

ARTICLE 63

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TEXT OF ARTICLE 63

1. The Economic and Social Council may enter into agreements with any of the agencies referred to in Article 57, defining the terms on which the agency concerned shall be brought into relationship with the United Nations. Such agreements shall be subject to approval by the General Assembly.

2. It may coordinate the activities of the specialized agencies through consultation with and recommendations to such agencies and through recommendations to the General Assembly and to the Members of the United Nations.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. The structure of this study follows that of Article 63 in the Repertory and the two paragraphs of the Article are dealt with as one entity.

2. There has been no new development to report under the following headings: General Survey (I); The negotiation of, and the entering into, agreements with the specialized agencies (II,A); Terms of the agreements with the specialized agencies (II,B), with the exception of Membership (II,B,3), Public Information (II,B,8), Personnel arrangements (II,B,14) and Inter-agency agreements (II,B,19); Co-ordination of activities of the specialized agencies with respect to operating or emergency agencies of the United Nations (II,C,1.c); Recommendations to the General Assembly (II,C,3); Recommendations to Members regarding inter-governmental organizations outside the United Nations (II,C,4.b); and Recommendations to Members on the timing of meetings (II,C,4.c).

** I. GENERAL SURVEY

II. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

** A. The negotiation of, and the entering into, agreements with
the specialized agencies

B. Terms of the agreements with specialized agencies

*** 1. Authority*

*** 2. Recognition of status and competence*

3. Membership

a. THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

3. During this period, in pursuance of article II of the agreement between the United Nations and UNESCO, UNESCO transmitted to the Economic and Social Council applications for membership in that Organization from three States not Members of the United Nations.

4. At its resumed twentieth session, the Council recommended 1/ to UNESCO the rejection of the application from the German Democratic Republic.

5. At its twenty-first session, the Council informed 2/ UNESCO that it had no objection to the admission of Tunisia to that Organization.

6. At its twenty-second session, the Council informed 3/ UNESCO that it had no objection to the admission of Morocco to that Organization.

b. THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

7. During this period, in pursuance of article II of the agreement between the United Nations and ICAO, ICAO transmitted to the General Assembly one application for membership in that Organization from a State not a Member of the United Nations.

8. At its tenth session, the General Assembly informed 4/ ICAO that it had no objection to the admission of the Federal Republic of Germany to that Organization.

*** c. OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES*

*** 4. Reciprocal representation*

*** 5. Proposal of agenda items*

*** 6. Recommendations*

*** 7. Exchange of information and documents*

8. Public information

9. Consultations took place during this period within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) with a view to furthering co-operation and developing joint public information services. In particular, ACC submitted to the twentieth session of the Council a special study 5/ on possible further co-ordination

1/ E S C resolution 596 (XX).

2/ E S C resolution 612 (XXI).

3/ E S C resolution 629 (XXII).

4/ G A resolution 991 (X).

5/ E S C (XX), annexes, a.i.4, p. 4, E/2728, para. 39 and annex.

of the information services of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, particularly for common projects; and, in response to a suggestion made at the Council's twentieth session, 6/ ACC submitted to the Council at its twenty-second session a note 7/ on greater publicity for the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the economic and social fields.

*** 9. Assistance to the Security Council*

*** 10. Assistance to the Trusteeship Council*

*** 11. Non-Self-Governing Territories*

*** 12. Relations with the International Court of Justice*

*** 13. Headquarters and regional offices*

14. Personnel arrangements

10. Consultations took place during this period within the framework of ACC, in connexion with personnel arrangements. In particular ACC referred in its eighteenth report 8/ to the Council at its twentieth session, to its study on interchange of staff, salary differentials and cost-of-living adjustments. In its nineteenth report 9/ to the Council at its twenty-second session, ACC referred to studies undertaken by the International Civil Service Advisory Board (ICSAB) on the age of retirement of international civil servants and on liberalization of eligibility provisions for the education grant; it referred also to inter-agency consultations, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 975 (X), regarding the review of the United Nations salary, allowances and benefits system.

*** 15. Statistics*

*** 16. Administrative and technical services*

*** 17. Budgetary and financial arrangements 10/*

*** 18. Financing of special services*

19. Inter-agency agreements

11. During this period the following agreements entered into between specialized agencies and other inter-governmental organizations have been brought to the attention of the Council, in pursuance of the agreements between the specialized agencies and the United Nations: FAO and the Council of Europe; UNESCO and the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN).

*** 20. Liaison*

*** 21. Implementation*

6/ E/AC.24/SR.136, United Kingdom, p. 12.

7/ E S C (XXII), annexes, a.i. 3, p. 2, E/2884, para. 41 and annex.

8/ E S C (XX), annexes, a.i. 4, p. 4, E/2723, para. 35.

9/ E S C (XXII), annexes, a.i. 3, p. 2, E/2884, paras. 34 and 36.

10/ See also in this Supplement, under Article 17 (3).

**** 22. Revision****** 23. Entry into force****** 24. Special articles****** 25. United Nations laissez-passer****C. Co-ordination of the activities of the specialized agencies****1. Recommendations to the specialized agencies****a. PRIORITIES AND CONCENTRATION OF EFFORT AND RESOURCES 11/**

12. The question of recommendations to the specialized agencies with regard to priorities and concentration of effort and resources was considered by the Council at its twentieth and twenty-second sessions. At the Council's twentieth session, 12/ some members considered that the Council's own directives on priorities would need to be reviewed from time to time in the light of changing conditions; other members suggested, however, that it would be inadvisable to change them too often. Members were generally of the opinion that efforts to curtail low-priority activities should be continued, and that action should be concentrated on large tasks in order to obtain the greatest benefit from the limited resources available. It was generally agreed that the economic and social development of under-developed areas should remain one of the Council's main tasks, although the view was expressed that the needs of the more advanced countries should not be overlooked. The Council reaffirmed 13/ firstly, the need for continuing concentration of effort on the part of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in order to ensure the most effective use of available resources with accordingly, the curtailment of less important activities, and secondly, as an over-all objective, the economic and social development of under-developed areas.

13. At its twenty-second session, the Council recommended 14/ to the specialized agencies to pay special attention to further concentration of their activities on major economic, social and human rights problems, as might be appropriate.

b. REGIONAL CO-ORDINATION

14. The question of recommendations to the specialized agencies with regard to regional co-ordination was considered 15/ by the Council at its twentieth session. Some representatives considered that there should be more co-ordination possibly within the framework of ACC with regard to the technical assistance programmes, the operations of the regional economic commissions, and the activities of regional and branch offices of the United Nations and specialized agencies.

**** c. CO-ORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WITH RESPECT TO OPERATING OR EMERGENCY AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

11/ For a discussion of the budgetary aspects of priorities, see in this Supplement under Article 17 (3).

12/ E S C (XX), 878th to 882nd mtgs.

13/ E S C resolution 590 A, I (XX).

14/ E S C resolution 630 A, I (XXII).

15/ E S C (XX), 878th to 882nd mtgs.

2. Consultations with the specialized agencies

15. The question of consultations with the specialized agencies was considered by the Council at its twentieth and twenty-second sessions. At its twentieth session, the Council, in the interest of co-ordination and co-operative action, stressed, 16/ the importance of early and close consultation among the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the advance planning of programmes of interest to more than one of these bodies and invited the co-operation of the specialized agencies. The Council also noted with appreciation the efforts of ACC to foster greater co-ordination of the programmes and operations of the United Nations and the specialized agencies. During the discussion, 17/ emphasis was placed on the importance of advance planning of programmes; the submission by the Director-General of UNESCO of that organization's draft programme for scrutiny by the United Nations and other specialized agencies before it was laid before the UNESCO General Conference was commended and regarded as a useful precedent. A suggestion was made that ACC itself might study the draft programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and report on them to the Council, which could then make its recommendations before programmes were put into operation. It was doubted, on the other hand, whether it would be advisable to impose this responsibility formally on ACC; it was pointed out that most of the programme-making was of a specialized character and was in fact a continuous process in some organizations, thus precluding the application of a standard procedure. Suggestions were made that studies might be undertaken from time to time by ACC, at the request of the Council, on certain aspects of the relationship between agencies, or between agencies and the United Nations, and on any subject of which a clearer picture was needed or on which work could only be effective if carried out by co-operative action between the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned.

16. At its twenty-second session, the Council recommended 18/ to ACC to continue and intensify its efforts through inter-agency consultation to achieve co-ordination in the planning and execution of programmes. With respect to methods and procedures now in use for better programme co-ordination among the United Nations and the specialized agencies in accordance with Council resolution 590 (XX), the Council emphasized 19/ that with respect to functional and regional economic commissions it was important to follow a procedure similar to that set forth in rule 80 of the Council's rules of procedure whenever, in the meetings of any commission, programme proposals of common interest to the commission and specialized agencies were made. It further expressed the hope that the principle embodied in rule 80 would be applied in the organs of the specialized agencies.

**** 3. Recommendations to the General Assembly**

4. Recommendations to Members

a. CO-ORDINATION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

17. The importance of co-ordination at the national level was stressed in the Council, at its twentieth and twenty-second sessions. At its twentieth session, the Council recalled 20/ resolution 125 (II) of the General Assembly which called upon Members "to take measures to ensure on the national level a co-ordinated policy of their

16/ E S C resolution 590 A, I (XX).

17/ E/AC.24/SR.135, pp. 7-12; E S C (XX), 878th to 882nd mtgs.

18/ E S C resolution 630 A, I (XXII).

19/ E S C resolution 630 (XXII), annex.

20/ E S C resolution 590 A, II (XX).

delegations to the United Nations and to the different specialized agencies in order that full co-operation may be achieved between the Organization and the specialized agencies" and drew the attention of all Governments to the desirability of taking further steps to ensure such co-ordination.

18. At its twenty-second session, the Council reiterated 21/ the appeal made by the General Assembly in its resolution 125 (II) and called upon the States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies "to take urgent measures to ensure on the national level a co-ordinated policy in regard to the activities of the United Nations and of the various specialized agencies, in order that greater concentration on major projects and fuller co-ordination may be achieved between the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the economic, social and human rights fields". The Council further considered 22/ that, "in spite of the attention given by Governments to improvement of co-ordination on the national level in respect of matters concerning the United Nations, its bodies and the specialized agencies, the problem remains", and that "an exchange of information between Governments concerning the difficulties they have encountered in this respect and the means and methods by which they have endeavoured to overcome them would be of assistance to all States Members of the United Nations, especially if the information collected and circulated were to be accompanied by an analysis of the main difficulties involved and the various methods used to deal with them". The Council requested the Secretary-General "to prepare and circulate a survey of the means and methods employed by the Governments of Member States for the purpose of co-ordinating their national policies in respect of the activities of the various organs, committees and agencies in the field of the economic and social activities of the United Nations family, and, in so doing, to pay particular attention to the difficulties encountered" and further requested the Secretary-General to invite the Governments of Member States to submit the information needed for the preparation of the above survey, "in so far as their own problems, practices and methods are concerned, and to undertake, if necessary, direct consultations with individual Governments for the purpose of obtaining further information on points of particular importance".

**** b. RECOMMENDATIONS TO MEMBERS REGARDING INTER-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS**

**** c. RECOMMENDATIONS TO MEMBERS ON THE TIMING OF MEETINGS**

21/ E S C resolution 630 A, I (XXII).

22/ E S C resolution 630 A, II (XXII).

