

**1893 (LVII). Meetings of working groups of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the Agreement establishing the Intersecretariat Committee on Scientific Programmes relating to Oceanography,

*Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to provide facilities, including interpretation and documentation services, for meetings of working groups of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission to be held on United Nations premises in New York or Geneva, provided that no separate budgetary allocations are required and that meetings are scheduled taking into account the over-all calendar of conferences.

*1919th plenary meeting  
1 August 1974*

**1894 (LVII). Rationalization of the work of the Council**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting with concern* the large volume of documentation submitted for its fifty-seventh session and for recent sessions of its functional commissions and subsidiary bodies,

*Referring* to its resolution 1623 (LI) of 30 July 1971 entitled "Organization of the work of the Council",

1. *Reiterates* its request that the Secretary-General should ensure that the guidelines set out in paragraph 8 of its resolution 1623 (LI) are observed in reports submitted to the Council and its functional commissions and subsidiary bodies, and particularly that reports are action-oriented and concise;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when preparing the basic programme of work of the Council for the year in pursuance of Council resolution 1807 (LV) of 8 August 1973 entitled "Basic programme of work and agenda", to indicate in respect of each agenda item the documents to be submitted under that item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Council to consider the documents from the point of view of their contribution to the work of the Council, and of their urgency and relevance in the light of the current situation;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit at each session of a functional commission or subsidiary body of the Council, a draft provisional agenda for its following session, together with the information corresponding to that called for in paragraph 2 above in respect of the documentation of the Council, with a view to enabling the functional commission or subsidiary body concerned to consider its documentation in like manner;

4. *Decides* to consider no report exceeding 32 pages, with the exception of the *World Economic Survey* and the *Report on the World Social Situation*, unless the Council

authorizes that the application of the guidelines cited in paragraph 1 above may be waived.

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**1906 (LVII). Review of the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, and General Assembly resolution 3172 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973,

*Noting* that not all the documents concerning the review of agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency were circulated in time in all working languages of the Council,

*Affirming* that important developments and profound changes have taken place since the conclusion of the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and that those agreements should therefore now be reviewed,

*Recognizing* the need for a thorough review of the entire United Nations system, with a view to strengthening the coherence of the system and making it a more flexible and effective instrument of world economic and social co-operation and of co-operation in the human rights field, taking into account in particular the New International Economic Order, as embodied in the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, and the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Decides* to refer the descriptive and analytical report of the Secretary-General on the past and present relationship between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency<sup>90</sup> and the views on this matter of the executive heads of the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade<sup>91</sup> to an inter-sessional meeting of the Policy and Programme Co-ordination Committee, to be convened in New York as soon as possible, but not later than the end of February 1975, for three weeks, with instructions:

(a) To review in a thorough manner the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and to recommend to the Council such modifications and additional provisions as may be necessary in the existing agreements, in view of the important developments and

<sup>90</sup> E/5524 and Add.1-5.

<sup>91</sup> E/5476/Add.1-3, E.5476/Add.3/Corr.1, E/5476/Add.4-13.