# **ARTICLE 13 (1) (b) and (2)**

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#### TEXT OF ARTICLE 13 (1) (b) and (2)

1. The General Assembly shall initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of:

. . . . . .

- b. promoting international cooperation in the economic, social, cultural, educational, and health fields, and assisting in the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion.
- 2. The further responsibilities, functions, and powers of the General Assembly with respect to matters mentioned in paragraph 1 (b) above are set forth in Chapters IX and X.

#### INTRODUCTORY NOTE

- 1. The arrangement of this study pertaining to the practice of the General Assembly in the application of Article 13 (1) (b) and (2) corresponds with that in the previous Repertory studies of this Article, and the material is presented under the same general headings.
- 2, As in the case of previous Repertory studies, in the present Supplement the studies under the Articles of Chapters IX and X of the Charter deal with the responsibilities, functions and powers of the General Assembly with respect to matters mentioned in Article 13 (1) (b) which, as stated in Article 13 (2), are set forth in Chapters IX and X.

- 3. There is a close parallel between Article 13 (1) (b) and Article 55. As in the past, the study of Article 55 in this <u>Supplement</u> covers the substance of the question of international co-operation in the fields of economic and social activity and of human rights, whereas this study of Article 13 (1) (b) is limited to the range and types of action taken by the General Assembly in the exercise of its functions in initiating studies and making recommendations in these fields.
- 4. The other principal questions dealt with in the studies of the Articles of Chapters IX and X are as follows:
  - Articles 6c and 66 (1) and (2): The relative responsibilities of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in the discharge of the functions of the United Nations as set forth in Chapter IX;
  - Article 61: The election by the General Assembly of members of the Economic and Social Council;
  - Article 62 (3): The preparation of conventions for submission to the General Assembly;
  - Article 66 (2): The performance of services;
  - Article 59: The creation of new specialized agencies;
  - Articles 57 and 63 (1): The establishment of relationships with specialized agencies; and
  - Articles 58 and 63 (2): The co-ordination of the activities of specialized agencies.
- 5. Article 13 was referred to in the discussions of the General Assembly on several occasions. Thus, it was stated 1/ that, under several specified Articles of the Charter, among them Article 13, the General Assembly had considered, studied and made recommendations concerning the question of racial relations in the Union of South Africa and was competent to deal with that question again; it could make recommendations concerning human rights; under Article 13, specifically, it could study and make recommendations concerning the question of race relations and apartheid, and it could do so because this matter concerned relations between States; Articles 13 and 14 jointly gave the General Assembly special competence to discuss questions relating to human rights and fundamental freedoms.

#### SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

- A. Studies initiated by the General Assembly
- 6. Studies initiated by the General Assembly under Article 13 (1) (b) at the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth sessions and the first, second and third emergency special sessions are reviewed in the present study. They are listed in the annex under the following headings:
  - I. Studies requested from the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary organs;
  - II. Studies requested from the Secretary-General;
  - III. Studies requested from other bodies and individual specialized agencies; and
  - IV. Studies requested from several bodies jointly.

In each case, the listing in the annex includes the number, the title and the pertinent provision of the resolution.

1/ G A (XII), Spec. Pol. Com., 53rd mtg., paras. 39 and 42; 57th mtg., para. 11; 63rd mtg., para. 2; G A (XIII), Spec. Pol. Com., 87th mtg., para. 22; 88th mtg., para. 22; 92nd mtg., para. 29; 123rd mtg., para. 2.

## B. Recommendations of the General Assembly

7. Of the more than 300 resolutions adopted by the General Assembly during the period covered by this Supplement, 79 included recommendations which constituted an application of Article 13 (1) (b) since they dealt with the promotion of international co-operation in economic, social and related fields or with assistance in the promotion of human rights or fundamental freedoms.

#### Terminology

- 8. As in the past, there was no consistent pattern in the terminology of the resolutions; such words as "invites", "requests", "urges", "calls upon" predominated, but other expressions, such as "recommends", "looks forward with interest", "draws attention", "appeals", were also employed in operative paragraphs. The expression "solemnly calls upon" was used in General Assembly resolution 1248 (XIII).
- 9. During the period covered by this <u>Supplement</u>, there were several occasions when suggestions, changes and discussions took place in the General Assembly concerning the use of one particular expression in preference to another. Thus in clauses addressed to Member States the word "requests" was replaced 2/ by "invites" in a draft resolution on international economic co-operation. In another instance, a proposal was made 3/ to change "recommends" to "requests" in one clause addressed to the Economic and Social Council, since, it was stated, the General Assembly was a higher organ than the Council. The word was changed to "invites" in the resolution finally adopted. 4/ Similarly, in another instance, "requests" was amended 5/ to read "invites" in a clause of a draft resolution 6/ of the General Assembly addressed to the Council.
- 10. During consideration of a draft resolution on land-locked countries and the expansion of international trade, one representative, without giving reasons, suggested 7/ that the word "urges" should be replaced by the word "invites" in a clause addressed to Member States, on the subject of giving full recognition to the needs of land-locked Member States in the matter of transit trade; and the change was made. 8/ A resolution on the formulation of social policies related to economic development 9/ contained a clause addressed to the Economic and Social Council concerning the consideration of social programmes and policies designed to achieve specified objectives. In the discussion in the Third Committee, a vote was taken on changing "calls upon" in the draft to "requests". The view was expressed 10/ in this connexion that "requests" was more courteous than "calls upon". In another case, the expression "invites the World Health Organization to organize" an International

<sup>2/</sup> G A (XIII), 2nd Com., 564th mtg., para. 19; 565th mtg., paras. 1 and 2; 566th mtg., para. 34. The draft resolution was adopted as G A resolution 1316 (XIII).

<sup>3/</sup> G A (XIII), 2nd Com., 569th mtg., para. 10; the reference was to operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution.

<sup>4/</sup> G A resolution 1322 (XIII); in operative paragraph 3, however, the term "requests" remained unchanged.

<sup>5/</sup> G A (XIII), 2nd Com., 572nd mtg., paras. 8, 25 and 26.

<sup>6/</sup> A/C.2/L.397/Rev.1 (mimeographed). The resolution was adopted as G A resolution 1320 (XIII).

<sup>7/</sup> G A (XI), 2nd Com., 444th mtg., para. 28.

<sup>8/</sup> Ibid., 445th mtg., para. 8. G A resolution 1028 (XI); following this change, another country co-sponsored the draft resolution.

<sup>9/</sup> G A resolution 1258 (XIII).

<sup>10/</sup> G A (XIII), 3rd Com., 844th mtg., paras. 13, 58 and 59.

Health and Medical Research Year was replaced, 11/ after discussion, with the words "invites the World Health Organization to consider ... the recommendation to organize". It was thought 12/ by some that the former amounted to an injunction, and that the latter was more courteous.

#### Addressees

ll. Most of the recommendations of the General Assembly under this Article during the period under review were addressed to States, Governments, subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Secretary-General; the practice did not differ significantly from that of previous years. 13/ Recommendations directly or indirectly addressed to the specialized agencies also included the International Atomic Energy Agency on several occasions. 14/

#### Subjects dealt with in the recommendations

12. Recommendations made by the General Assembly during this period dealt with subjects which were among those considered by it in the past. 15/ The new matters in the field of economic activity included international trade of land-locked countries, 16/ the collection of information on international economic assistance to less developed areas, 17/ a Special Fund for assisting integrated technical, economic and social development of less developed areas 18/ and the question of principles of international economic co-operation. 19/ In the fields of social activity and human rights, the new subjects related to relief for the Hungarian people and refugees, 20/ Chinese refugees in Hong Kong and refugees in Morocco and Tunisia; 21/a World Refugee Year; 22/ community development; 23/ and international cultural and scientific co-operation. 24/ The General Assembly also considered the question of international co-operation in the peaceful use of outer space, 25/ a subject closely related to the objectives of Article 13 (1) (b) and (2).

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G A resolution 1283 (XIII); A/C.3/L.698 (mimeographed).
     G A (XIII), 3rd Com., 878th mtg., paras. 7, 13 and 37; 879th mtg., paras. 7 and 35.
    For examples of previous recommendations, see the Repertory, under this Article,
     para. 15, foot-note 5, and Supplement No. 1, para. 2, foot-note 2.
     Recommendations were made to the same addressees during the period covered by this
     Supplement; in addition, in the case of G A resolution 1004 (ES-II),
     an invitation was addressed to "national and international humanitarian
     organizations".
     For example, G A resolution 1320 (XIII).
    Repertory, under Article 13 (1) (b) and (2), para. 21; Supplement No. 1,
     paras. 11 and 12.
    G A resolution 1028 (XI).
     G A resolution 1034 (XI).
     G A resolution 1219 (XII).
     G A resolution 1157 (XII).
    G A resolutions 1004 (ES-II), 1006 (ES-II), 1007 (ES-II), 1039 (XI) and 1129 (XI).
     G A resolutions 1167 (XII) and 1286 (XIII).
     G A resolution 1285 (XIII).
    G A resolutions 1042 (XI) and 1162 (XII).
    G A resolutions 1043 (XI), 1164 (XII) and 1260 (XIII).
25/ G A resolution 1348 (XIII).
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#### Types of action envisaged in the recommendations

- 13. With a few exceptions, the types of action envisaged by the General Assembly in its recommendations during the period under review were of the kind to be found among the recommendations of the previous periods. 26/ Among the additional types of action recommended to Governments in the economic and social fields were the greater use of an existing international organ to solve a particular type of problem, 27/ and a recommendation to the Economic and Social Council to expand one of its subsidiary bodies. 28/
- 14. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the other specialized agencies concerned with the peaceful application of science, as well as the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), were invited to co-operate with the General Assembly in connexion with a projected survey relating to the co-ordination of the results of scientific research. 29/ The other specialized agencies concerned and UNESCO were also invited by the General Assembly to formulate concrete proposals, regarding the needs of less developed countries in relation to media of information, and to include an account of their activities relating to freedom of information in their annual reports to the Economic and Social Council. 30/ The World Health Organization (WHO) was invited to consider the question of organizing an International Health and Medical Research Year, preferably in 1961, and to inform the Council and the General Assembly of its views. 31/
- 15. The regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies were invited by the General Assembly to co-operate with a new commission which it established to survey the status of the permanent sovereignty of peoples and nations over their natural wealth and resources. 32/

#### ANNEX

Tabulation of studies initiated by the General Assembly under Article 13 (1) (b)

I. Studies requested from the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary organs

## Resolution number and title

#### Pertinent provisions

1032 (XI). International tax problems

"Calls upon the Economic and Social Council to present such conclusions as it may reach from its consideration of those studies /called for in G A resolution 825 (IX) to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session.

<sup>26/</sup> Repertory, under Article 13 (1) (b) and (2), paras. 22-45; Supplement No. 1, paras. 13-32.

G A resolution 1029 (XI).

G A resolution 1036 (XI).

G A resolution 1260 (XIII).

G A resolution 1313 A (XIII).

G A resolution 1283 (XIII). G A resolution 1314 (XIII).

1034 (XI). Collection of information concerning international economic assistance for the less developed countries

- 1215 (XII). United Nations technical assistance programmes
- 1217 (XII). Demographic questions
- 1218 (XII). Study of international commodity problems
- 1313 A (XIII). Freedom of information

#### Pertinent provisions

- Requests the Economic and Social Council to consider at its twenty-fourth session, in connexion with the item on the financing of economic development, the question of the collection of information concerning international economic assistance for the less developed countries on the basis of such information as the Secretary-General may provide, bearing in mind the comments of delegations at the eleventh session of the General Assembly."
- "Requests the Economic and Social Council to study the desirability of promoting, with the co-operation of Governments, increased use of such regional and national training facilities as may be made available under the United Nations programme of technical assistance."
- "Requests the Economic and Social Council to include pertinent information concerning the demographic activities of the Council in the chapter on economic development of its annual report to the General Assembly."
- Requests the Economic and Social Council to communicate to the General Assembly, at the thirteenth session, the conclusions drawn from its action under this resolution."
- "1. Expresses the hope that the Economic and Social Council, on the basis of the analysis to be prepared by the Secretary-General in response to Council resolutions 574 D (XIX) of 26 May 1955 and 643 (XXIII) of 25 April 1957, and taking into account recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights to be submitted in response to Council resolution 683 C (XXVI) of 21 July 1958, will formulate at its twentyeighth session a programme of concrete action and measures on the international plane which could be undertaken for the development of information enterprises in under-developed countries, with an evaluation of the material, financial and professional requirements and resources for the implementation of this programme;
- "2. Invites the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights to give particular attention to procedures by which constant review of the problems of providing

# 1313 A (XIII) (cont<sup>†</sup>d)

- 1318 (XIII). Promotion of the international flow of private capital
- 1320 (XIII). Rosters of scientific and technical personnel of the less developed countries
- 1322 (XIII). Promotion of international co-operation in the field of trade

#### Pertinent provisions

technical assistance to under-developed countries in the field of information may be assured, and to report regularly to the Council on progress in this field".

- "Invites the Secretary-General to submit his report /see resolution 1318 (XIII) in part II of this annex/ to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-ninth session for transmission, with the Council's recommendations, to the General Assembly for consideration at its fifteenth session."
- "Invites the Economic and Social Council to examine at its twenty-eighth session the desirability and feasibility of establishing and maintaining, under the auspices of the United Nations, rosters of scientific and technical personnel of the less developed countries, whose services might also be utilized outside their respective countries".
- \*2. Invites the Economic and Social Council to continue the consideration of all practical steps that can be initiated within the Council and its regional economic commissions and their trade committees toward the improvement of co-operation and toward co-ordination of efforts in the field of the development of trade, particularly with the less developed countries, including joint studies on trade among various regions, on the lines of those already made, such as studies on possibilities of the expansion of international trade with a view to assisting the economic development of the less developed countries:
- "3. Requests the Economic and Social Council to include in its annual report to the General Assembly the results produced by studies and research undertaken pursuant to paragraph 2 above."

## II. Studies requested from the Secretary-General

1004 (ES-II). (This resolution has no title)

"Requests the Secretary-General in consultation with the heads of appropriate specialized agencies to inquire, on an urgent basis, into the needs of the Hungarian people for food, medicine and other similar supplies, and to report to the General Assembly as soon as possible".

1025 (XI). International co-operation in the establishment of national food reserves

1026 (XI). Establishment of a world food reserve

- 1029 (XI). International commodity problems
- 1032 (XI). International tax problems
- 1033 B (XI). Industrialization of under-developed countries

#### Pertinent provisions

Under this resolution, the Secretary-General was requested to include in his report under Economic and Social Council resolution 621 (XXII), on the basis of his consultations with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), an analysis of the possibilities and desirability of promoting, by means of consultations between importing and exporting Member States, the use of surplus foodstuffs in building up national reserves to be used in accordance with internationally agreed principles, in order to meet emergency situations and to prevent excessive price increases arising from certain specialized situations, and also to examine the possible effect of such use of surplus foodstuffs on the markets for these commodities and on the economic and financial position of the countries which depend primarily on the export of similar commodities.

"Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other agencies, to explore the desirability of setting up a working group to examine the practical possibilities of implementing the various proposals made in the report of the Food and Agriculture Organization as well as the various suggestions made at the twenty-second session of the Economic and Social Council and at the eleventh session of the General Assembly, and to report to the Council not later than at its twenty-fourth session for appropriate action."

"Requests the Secretary-General to continue to give his full assistance, within the limit of available resources, to the work of the Commission on International Commodity Trade, and in particular to the preparation of studies suggested by it."

"Requests the Secretary-General to complete as quickly as practicable the studies called for in General Assembly resolution 825 (IX) of 11 December 1954 and to submit them to the Economic and Social Council for its consideration".

"2. Requests the Secretary-General, in the implementation of the programme of work on industrialization and productivity, to give due regard to the various suggestions made at the twenty-second session of the Economic and

1033 B (XI) (cont'd)

1035 (XI). International flow of private capital for the economic development of under-developed countries

1042 (XI). Long-range programme for community development

1157 (XII). Bases for international economic co-operation

#### Pertinent provisions

Social Council and the eleventh session of the General Assembly and to the directives and principles set forth in the relevant resolutions of the Assembly and of the Council;

- "3. Requests the Secretary-General, in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 618 (XXII) of 6 August 1956, to report to the Council at its twenty-fifth session on such possible forms of organizational and administrative machinery as may be necessary."
- "Decides to amend General Assembly resolution 824 (IX) of 11 December 1954 as follows:
  - (a) In the first sentence of paragraph 6, replace the word 'annually' by the words 'on a triennial basis';
  - (b) Add the following new paragraph:
- \*\*7. Further requests the Secretary-General to prepare annually a report containing a review of developments and a statistical treatment of the flow of capital\*.\*\*
- \*\*Requests the Secretary-General, in drawing up the recommendations called for by Council resolution 627 (XXII) of 2 August 1956 concerning the long-range programme for the promotion of community development which the Council and the Social Commission are to prepare, in collaboration with the specialized agencies, to take into account the views expressed by representatives in the Third Committee and, in particular, to lay stress upon ... " (The General Assembly here specified a number of aspects of community development.)
- \*Recalling that the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council have ... adopted resolutions embodying various principles relating to international economic co-operation,

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- "Considering ... it would be useful ... to have ... a compendium of those principles,
- Requests the Secretary-General to prepare such a compendium of resolutions or extracts from them, with a subject index, in order to facilitate the study of the resolutions, to transmit the compendium to all Member States as soon as it is

# 1157 (XII) (cont'd)

1162 (XII). Participation of women in community development

1237 (ES-III). Questions considered by the Security Council at its 838th meeting on 7 August 1958

1256 (XIII). United Nations technical assistance in public administration

1316 (XIII). International co-operation for economic development of under-developed countries

#### Pertinent provisions

prepared, and to inform the Economic and Social Council during 1958 that he has done so."

"Requests the Secretary-General to include, in his future reports to the Economic and Social Council on the progress of community development, a brief description of the methods used to achieve this purpose, the results obtained and the progress made as regards the participation of women in community development."

"Invites the Secretary-General to continue his studies now under way and in this context to consult as appropriate with the Arab countries of the Near East with a view to possible assistance regarding an Arab development institution designed to further economic growth in these countries". The Secretary-General was further requested to report to the General Assembly, as appropriate, under the general provisions of this resolution.

"Invites the Secretary-General to report in detail, to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-eighth session and to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session, on the progress of this experiment" (referring to a scheme for providing Governments with operational, executive and administrative personnel under this resolution).

"Requests the Secretary-General to compile the information received pursuant to the above paragraphs in the form of an interim report for submission to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-eighth session and a final report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session for consideration under the item entitled 'Economic development of underdeveloped countries, including a review of the financing of the economic development of the under-developed countries". The paragraphs in question refer to the invitation addressed (a) to Member States in a position to assist under-developed countries, to report on measures they had taken or contemplated to accelerate economic development, and (b) to less developed countries, to report on any measures they planned to advance their own economic and social development.

# 1318 (XIII). Promotion of the international flow of private capital

1323 (XIII). Questions relating to the promotion of international trade and to assistance in the development of less developed countries

- 1348 (XIII). Question of the peaceful use of outer space
- 1030 (XI). Question of the establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for

Economic Development

#### Pertinent provisions

- Further requests the Secretary-General, drawing on the views of the qualified persons concerned and taking into account other available information, to prepare a report concerning measures in operation or contemplated, both in capital-exporting and capital-importing countries, for the channelling of an increasing flow of private capital investment into the development of under-developed countries under mutually satisfactory arrangements.
- Requests the Secretary-General, on the basis of the records of the work of United Nations economic bodies during recent years and other appropriate materials, including information to be received from Governments in response to General Assembly resolution 1316 (XIII) of 12 December 1958:
  - (a) To prepare an analytical summary of various means of accelerating economic growth in less developed countries through international action; for the Economic and Social Council and subsequently for the General Assembly.
- The Secretary-General was requested to recommend steps within the existing United Nations framework to encourage international co-operation for the peaceful uses of outer space.

#### III. Studies requested from other bodies and individual specialized agencies

- \*2. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee √on the Question of the Establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development/: ...
  - (a) To set forth the different forms of legal framework on which a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development may be established and statutes drafted;
  - (b) To indicate the types of projects which might be provided for in programmes of operations of a United Nations economic development fund;
  - (c) To submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its twenty-fourth session, together with the final report requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 923 (X), a supplementary report prepared in accordance with the instructions in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above;

1030 (XI) (cont'd)

1039 (XI). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

- 1115 (XI). Authorization for the Advisory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 810 (IX) to negotiate on behalf of the United Nations an agreement to establish relations between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency
- assistance to refugees
  within the mandate of the
  United Nations High
  Commissioner for Refugees
- 1191 (XII). Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

#### Pertinent provisions

- \*3. Authorizes the Ad Hoc Committee to append to its final report any related suggestions or proposals for the provision of economic assistance to under-developed countries under the auspices of the United Nations which Governments may wish to put forward;
- "4. Requests the Economic and Social Council to forward to the General Assembly, at its twelfth session, the final and supplementary reports of the Ad Hoc Committee, together with any recommendations on further steps which could help promote the early establishment of an international economic development fund within the framework of the United Nations".
- \*4. Requests the High Commissioner, in consultation with the Secretary-General and with the Governments concerned, to develop a comprehensive assessment of the needs, both material and financial, of the Hungarian refugees, to be submitted to the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee for its approval at the earliest possible date;

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- "7. Requests the High Commissioner to study with the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee the appropriate means to ensure the full implementation of the programme of the Fund."
- The Advisory Committee was authorized to negotiate a draft agreement and to submit it to the General Assembly at its twelfth session, for approval.
- Requests the High Commissioner to include in his annual report a statement on the measures which he has taken under the terms of the present resolution."
- "Requests the Director of the Agency to continue to submit the reports referred to in paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 1018 (XI) of 28 February 1957."

# 1219 (XII). Financing of economic development

# 1255 C (XIII). United Nations programmes of technical assistance

1314 (XIII). Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination

# 1348 (XIII). Question of the peaceful use of outer space

#### Pertinent provisions

The General Assembly established a Preparatory Committee composed of representatives of sixteen Governments and asked the Committee to prepare a report for the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, presenting the results of its work along the lines specified by the General Assembly concerning establishment of a special fund with operations directed towards enlarging the scope of United Nations technical assistance programmes.

"Requests the Technical Assistance Board to continue to consult participating countries where middle-level training facilities are available" regarding the greater use of these facilities for training personnel of less developed countries, in view of the shortage of skilled technical personnel in these countries, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-eighth session.

\*Decides to establish a Commission composed of Afghanistan, Chile, Guatemala, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Arab Republic and the United States of America to conduct a full survey of the status of this basic constituent /the permanent sovereignty of peoples and nations over their natural wealth and resources of the right to selfdetermination, with recommendations, where necessary, for its strengthening, and further decides that, in the conduct of the full survey of the status of the permanent sovereignty of peoples and nations over their natural wealth and resources, due regard shall be paid to the rights and duties of States under international law and to the importance of encouraging international co-operation in the economic development of under-developed countries".

The General Assembly established an ad hoc Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and requested it to report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session on the various aspects of this problem, including the question of international co-operation and programmes for the peaceful uses of outer space.

### IV. Studies requested from several bodies jointly

#### Resolution number and title

# 1043 (XI). International cultural and scientific co-operation

1164 (XII). Development of international co-operation in the field of science, culture and education

1189 A and B (XII). Freedom of information

1215 (XII). United Nations technical assistance programmes

#### Pertinent provisions

- "Invites the United Nations Educational,
  Scientific and Cultural Organization and the
  other specialized agencies concerned to include
  in their annual reports to the Economic and
  Social Council a statement of their views and
  activities in the field of international
  cultural and scientific co-operation, and
  requests the Council to give special attention
  to such statements."
- "3. Invites the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the other specialized agencies concerned to include in their annual reports to the Economic and Social Council a statement of their views and activities and any information which they may have as to the views and activities of Governments in the field of international educational, scientific and cultural co-operation;
- "4. Requests the Economic and Social Council to give special attention at its twenty-sixth session to the above-mentioned statements of the specialized agencies, and to include, in its report to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session, a section on this subject for consideration by the Assembly."

The Secretary-General was requested to circulate to Member States the preamble and nineteen articles of the draft Convention on Freedom of Information for their views and suggestions, to invite them to state the legal provisions relating to freedom of information in their countries and to report on this consultation to the General Assembly. The Economic and Social Council was requested in the same resolution (a) to invite the Commission on Human Rights to consider procedures for constant review of problems of freedom of information and to give special consideration to the problem of developing media of information in underdeveloped countries and (b) to transmit the Commission's report to the General Assembly with the Council's recommendations.

"Suggests that, in the preparation of the report required under section III of Economic and Social Council resolution 659 B (XXIV) of 30 July 1957, account be taken of suggestions put forward by delegations during the twelfth

1215 (XII) (cont'd)

1258 (XIII). Formulation of social policies related to economic development

1260 (XIII). Co-ordination of results of scientific research

1313 A (XIII). Freedom of information

#### Pertinent provisions

session of the General Assembly for the purpose of assisting in the development of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance." In section III of resolution 659 B (XXIV), the Council had asked the Technical Assistance Board, and had invited participating Governments, to suggest measures for implementing a substantially larger programme of technical assistance.

- Requests the Economic and Social Council, in collaboration with the specialized agencies concerned, to consider as early as possible what social programmes and policies would be best designed to:
  - (a) Accelerate economic growth through increases in the national production by, inter alia, instituting appropriate health and education programmes;
  - (b) Promote social services to meet the problems which result from economic and technological change and from rapid urbanization;
  - (c) Raise family levels of living by, inter alia, avoiding an inequitable distribution of national income."
- "Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the other specialized agencies concerned with the peaceful application of science, as well as the International Atomic Energy Agency, to arrange for a survey to be made on the main trends of inquiry in the field of the natural sciences and the dissemination and application for peaceful ends of such scientific knowledge, and on the steps which might be taken" by the international organizations towards concentration on the most urgent problems. This survey was to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council and subsequently transmitted, with the latter's comments, to the General Assembly.
- "Invites the United Nations Educational,
  Scientific and Cultural Organization and other
  specialized agencies as appropriate to formulate
  concrete proposals to assist in meeting the
  needs of less developed countries in building
  up adequate media of information, and to
  include an account of their efforts on this and
  other aspects of freedom of information in their
  annual reports to the Economic and Social
  Council."