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1. The various specialized agencies, established by intergovernmental agreement and having wide international responsibilities, as defined in their basic instruments, in economic, social, cultural, educational, health, and related fields, shall be brought into relationship with the United Nations in accordance with the provisions of Article 63.

2. Such agencies thus brought into relationship with the United Nations are hereinafter referred to as specialized agencies.

NOTE

The only items requiring mention are the following:

(a) The General Assembly, in its resolution 2529(XXIV) recommending the conversion of the International Union of Official Travel Organizations, a non-governmental organization, into an international organization of intergovernmental character through a revision of its statutes, decided

“that, once the statutes of the Union have been changed:

“(a) An agreement between the United Nations and the Union should be concluded which would establish close co-operation and relationships between the United Nations and the transformed Union, define the modalities of such co-operation and relationships, and recognize the decisive and central role that the Union is to play in the field of world tourism in co-operation with the existing machinery within the United Nations”.

It should be noted, however, that the resolution did not contain any indication that the Union, when transformed into an intergovernmental organization, would become a specialized agency, nor was there any statement to that effect during the discussions in the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly that led to the adoption of General Assembly resolution 2529(XXIV).

(b) A reference to Article 57 is contained in the preamble to General Assembly resolution 2188(XXI) entitled “General review of the programmes and activities in the economic, social, technical co-operation and related fields of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Children’s Fund and all other institutions and agencies related to the United Nations system”.