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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORT OF THE JOINT SECOND AND THIRD COMMITTEE AND THE FIFTH COMMITTEE, MEETING JOINTLY

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533 (VI). Co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: concentration of effort and resources

A

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the need for unremitting efforts by the United Nations and the specialized agencies to ensure that the international resources devoted to economic and social work should be concentrated on tasks of primary importance,

Cognizant of the scope and urgency of the task of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in promoting higher standards of living and conditions of economic and social progress and development,

1. *Notes* the action taken by the Economic and Social Council at its twelfth and thirteenth sessions, by its regional and functional commissions and by the specialized agencies, to implement General Assembly resolution 413 (V) of 1 December 1950, in particular by reviewing their 1952 programmes, using the criteria recommended by the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Expresses the hope* that further development by the Council of procedures adopted in the current year may increase the efficiency of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, through measures of economy and concentration of effort;

3. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the relevant sections of the report¹ of the Economic and Social Council for 1951 dealing with "concentration of effort and resources" and the reports² of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions dealing with the administrative budgets of the specialized agencies;

4. *Invites* the attention of the Secretary-General, of the Economic and Social Council and of the special-

ized agencies to these reports as well as to the views expressed by Members during the sixth session of the General Assembly.

*373rd plenary meeting,
4 February 1952.*

B

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 413 (V) of 1 December 1950 in which it requested the Economic and Social Council to indicate, when new projects are adopted, which current projects may be deferred, modified or eliminated to ensure that the economic and social work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies will be carried on most effectively,

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council in resolution 402 B (XIII) of 17 September 1951 decided to place on the provisional agenda of its fifteenth session an item entitled "Adoption of United Nations priority programmes in the economic and social fields",

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with due regard to normal financial procedures, to continue to assist the Economic and Social Council to discharge its obligations under General Assembly resolution 413 (V) and Council resolution 402 B (XIII) by making to the Council and to its functional and regional commissions suitable suggestions as regards priorities and the co-ordination of programmes;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when presenting estimates of the financial implications of a project in accordance with rule 33 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, to give an estimate of the time required to complete the project;

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council and its functional and regional commissions, in considering the implementation of General Assembly resolution 413 (V), to focus attention upon the results achieved in relation to expenditure for economic and social activities and to indicate the duration of its authorization of each project so as to ensure that no short-term activity becomes a continuing or permanent activity without a thorough examination of the size, efficiency and other relevant factors of the service concerned;

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 3.*

² *Ibid.*, *Annexes*, agenda item 28, documents A/1956 and A/1971.

4. *Commends* to the consideration of the specialized agencies, so far as their constitutional processes will permit, the adoption of similar procedures.

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C

The General Assembly,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 402 B (XIII) of 17 September 1951 concerning the concentration of effort and resources of the United Nations in the economic and social fields,

Recognizing that the formulation of policy and the financial and budgetary processes must be closely co-ordinated if effective concentration of effort and resources is to be achieved,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare as an annex to his annual budget estimates an analysis, by fields of activity and by budget sections, of the estimated cost during that year of the economic and social activities of the United Nations; and to circulate this analysis to the Economic and Social Council at the beginning of its regular session immediately preceding the next regular session of the General Assembly;

2. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to review its procedures for examining the relative priorities and financial implications of new projects under consideration, in such a way that the Council may consider such projects not only in their substance but also in their relationship to existing activities in the field concerned, thereby promoting establishment of a balanced and realistic work programme for the future and facilitating subsequent consideration by the General Assembly of the related budgetary appropriations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as soon as possible after the regular session of the Economic and Social Council immediately preceding the next regular session of the General Assembly, to submit to that session of the General Assembly such supplementary information relating to the decisions of the Council and

to the priorities which it may have established as will facilitate consideration by the General Assembly of the related budgetary appropriations;

4. *Recommends* that the General Assembly defer consideration of the sections of the budget estimates relating to economic and social activities until the supplementary information concerning the decisions of the Economic and Social Council has been submitted to it and reported upon by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

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534 (VI). Co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: programme of conferences at Headquarters and Geneva

The General Assembly,

Mindful of its co-ordinating responsibilities set forth in Articles 58, 60 and 63 of the Charter,

Having received with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination of services in Geneva,³

Having noted in particular the importance of fixing a basic pattern of United Nations conference activity in Geneva which would lead to the most effective utilization of the available facilities at Geneva and Headquarters and, possibly, to saving on the total expenditure of the United Nations and the specialized agencies,

Requests the Secretary-General, after consultation with the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the principal organs of the United Nations concerned, to prepare such an annual conference pattern for submission to the next regular session of the General Assembly.

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4 February 1952.*

³ See *Ibid.*, Sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 28, document A/C.2&3/103-A/C.5/460.