular that member organizations' plans for computer facilities should be fully discussed in the Computer Users' Committee of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in the light of possible alternatives before being submitted to the governing bodies concerned;

49 E/4698, part II.
50 See E/4626, chap. IV.
51 See E/4668, paras. 67-76.
52 See E/4716, paras. 35-37.
2. Considers that, pending eventual decisions on the advantages or otherwise of establishing common computer facilities, individual member organizations should refrain from committing themselves to establishing or extending their own computer facilities, except in applications where this can be justified in the short term as a measure of economy or to meet urgent programme needs; and that the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions should be given the opportunity to comment on such plans at the appropriate stage;

3. Endorses the suggestion of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination that, before any new studies are undertaken in the computer field by United Nations bodies, the Computer Users' Committee should be informed of their purpose and scope and should have the opportunity to comment on them;

4. Welcomes the directive given to the Computer Users’ Committee by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for continuing its work, and in particular for collating and harmonizing the various studies that are being, or may be undertaken;50

5. Urges the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and its Computer Users' Committee, with such expert assistance as may be necessary, to pursue actively its work in the field of standardization, classification and coding, and to seek general acceptance of such common classifications and codes as are essential for a more effective interchange of information and programmes and the central storage of standard data required for development planning and management purposes;

6. Requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, after the completion of the study being undertaken for the United Nations Development Programme on the conceptual design of an information storage and retrieval system, and taking account of other relevant studies, to make a summary report to the Council, through its Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, on the most effective and economical ways of collecting and producing information for which United Nations member organizations have a common need, and on the main points requiring consideration by the Council in judging the advantages or otherwise of establishing common computer facilities for the United Nations system in different applications;

7. Expresses the hope that the United Nations member organizations will be able to find within existing resources the means to finance whatever technical expertise may be required by the Computer Users' Committee;

8. Requests the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to arrange to give thorough examination to the report referred to in paragraph 6 above.

1637th plenary meeting, 8 August 1969.


The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1303 (XLIV) of 29 May 1968 and 1366 (XLV) and 1367 (XLV) of 2 August 1968,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields and its budgetary requirements 54 and the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the first part of its third session 55 which, inter alia, deals with the following parts of the work programme: economic development planning, projections and policies; natural resources; fiscal and financial questions; population questions; housing, building and planning; statistical services; public administration; science and technology; regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut; and international trade,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination for the efforts it has made in reviewing the work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to take into account the Committee's comments and observations with respect to the work programme 56 as well as the Council's comments and decisions thereon; 57

3. Transmits the relevant sections of the Secretary-General's report on the work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields and its budgetary requirements and the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the first part of its third session to the subsidiary organs and bodies concerned and to the Trade and Development Board for action as appropriate.

1637th plenary meeting, 8 August 1969.

1457 (XLVII). Supplementary arrangements for handling the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The Economic and Social Council,

Having received the report on the fourth series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, 58

Welcoming the assurances given at those meetings of the desire of the executive heads of member organizations to co-operate fully with the Joint Inspection Unit and to deal expeditiously with its reports and recommendations,

54 E/4612 and Add.1-8.
56 Ibid., paras. 25-145.

8 See E/4668, para. 76.
Having considered the working procedures for transmitting and handling reports of the Joint Inspection Unit contained in annex V to the thirty-fifth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, 82

Having considered also the section of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the second part of its third session regarding this subject 83 and the relevant extract of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 84

Bearing in mind the basic procedures for handling the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit founded upon the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies, 85 General Assembly resolution 2150 (XXI) of 4 November 1966 and the report of the second series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, 86

Considering it necessary to make certain supplementary arrangements, in the light of experience,

1. Endorses the consensus reached by the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination 87 with regard to the handling of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit;

2. Endorses also, subject to the modifications expressed in that consensus, the working procedures envisaged in annex V to the thirty-fifth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

3. Requests, in particular, that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning more than one agency or involving system-wide problems should be submitted to the Council, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, together with the observations of the executive heads concerned, within three months of the original submission of the reports to the executive heads:

4. Endorses the suggestions for co-operation with the Joint Inspection Unit contained in paragraph 57 (d), (e) and (f) of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the second part of its third session, 88 subject to the comments in paragraph 25 (d) of the report on the fourth series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to arrange with the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions that, in the case of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the activities of the United Nations itself:

(a) All reports concerning activities under the general responsibility of the Council, with the observations of the Secretary-General, be submitted to it without any delay, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

(b) Reports concerning the activities of any United Nations programmes (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Industrial Development Organization) be submitted similarly without any delay, and with executive comments, to the governing organs of the programmes concerned;

(c) The comments of the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions be transmitted to the Council and the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, and to the governing organs of the United Nations programmes, in time for them to be taken into account before final consideration of the reports.

1637th plenary meeting, 8 August 1969.

1458 (XLVIII). Reports of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on co-ordination matters, of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The Economic and Social Council.

Having considered the reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, 86 of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the second part of its third session, 87 of the fourth series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, 88 and of the specialized agencies 89 and the International Atomic Energy Agency. 90

82 E/4668/Add.1.
83 E/4716, paras. 50-59.
84 See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/7608), paras. 73-80 (extract submitted to the Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/1.1268)).
88 E/4716.
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1. Takes note of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the second part of its third session;

2. Takes note with appreciation of the annual reports and summaries thereof of the specialized agencies, the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the thirty-fifth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

3. Invites the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in its annual report to the Council, to continue to include reports on all problem areas of interagency co-ordination and also on all other questions that the Council would request it to consider;

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4. Decides to dispense with the circulation to its members of the full annual reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency on the understanding that copies would be available for reference purposes during the Council's sessions;

5. Requests the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to continue to submit analytical summaries of their reports and to ensure that these analytical summaries contain, in so far as possible, comparable information;

6. Requests the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, in consultation with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, to review the format of the analytical summaries in order to ensure that they provide the information required by the Council;

III

Recalling its discussion at its forty-sixth session on the desirability of rationalizing requests for information from Member States in the field of human rights,

Taking note of the list of requests for information from Member States regarding the United Nations programme in the field of human rights prepared by the Secretariat and transmitted by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;  

7. Calls upon the Commission on Human Rights to review, and in so far as possible to consolidate, the types of information being sought from Governments in the field of human rights, without in any way limiting the effective operation of the Commission;

IV

Having received the report on the fourth series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,

8. Notes with satisfaction that the Joint Meetings have once again proved their value in facilitating understanding and co-operation among those dealing with interagency issues at the intergovernmental and executive levels, respectively;

9. Refers to the United Nations organs concerned the comments of the Joint Meetings on the Second United Nations Development Decade;  

10. Looks forward to receiving at its resumed forty-seventh session the report of the resumed Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination which will be held in October 1969 to consider questions relating to the functioning of the intersecretariat machinery for co-operation.

1637th plenary meeting, 8 August 1969.

1459 (XLVII). Development and co-ordination of the activities of the organizations within the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Council,

Drawing attention once again to its special responsibility under Chapter IX of the Charter of the United Nations for co-ordinating the activities of the United Nations system in the economic, social and human rights fields,

Recalling its resolution 1367 (XLI) of 2 August 1968 and pointing out the need for further efforts to give effect to its provisions inasmuch as the urgency of the task of improving the co-ordination of United Nations activities in the social, economic and related fields, far from diminishing, has increased in view of the need to render the machinery of the organizations in the United Nations
system more efficient and to ensure more rational use of means and resources,

*Having examined* the reports of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the first and second parts of its third session,\(^{73}\) including the recommendations made therein, and the views of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the revision of the mandate of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,\(^ {74}\)

Noting the efforts made by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination with a view to promoting rational compilation and execution of the work programmes of the organizations, agencies and machinery of the United Nations system, as well as improving co-ordination, and eliminating duplication and overlapping in the work of those organs,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the first and second parts of its third session;

\(^ {73}\) E/4670 and Corr.1 and E/4716.

\(^ {74}\) See E/AC.51/GR/22, annex 1.

2. *Invites* the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination when examining the machinery for improving and rationalizing the present and future activities of the United Nations system of organizations, to take into consideration the opinions expressed on that subject at the Council’s forty-seventh session,\(^ {75}\) in order to report to the Council at its resumed forty-seventh session and to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, with a view to strengthening the Council’s co-ordinating role:

3. *Recommends* that the practice of holding joint meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should be pursued;

4. *Decides* to return, at its forty-ninth session, to a detailed examination of the question of devising further measures to strengthen the co-ordinating role of the Council.

_1637th plenary meeting,
8 August 1969._

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**OTHER DECISION**

**Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning activities of the United Nations**

At its 1637th meeting, on 8 August 1969, the Council decided to request the Secretary-General to arrange for copies of the full reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning activities of the United Nations itself to be made available to delegations during the sessions of the General Assembly together with the comments thereon of the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

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**SPECIAL QUESTIONS**

1433 (XLVII). *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

_The Economic and Social Council_

*Takes note with satisfaction* of the report prepared by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees\(^ {76}\) for transmission to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.

_1622nd plenary meeting,
28 July 1969._

1436 (XLVII). *International Education Year*

_The Economic and Social Council_,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2412 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968, by which the Assembly decided to designate 1970 as International Education Year,

*Recalling further* its previous resolution 1355 (XLV) of 2 August 1968, in which it recognized that education in a broad sense is an indispensable factor to the development of human resources and to economic and social development in general, and considered that the proposed International Education Year should go beyond the scope of a celebration and aim at promoting a double effort of reflection and action for educational progress by Governments and the international community at large,

*Having examined* the progress report\(^ {77}\) prepared by the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in compliance with General Assembly resolution 2412 (XXIII),

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the measures being taken by the organizations of the United Nations system in the preparations for International Education Year;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the organizations of the


United Nations system concerned to intensify their coordinated efforts to pursue the objectives of International Education Year, within the context of the over-all strategy for development during the Second United Nations Development Decade by further specifying concrete means to realize these objectives;

3. Considers that International Education Year is above all an occasion for reflection and action by Member States with a view to improving and expanding their educational systems;

4. Urges Governments of Member States to give effect, by taking appropriate action at the national, regional and international level, to the objectives and themes of International Education Year as a contribution to the fulfillment of the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade.

1624th plenary meeting, 31 July 1969.

1445 (XLVII). Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children’s Fund on its session held at Santiago, Chile, in May 1969,78

Recognizing the important role that the Fund is in a position to play in helping to achieve the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade, having regard to the contribution that the present generation of children and young people must make towards the future achievement of the economic, social and cultural progress of the developing countries,

Welcoming the action being taken by the Fund to assist developing countries in implementing their long-term development programmes for meeting the health, nutritional, educational and social welfare needs of the hundreds of millions of children under fifteen years of age in those countries,

Commending, in this connexion, the emphasis that the Fund is placing on the “country approach”, whereby aid is given in accordance with the priorities established by the developing countries concerned,

Approving the intention of the Fund to give increased attention to assisting in the promotion of integrated services for children and young people within the wider field of social and economic development on a comprehensive national or regional scale,

Noting with appreciation the close co-operation existing between the Fund and other organizations of the United Nations system, both at their respective headquarters and in the field, in the planning, implementation and evaluation of programmes and projects,

Believing that the Fund must remain alert and responsive to the emergency needs of children and mothers,

1449 (XLVII). Development of tourism

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Intergovernmental Conference on Tourism, held at Sofia, Bulgaria, from 15 to 28 May 1969, adopted a resolution 79 which contains guidelines for the creation of an intergovernmental tourism organization,

1. Decides to defer further consideration of agenda item 17 (c) (Review of the programmes and activities of the United Nations system of organizations for the development of tourism) to its resumed forty-seventh session and to submit its conclusions thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to study the guidelines contained in the resolution adopted by the Intergovernmental Conference on Tourism, in the light of the debates on the subject and the proposals made at the forty-seventh session of the Council 80 and of his report on the review of the activities and programmes of the United Nations system of organizations for the development of tourism,81 as well as of the report of the Intergovernmental Conference on Tourism 82 and the resolution annexed thereto, and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, through the Council at its resumed forty-seventh session, on the constitutional, organizational and financial implications of the establishment of an intergovernmental tourism organization and on any other effective measures for the development of tourism.

1634th plenary meeting, 7 August 1969.

79 See E/4653/Add.1, annex.
81 E/4653 and Add.1-4.
82 See E/4653/Add.1.

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1460 (XLVII). Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and human rights fields

The Economic and Social Council,

Having regard to General Assembly resolution 2478 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968 on the pattern of conferences,

Considering the future expansion of conference and meeting facilities that will result from the construction of new buildings at Geneva,

Considering also the need to make the most rational and economic use possible, both at Headquarters in New York and at the United Nations Office at Geneva, of the administrative premises and the staff assigned to conference and meeting services,

Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its forty-ninth session a study showing for both Headquarters and the United Nations Office at Geneva:

(a) The respective trends over the past five years in the number and length of conferences and meetings held in the economic and social field and in the field of human rights;

(b) The resulting changes in the number of interpretation, translation and servicing personnel for such conferences;

(c) The estimated cost of recruiting temporary staff of this category, including their subsistence allowance, in New York and at Geneva, and the cost of travel of staff sent temporarily from New York to Geneva to service meetings held at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

1637th plenary meeting,
8 August 1969.

OTHER DECISION

Programmes of international action relating to youth

At its 1636th meeting, on 8 August 1969, the Council decided to take note of the note by the Secretary-General on programmes of international action relating to youth.83


OTHER DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION

Replacement of two Vice-Presidents for 1969

In accordance with rule 23 of its rules of procedure, the Council, at its 1604th meeting, on 15 July 1969, elected Mr. Enrique López Herrarte (Guatemala) as Vice-President to replace Mr. Maximiliano Kestler (Guatemala) who was unable to attend the forty-seventh session, and, at its 1622nd meeting, on 28 July 1969, elected Mr. Mohamed Abdel Maged Ahmed (Sudan) as Vice-President to replace Mr. Fakhreddine Mohamed (Sudan) who was also unable to attend the forty-seventh session.

Measures to improve the organization of the work of the Council

At its 1637th meeting, on 8 August 1969, the Council decided:

(a) That the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities should continue to meet annually;

(b) That, starting in 1971, the Commission for Social Development should meet biennially;

(c) That, starting in 1971, the Commission on the Status of Women should meet biennially;

(d) To request the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East once again to review the possibility of meeting biennially;

(e) To postpone a decision on the frequency of meetings of the Committee for Development Planning, the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development;

(f) To refer to the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination for consideration at their joint meetings, to be held in October 1969, Suggestion No. 2, contained in the working paper prepared by the Secretariat on the work of the Organization, that the joint meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and of the Administrative Committee on Coordination should be held biennially, unless special circumstances require more frequent meetings;84

(g) To discontinue the Interim Committee on Programme of Conferences;

(h) To request the regional economic commissions to reconsider the schedule of meetings of their subsidiary

84 See E/L.1249, para. 18.
bodies with a view to putting them on a biennial basis, and to report to the Council on the results of their review; or, in cases where they have recently conducted such a review, to request them to report to the Council on its results;

(i) That, should any functional or regional economic commission or standing committee be authorized exceptionally to meet annually, it should nevertheless be requested to review, with the assistance of its officers and of the Secretary-General, any resolutions or decisions by which recurrent items or reports have been requested, with a view to determining whether the interval between such items or reports could not be extended or whether some of them could not now be dispensed with;

(j) To request the functional and regional economic commissions to consider ways and means of reducing the volume of their reports to the Council, and to request the Secretary-General to take this into account when preparing draft sections of reports for the consideration of their subsidiary bodies;

(k) That the Report on the World Social Situation should not be put before the Council, but that the Council should have before it a summary of the Report and the conclusions thereon of the Commission for Social Development;

(l) That only the summary and conclusions of the biennial report on the world population situation, requested by the Council in its resolution 1347 (XLV) of 30 July 1968, should be put before the Council and the General Assembly;

(m) That the Secretary-General should no longer include an item on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in the draft basic programme of the Council unless, in any given year, the Executive Director of the Institute or the Council should consider that such a report was required;

(n) That the question of advisory services in the field of human rights should no longer be routinely included as an item in the Council’s agenda, but that the Council should continue to be informed of developments through the reports of the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women unless, in any given year, special circumstances should lead the Council or the Secretary-General to believe that a separate item was required;

(o) To keep to the minimum the number of requests it makes to the Secretary-General to produce progress reports, and that a progress report when requested should normally be issued for the Council’s information only and not be included as an item of the agenda, unless it called for specific action on the part of the Council or, unless the Council decided to include it;

(p) That substantive items should not be included in the agenda for the resumed sessions, except in exceptional circumstances, such as in the case of the report of the Trade and Development Board and those of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund, in view of the dates of the sessions of those bodies;

(q) To group, wherever possible, related items on its agenda in order to avoid repetitive debates, and to recommend to its subsidiary bodies that they do likewise;

(r) To defer consideration of Suggestions Nos. 16 to 19 contained in the working paper prepared by the Secretariat;85

(s) That, with regard to the reports and analytical summaries submitted by the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency:

(i) To dispense with the circulation to members of the Council of the full annual reports of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;

(ii) To request the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to continue to submit analytical summaries of their reports;

(iii) To request the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to review the consistency and the comparability of their analytical summaries so that each provides the Council with similar information;

(iv) To request the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to supply a limited number of their full annual reports for reference purposes during Council meetings;

(v) To request the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, in consultation with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, to review the format of the analytical summaries in order to ensure that they provide the information required by the Council, those summaries to include analyses of the co-ordination problems as well as recommendations for action by the Council;

(vi) To request the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, and other organizations of the United Nations system, to provide the Council with the same type of documentation on co-ordination questions as that which the secretariat of each agency or organization submits to its governing body;

(vii) To request the representatives of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, when introducing their annual analytical summaries to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, to concentrate on questions of programming and co-ordination, as well as giving an indication of their programme priorities;

(t) To request the Secretary-General to study the possibility of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees being submitted only to the General Assembly and not to the Council, and of the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children’s Fund being submitted only to the Council and not to the General Assembly, and to report thereon to the Council at its resumed forty-seventh session;

(a) To postpone consideration of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on documentation86 until the forty-eighth session.

85 Ibid., paras. 35-38.
86 See E/4705 and Add.1.
Calendar of conferences and meetings for 1970 and 1971

At its 1637th meeting, on 8 August 1969, the Council decided to adopt, in principle, the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1970 and the tentative calendar of meetings for 1971 contained in the report of the Coordination Committee, subject to further consideration, if necessary, at its resumed forty-seventh session.

Arrangements regarding the preparation of the report of the Council to the General Assembly

At its 1637th meeting, on 8 August 1969, the Council decided that its report to the General Assembly would be prepared by the President of the Council in consultation with the three Vice-Presidents and the secretariat.
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