



Seventeenth session

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF DISARMAMENT

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In resolution 1516 (XV) of 15 December 1960, the General Assembly, recognizing that effective action at the national and international levels would be needed to make use of material and human resources becoming available as a consequence of disarmament, requested the Secretary-General to examine certain specific problems in this area with the assistance of expert consultants. It also appealed to the Governments of Member States to give the Secretary-General full co-operation in fulfilling this task. It requested him to submit a preliminary report on the results of the examination to the Economic and Social Council and asked the Council to transmit that report, with its observations, to the Assembly at its present session.
2. The report of the Secretary-General transmitting the study of the group of expert consultants, prepared in pursuance of resolution 1516 (XV), will be found in document E/3593/Rev.1. Information furnished by governments, received in response to a note circulated by the Secretary-General on 22 September 1961, as well as communications from international organizations, will be found in documents E/3593/Add.1-5.
3. A summary of the Economic and Social Council's discussions on the economic and social consequences of disarmament will be found in chapter II of its annual report to the General Assembly.^{1/} The Council concluded its work on this subject by the unanimous adoption of resolution 891 (XXXIV).

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventeenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/5203).