

## QUESTIONS OF CO-ORDINATION AND RELATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

A general review of the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole was undertaken at the Economic and Social Council's twenty-fourth session, in mid-1957. The Council also made a special study of the concentration of activities in those fields.

Discussion was for the most part based on a report by the Secretary-General entitled Observations on the Work Programme of the Council and on the Financial Implications of the Council's Actions, on two reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and on the annual reports of the specialized agencies. The reports to the Council from its regional and functional commissions provided further background material for the debate.

In an introductory statement, the Secretary-General commented on the need to ensure that the best use was made of resources in the execution of given assignments and that efforts were concentrated on matters of first priority. While saying that the primary objective remained that of promoting the economic and social development of the under-developed countries, he suggested the possibility that some new emphases should be introduced or new activities initiated where there was a prospect

of particularly productive results. In that connexion, he cited the growing challenge of the needs of Africa and the Middle East.

The fundamental criteria, he said, must be the needs of the under-developed countries and the ability of the United Nations to make a really significant contribution within the limits of the resources available to it. During the past year, certain phases of the work done in three broad fields—transport, natural resources and public administration—had seemed to meet those criteria. In these fields, there were many ways in which the United Nations' assistance might profitably be developed.

With regard to public administration, the Secretary-General said that he had, in response to a request by the Council, submitted specific proposals for the establishment, on an experimental basis, of an international administrative service to help meet the acute shortage of trained administrators in some of the under-developed and particularly in some of the newly independent States (see also above, CHAPTER IV, section on PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE).

The twentieth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) described further practical steps which had been taken to achieve a rational division of functions among

the various organizations and agreement on methods of co-operation in various spheres of activity. The report gave details of the understanding reached on the concept and scope of community development, and the action taken by ACC with regard to co-ordination of activities in the peaceful uses of atomic energy. It described relations between the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the proposed International Atomic Energy Agency, and contained statements on existing activities in that field.

Also discussed by ACC were the conditions of effective concerted action by the United Nations and the specialized agencies with regard to broad programmes of economic and social development. It had formulated a series of conclusions and recommendations, the most important of which envisaged the need for special action to ensure that, before final decisions on a broad programme involving a major new initiative were taken by any one organization, the governing bodies of the others directly concerned should be consulted and given an opportunity of expressing their views.

#### DEVELOPMENT AND CO-ORDINATION OF PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

On 1 August 1957, the Council unanimously adopted three resolutions on the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole.

By one of them (resolution 665 A (XXIV) ), the Council reaffirmed its reliance on ACC to continue to develop and improve arrangements for the fullest consultations between the secretariats concerned in all stages of planning and execution of programmes of common interest. It also recognized the need for establishing regular consultations of the governing bodies of competent organizations in all cases of major programmes calling for the participation of several organizations within the framework of all plans of concerted action. The Council invited ACC: (a) to formulate, for consideration at the Council's twenty-sixth session, in mid-1958, a preliminary list of specific fields of activity requiring concerted action among several organizations; (b) to suggest procedures for the elaboration and execution of plans of

concerted action in such fields, including steps to be taken by the governing bodies of the specialized agencies; and (c) to make proposals about measures to assist the Council in co-ordinating such plans.

By the second resolution (665 B (XXIV) ), the Council took note of a report by the Secretary-General on the detailing of certain social affairs personnel from United Nations Headquarters to regional offices. It also took note of a statement in that report to the effect that the extension of the social action of the United Nations Secretariat to the regions had proved itself and that he had therefore included provision for the units at their current level in his budget estimates for 1958. The Council decided to convey to the General Assembly its approval of the action taken by the Secretary-General in the matter.

By the third resolution (665 C (XXIV) ), the Council recalled the successive steps taken by it since 1950 to ensure the concentration of efforts and resources of the United Nations and the specialized agencies with respect to their programmes in the economic, social and human rights fields and to bring about a maximum return from international outlays for such programmes. Calling the attention of the General Assembly to its continued interest in the matter, the Council expressed the belief that a general survey of the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in those fields and a forecast of the scope and trend of programmes and expenditures during the next five years would contribute to the increased effectiveness of the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, separately and as a whole. They would, it also believed, be of assistance to Governments in formulating policies towards these organizations.

The Council also asked the Secretary-General, in the light of the principles set forth in the annex to its resolution 664 (XXIV) (see below, DOCUMENTARY REFERENCES), to make an appraisal of the scope, trend and cost of the regular United Nations programmes in those fields for the period 1959—1964 for consideration at the Council's twenty-eighth session in mid-1959.

The Council further invited five specialized agencies to consider the most appropriate and practical methods of preparing similar apprais-

als of their own programmes for the same period equally based on the principles contained in the annex to resolution 664 (XXIV). The agencies to which this invitation was addressed were the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

In addition, the Council asked the Secretary-General and invited the executive heads of the specialized agencies concerned to consult together as soon as possible with a view to having such appraisals prepared by the various organizations concerned in comparable form. The Administrative Committee on Co-ordination was asked to present a special report to the Council's twenty-sixth session, in mid-1958, on the preparation of these appraisals, with particular reference to any major problems which might have been encountered. At its mid-1958 session, it was decided, the Council would also consider the arrangements necessary for preparing, on the basis of the appraisals, a consolidated report with conclusions to be submitted together with the appraisals to the Council's thirtieth session, in mid-1960.

#### CONCENTRATION OF ACTIVITIES IN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS FIELDS

In submitting his Observations on the Work Programme of the Council and on the Financial Implications of the Council's Actions, the Secretary-General assumed, in accordance with the Council's wishes, that the concentration and co-ordination of the work of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields should be a continuing process. In that sense, his report (which reviewed the United Nations activities in these fields) was to be regarded as a sequel to the review of the organization and work of the Secretariat in the economic and social fields which he had submitted to the Council in 1954.

The Secretary-General's report was considered in detail in the Council's Co-ordination Committee. It recommended that the Council express its appreciation of the report and affirm its general approval of the views and sugges-

tions set forth in it, subject to further detailed comments made by the Committee in its own report (see annex to resolution 664 (XXIV) quoted in DOCUMENTARY REFERENCES, below).

The Committee also recommended that the Council reaffirm certain general principles—which the Committee enumerated—as guides to future work in the field of co-ordination. It also gave special attention to problems connected with the preparation and distribution of documents and the frequency of meetings, and it made specific comments on the various proposals of the Secretary-General on the work programme of the Council. Finally, the Committee endorsed the Secretary-General's proposals concerning the procedural aspects of the question of financial implications.

On 1 August 1957, the Council, on the recommendation of the Committee, unanimously adopted resolution 664 A (XXIV) dealing with the concentration of United Nations and specialized agency activities in the economic, social and human rights fields. The Council thereby noted with satisfaction the efforts being made by the specialized agencies to improve the co-ordination of their programmes, both within each agency and in relation to the programmes of other agencies. It invited the agencies to continue to provide the Council with information about the co-ordination of their activities and the concentration of their programmes. The Council also invited the agencies to consider the extent to which they might be able to apply the general guiding principles in the field of co-operation and concentration of activities approved by the Council as guides to the future work of the United Nations and its subsidiary organs in the field of co-ordination (see Annex, sub-paragraph 1(c), to resolution 664 (XXIV) in DOCUMENTARY REFERENCES, below).

In another resolution, 664 B (XXIV), also unanimously adopted on 1 August 1957, the Council asked the Secretary-General to submit a further report to its twenty-sixth session, in mid-1958, on the lines of his Observations on the Work Programme of the Council and on the Financial Implications of the Council's Actions.

By yet another resolution (665 D (XXIV)), adopted on 2 August 1957, the Council approved the reports of its Co-ordination Committee and the recommendations contained in them

with the exception of one about the frequency of sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women (see Annex, paragraph 3(e), to resolution 664 (XXIV) in DOCUMENTARY REFERENCES, below). The Council decided not, for the present,

to change the frequency of the sessions of these Commissions, but rather to seek their views on the Committee's recommendation that they should in future meet every two years instead of every year. (See also above, CHAPTERS ix, x.)

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## A

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Having considered the twentieth and twenty-first reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and, in particular, paragraphs 27 to 31 of the twentieth report dealing with conditions of effective concerted action, and the corresponding sections of reports of specialized agencies,

"1. Reaffirms its reliance on the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, under the leadership of the Secretary-General, to continue to develop and improve arrangements for the fullest consultations between the secretariats in all stages of planning and execution of programmes of common interest;

"2. Recognizes the need for establishing, on a regular basis, consultations of the governing bodies of competent organizations in all cases of major

programmes calling for the participation of several organizations within the framework of a plan of concerted action;

"3. Invites the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in the light of the opinions expressed in the Council and of the positions taken by the governing bodies of the specialized agencies, to formulate for the consideration of the Council at its twenty-sixth session:

"(a) A preliminary list of specific fields of activity requiring concerted action among several organizations;

"(b) Suggested procedures for the elaboration and execution of plans of concerted action in such fields, including steps to be taken by the governing bodies of the specialized agencies;

"(c) Proposals concerning measures which might be taken to assist the Council in the exercise of its role of co-ordination as regards such plans."

#### B

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Taking note of the report by the Secretary-General on the detailing of certain Headquarters social affairs personnel to regional offices, prepared in accordance with its resolution 630 B (XXII) of 9 August 1956 to enable the Council to transmit its views on this experiment to the General Assembly,

"Taking note of the statement in paragraph 6 of the report that the Secretary-General believes that this extension of the social action of the United Nations Secretariat to the regions has proved itself, and that he has therefore included provision for the units, at their present level, in his budget estimates for 1958,

"Decides to convey to the General Assembly its approval of the above-mentioned action taken by the Secretary-General in this matter."

#### C

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Noting General Assembly resolution 1094 (XI) of 27 February 1957,

"Having considered, as requested in that resolution, paragraphs 6 and 7 of the thirty-seventh report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

"Recalling the successive steps taken by it year by year since 1950 to ensure the concentration of efforts and resources of the United Nations and the specialized agencies with respect to their programmes in the economic, social and human rights fields, and to bring about a maximum return from international outlays for such programmes,

"1. Calls the attention of the General Assembly to the Council's continued interest in co-ordination, concentration and the orderly development of programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the economic, social and human rights fields, and to its intensified efforts to achieve these ends;

"2. Expresses its belief that a general survey of the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the economic, social and human rights fields, and a forecast of the scope and trend of programmes and expenditures during the next five years, would contribute to the increased effectiveness

of the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in these fields, separately and as a whole, and be of assistance to Governments in formulating policies towards these organizations;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General, in the light of the principles set forth in the annex to its resolution 664 (XXIV) of 1 August 1957, to make an appraisal of the scope, trend and cost of the regular United Nations programmes in these fields for the period 1959-1964 for consideration by the Council at its twenty-eighth session;

"4. Invites the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, and the World Meteorological Organization, to consider the most appropriate and practical methods of preparing similar appraisals of their own programmes for the same period, equally based on the principles contained in the annex;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General and invites the executive heads of the specialized agencies concerned to consult together, as soon as possible, with a view to the preparation by the various organizations concerned of the appraisals referred to above in comparable form;

"6. Requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to present to the Council at its twenty-sixth session a special report regarding the preparation of these appraisals, with particular reference to any major problems that may have been encountered;

"7. Decides to consider at its twenty-sixth session the arrangements necessary for preparing on the basis of the above-mentioned appraisals a consolidated report with conclusions, to be submitted together with the appraisals to the Council at its thirtieth session."

#### CONCENTRATION OF ACTIVITIES IN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS FIELDS

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E/AC.24/L.125. Suggestions regarding work of Co-ordination Committee in pursuance of paragraph 9 of Council resolution 630 A I (XXII). Note by Secretary-General.

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E/3024/Rev.1, and Rev.1/Add.1. Report of Co-ordination Committee, Parts I and II.

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E/AC.24/L.131. United Kingdom draft resolution, adopted unanimously by Co-ordination Committee.

E/3034 and Add.1. Report of Co-ordination Committee, reproducing as Part A of the Annex, documents E/3024/Rev.1, and E/3024/Rev.1/Add.1, and containing two draft resolutions.

RESOLUTION 664 A and B (XXIV), as recommended by Co-ordination Committee, E/3034 and Add.I, adopted unanimously by Council on 1 August 1957, meeting 995.

## A

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Having considered the reports of the specialized agencies presented to the Council, and in particular those sections included in response to paragraph 8 of Council resolution 630 A I (XXII) of 9 August 1956 concerning the co-ordination and concentration of their activities,

"1. Notes with satisfaction the efforts being made by the specialized agencies to improve the co-ordination of their programmes, both within each agency and in relation to the programmes of other agencies;

"2. Invites the specialized agencies:

"(a) To continue to provide information in their annual reports concerning the co-ordination of activities, both within each agency and between the specialized agencies and other international organizations where appropriate;

"(b) To include in their reports in 1958 passages dealing specifically with the further concentration of their programmes in the light of the discussions which have taken place in the Council, and to cite examples of concentration achieved during the preceding year;

"(c) To consider the extent to which they may be able to apply the general guiding principles in the field of co-operation and concentration of activities, as contained in sub-paragraph 1 (c) of the annex to the report of the Co-ordination Committee and approved by the Council at its twenty-fourth session as guides to the future work of the United Nations and its subsidiary organs in the field of co-ordination."

## B

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Having noted with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General entitled 'Observations on the Work Programme of the Council and on the Financial Implications of the Council's Actions',

"Having noted also the proposal of the Secretary-General to prepare a further report on similar lines including the subjects not covered in the above-mentioned report,

"Bearing in mind that the further measures contemplated by the Council on concentration and co-ordination will require appropriate preparatory work by the Council,

"1. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a further report as proposed, for consideration by the Council at its twenty-sixth session;

"2. Decides that its Co-ordination Committee shall meet one week before the opening of its twenty-sixth session."

## ANNEX

Text of Annex to Report of Co-ordination Committee (E/3034, annex) on Concentration of Activities of United Nations and Specialized Agencies in Economic, Social and Human Rights Fields

## A

## INTRODUCTION

"1. As a result of its consideration of the observa-

tions made by the Secretary-General in the introduction to his report, the Committee recommends that the Council:

"(a) Express its appreciation of the work of the Secretary-General in the preparation of his report;

"(b) Affirm its general approval of the views and suggestions set forth therein subject to the further detailed comments of the Committee contained in the present report;

"(c) Re-affirm the following general principles as guides to future work in the field of co-ordination:

"(i) All efforts to achieve greater effectiveness in the work of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields should be regarded as a continuing process and to this end programmes of work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies should continue to be reviewed at periodic intervals by the Council on the basis of reports submitted by the Secretary-General;

"(ii) The promotion of economic and social development of under-developed countries should continue to be the overriding objective of all activities in this field as established by the Council at its fourteenth session;

"(iii) The achievement of optimum results, within the limits of whatever resources may be available at any given time, can best be assured by concentration of efforts on a limited number of major areas of activity, by giving preference to those projects which promise practical results, by grouping together and interrelating, where appropriate, individual items of demonstrable urgency or importance, or by eliminating or deferring projects of relatively low priority;

"(iv) Continued attention should be paid to the closer co-ordination of the economic and social aspects of international development work, to the elimination of unrelated and isolated activities which are not of demonstrable urgency or practical value, and to the most effective co-ordination of the work of the Secretariat at Headquarters and in the regional economic commissions.

"2. The Committee devoted special attention to the problems connected with the preparation and distribution of documents and frequency of meetings. In its view, adequate preparation of meetings and the distribution of documents in good time are indispensable prerequisites if the discussions are to contribute to the best results. Moreover, the work of the Secretariat can be most fruitful if it is concentrated on a relatively limited number of tasks of major importance, which will also ensure a more effective participation of Governments in the work of the United Nations.

"3. With these considerations in mind, the Committee further recommends that the Council:

"(a) Impress on its subsidiary bodies the desirability of limiting their requests for reports to matters of major importance;

"(b) Request the regional and functional commissions, whenever they deem it appropriate, to leave to the Secretary-General decisions on the timing of reports requested by them;

"(c) Request the Secretary-General to present re-

ports in the briefest and most concise form compatible with the thorough treatment of the subjects under consideration, and to ensure that such reports are distributed in all the working languages as punctually as possible and in accordance with the applicable rules of procedure;

"(d) Request the regional commissions and functional commissions, with a view to obtaining the best possible results, to keep under constant review their calendars of conferences and meetings, particularly those of working parties, ad hoc bodies, and subsidiary organs, with the aim of reducing, whenever possible, the number and the length of these meetings;

"(e) Establish the principle that the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women should in future, in line with the practice of other functional commissions, meet biennially, and request them not later than in the course of their sessions in 1959 to arrange their work programmes accordingly.

#### I. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

"4. The Committee noted the great importance attached by many Governments to the reports on the world social situation and the desire expressed in many quarters that they be produced as frequently as practicable. Recognizing the difficulties in producing these reports at very frequent intervals, the Committee concurred in the solution, proposed by the Social Commission and accepted by the Secretary-General in the addendum to his report, concerning the publication of a series of reports on various social questions in 1959, 1961 and 1963. It was understood that the 1959 International Survey of Programmes of Social Development would cover international as well as national measures. While the detailed arrangements for the preparation of the report called for in 1961 have yet to be worked out, it was understood that Part I of the 1961 report would consist essentially of a brief survey of trends and would be closely related to the subject of Part II, the study of balanced economic and social developments. The next full report on the world social situation would be scheduled for 1963.

"5. With regard to housing, building and planning, the Committee agreed that the Council should request the Social Commission to concentrate its efforts in this field on work relating to the social aspects of housing, including efforts to mobilize self-help in improving both rural and urban housing.

"6. The Committee also concurred in the desirability of encouraging exchanges of information on housing research, building techniques and related matters between the various regional economic commissions.

#### II. ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS

"7. The Committee endorses the proposals made by the Secretary-General in this section of his report and recommends that the Council decide:

"(a) That the 1955 Yearbook on Human Rights be issued without a separate section on arbitrary

arrest, detention and exile, and that the inclusion of a section in the Yearbook on a specific project be not initiated until the Commission on Human Rights has completed its review of the scope and content of the Yearbook;

"(b) That with regard to the programme of studies of discrimination on which the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities is engaged, the country reports utilized in the preparation of these studies be not normally issued as documents;

"(c) That the Commission on the Status of Women be requested to continue the efforts which it has already commenced to: (i) space out the reports called for by its continuing projects and (ii) reduce the number of its ad hoc projects;

"(d) That the programme on advisory services in the field of human rights provide the possibility of holding seminars to be arranged on a regional rather than on a world-wide basis and that the topics discussed in the seminars should relate to selected aspects of the work programmes of the commission concerned. The use of working parties in the preparation of such seminars is acceptable although it may not be necessary to utilize this technique for every session.

"8. As regards the questionnaire drawn up by the Commission on the Status of Women as part of the ad hoc project on the occupational outlook for women, the Committee, while not competent to deal with the substance of the proposed questionnaire, notes the concern of the Secretary-General regarding its broad and diffuse scope and recommends that this aspect of the problem be given further consideration by the Council or its appropriate substantive committee.

#### III. ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

"9. With reference to section III of the Secretary-General's report relating to economic activities, the Committee endorses in general the proposals and suggestions made therein, as supplemented by the additional observations made by the Secretary-General in the course of the debate. The only matter which the Committee considers it necessary to bring to the special attention of the Council concerns the frequency of meetings of the Commission on International Commodity Trade. Here, the Committee notes that the Commission itself has already decided to meet annually, instead of at intervals of six months. After considering the views expressed by the various representatives, the Committee agreed that, for the present at least, the Commission should meet once a year.

#### IV. REGIONAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

"10. The Committee has noted with satisfaction the efforts made by each of the Regional Economic Commissions for Europe, Latin America, and Asia and the Far East, to co-ordinate its activities and to streamline its work programme in accordance with Council resolution 630 A I (XXII) of 9 August 1956.

"11. The Committee notes the helpful proposals made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe as contained in the Secretary-

General's report, and the criteria proposed by the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, and the Economic Commission for Latin America for application to the work of their respective Commissions.

"12. The Committee wishes to draw to the Council's attention the desirability of encouraging exchanges of information and experience between the secretariats of the regional commissions on matters of mutual interest.

"13. The Committee devoted a considerable portion of its time during the debate on Section IV of the Secretary-General's report to the three following matters:

"(a) The relationship between the work of the regional economic commissions and the work done under the Technical Assistance Programme;

"(b) The balance between projects which are primarily in the economic field and those which are technological in character;

"(c) The relationship between the work of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations programmes in the social field.

"14. The Committee came to no final or agreed conclusions with regard to these matters, partly because the nature of the documentation available at this session of the Council did not make it possible to enter into a detailed consideration of the problems involved under these headings. The Committee considers that these questions should be the subject of further study at a subsequent session of the Council, and to this end recommends that the Council request the Secretary-General to study and report upon these questions at an appropriate session of the Council.

#### V. FINAL IMPLICATIONS OF ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

"15. The Committee endorses the proposals made by the Secretary-General in Section V of his report and approves his suggestion to present to the Council at the beginning of each summer session a statement showing:

"(a) The financial implications related to decisions taken at the Council's spring session;

"(b) Full particulars, on a provisional basis, of the financial implications related to decisions to be taken on documentation before the Council for the summer session;

"(c) Where appropriate, the extent to which, by the exercise of discretion in the timing of projects, the Secretary-General would expect to undertake the additional work within existing resources.

"16. The Committee considers that the proposals made by the Secretary-General with respect to the summer session should also be made applicable, where possible, to the work of the spring session of the Council.

#### B

"17. The Committee gave consideration to those sections of the reports of the specialized agencies which were included in response to paragraph 8 of Council resolution 630 A I (XXII) of 9 August 1956 concerning the co-ordination and concentration of their activities.

"18. While noting with satisfaction the efforts

being made by the specialized agencies to improve the co-ordination of their programmes both within each agency and in relation to programmes of other agencies, the Committee will welcome more comprehensive information on the subject of concentration of activities undertaken by the specialized agencies to be included in their reports to the twenty-sixth session of the Council.

"19. In the light of the discussion in the Committee, the Committee recommends that the Council should approve the following resolution:— [see resolution 664 A (XXIV)]."

E/L.770 and Corr.1. Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, Finland, Greece, Mexico, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States draft resolution.

E/L.772. Pakistan amendment to 10-power joint draft resolution, E/L.770 and Corr.1 and text of draft resolution.

RESOLUTION 665D(XXIV), as submitted by Pakistan, E/L.772, and as amended by Council, adopted by Council on 2 August 1957, meeting 996, by 8 votes to 0, with 9 abstentions.

"The Economic and Social Council,

#### I

"Having considered the reports of the Co-ordination Committee,

"Approves the reports and the recommendations contained therein, with the exception of the recommendation contained in sub-paragraph 3(e) of the annex to resolution 664(XXIV) of 1 August 1957 relating to the periodicity of meetings of the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women;

#### II

"Recalling its resolution 652 J (XXIV) of 24 July 1957 concerning the periodicity of the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women,

"1. Invites the Commission on Human Rights to express its views on the recommendation of the Co-ordination Committee that the Council establish the principle that the Commission on Human Rights should in future meet biennially;

"2. Decides not to modify for the present the periodicity of the sessions of the Commission on Human Rights."

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF ACTIONS OF COUNCIL

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL—23RD AND 24TH SESSIONS

Plenary Meetings 971, 995.

Co-ordination Committee, meeting 166.

E/2991. Note by Secretary-General.

E/3018/Rev.1. Statement submitted by Secretary-General.

E/3033; E/3044 and Corr.1. Notes by Secretary-General.

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RESOLUTION 666 (XXIV), as recommended by Co-ordination Committee, E/3045, and as orally amended by United Kingdom, adopted unanimously by Council on 1 August 1957, meeting 995.

"The Economic and Social Council

"1. Takes note of the statement on financial implications of actions of the Council,

"2. Transmits the estimates contained therein, together with the report of the Co-ordination Committee and the summary records containing the views expressed in the debate on this question to the General Assembly for consideration at its twelfth session."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY—12TH SESSION  
Plenary Meeting 730.

Fifth Committee, meeting 645.

A/3613. Report of Economic and Social Council to General Assembly, Chapter X.

A/C.5/710 and Corr.1; A/3769. Revised estimates for sections 6, 7, 8 and 13 of Budget Estimates for 1958 (A/3600). Reports of Secretary-General and of Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

A/3792. Report of Fifth Committee.

RESOLUTION 1220(XII), taking note of Chapter X of the Economic and Social Council's report, as recommended by Fifth Committee, A/3792, adopted unanimously by Assembly on 14 December 1957, meeting 730.