

in the final report of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,⁵³

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide adequate and effective secretarial assistance to the reconstituted Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and keep it informed of relevant developments within the United Nations system of organizations;

8. *Notes in particular* the recommendation of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination concerning the use of computers in the United Nations system of organizations⁵⁴ and requests the Secretary-General to submit, in 1971, the report suggested in paragraph 40 of the final report of the Enlarged Committee;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the specialized agencies and other bodies in the United Nations system, to include as part of the report to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-ninth session, as requested in its resolution 1454 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969, an examination of the existing Secretariat machinery for providing scientific and technical advice in the United Nations system and to prepare recommendations for its reorganization in a way which will enable it to contribute most effectively to the selection of priorities and to the planning and programming of United Nations activities designed to meet the growing and changing needs of the United Nations system, of the international community and of Member States;

10. *Welcomes* the practice recently initiated by the Secretary-General of holding top-echelon meetings of staff concerned with economic and social affairs within the United Nations, including the regional economic commissions and the semi-autonomous organs, and urges the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination any matters discussed in these meetings which may be of interest to it;

11. *Welcomes* the practice of joint meetings between the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and urges that these meetings should be continued, bearing in mind that they have proved their value in facilitating understanding and co-operation among those dealing with interagency issues at the intergovernmental and executive levels, respectively;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to bring to the attention of all organizations in the United Nations system the recommendation of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination for strengthening the present arrangements for co-ordination by the adoption of more effective procedures for prior consultations on work programmes;⁵⁵

13. *Notes* the recommendation of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on co-ordination at the national level⁵⁶ and requests the Secretary-General to draw to the attention of the members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination the recommendation contained in paragraph 80 of the final report of the Enlarged Committee;

14. *Notes with interest* the other matters considered by the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in its final report⁵⁷ and agrees that these proposals should be reviewed by the reconstituted Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

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15 December 1969.

2580 (XXIV). Co-ordination of marine activities

The General Assembly,

Having considered the final report of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,⁵⁸

Noting that the Enlarged Committee was unable in the time available to give thorough consideration to a proposal for more systematic co-ordination of continuing activities of the organizations in the United Nations system relating to the seas and oceans,

Aware of the complexity of the co-ordination of existing international activities with regard to marine science and its applications, and that the field of marine science is only one aspect of the existing activities of the organizations in the United Nations system relating to the seas and oceans,

Noting that use by States of the marine environment is rapidly becoming intensified and diversified,

Noting with appreciation the work done in this field by the organizations in the United Nations system,

Concerned that present international machinery may not permit a prompt, effective and flexible response to existing and emerging needs of Member States,

Recognizing that, in order to avoid the overlapping and duplication of programmes and gaps in competence, a full review of the existing activities of the organizations in the United Nations system relating to the seas and oceans may be urgently required,

1. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, at its organizational meetings in January 1970, to consider instructing the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, after reconstitution, to examine the need for a comprehensive review of existing activities of the United Nations system relating to the seas and oceans in the light of present and emerging needs of Member States, with a view to making the Committee's recommendations available to the Council at its forty-ninth session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to assist the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in the fulfilment of this task;

3. *Invites* the specialized agencies and the intergovernmental bodies concerned to extend their full co-operation and assistance to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

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2581 (XXIV). United Nations Conference on the Human Environment

The General Assembly,

In pursuance of its decision in resolution 2398 (XXIII) of 3 December 1968 to convene in 1972 a

⁵³ *Ibid.*, document E/4748/Rev.1, paras. 27 and 28.

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, document E/4748/Rev.1, chapter III, recommendation B.

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, recommendation E.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, recommendation F.

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, document E/4748/Rev.1, chapter IV.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, document E/4748/Rev.1.