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The Economic and Social Council shall perform such functions as fall within its competence in connection with the carrying out of the recommendations of the General Assembly.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. As pointed out in the *Repertory*, Article 66 (1) is closely related to Article 60, both Articles being concerned with the relation of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.¹ In that study, the material included under Article 66 (1) dealt with decisions of the General Assembly on economic and social questions or on the economic and social aspects of other questions, on which the Council had found it necessary to act in the performance of its functions and which contained either requests addressed directly to the Council, or to its subsidiary organs, or to “appropriate bodies or organs of the United Nations”, or requests to receive, to consider or to make recommendations upon reports from member Governments, specialized agencies, the Secretary-General etc.² The material included under Article 66 (1) also dealt with action taken by the Council in relation to General Assembly decisions not addressed to it specifically or covering a wider field of responsibility than its own.

2. There was no discussion of this paragraph of Article 66 during the period under review and no development in its application which required treatment in the present *Supplement*. The actions taken by the Council were similar in nature to those described in the study of this Article in the *Repertory*.

3. The process of restructuring and strengthening the Economic and Social Council, including the review and reappraisal of the functions of the Council, are dealt with under Articles 58, 60, 63 and 72 in the present *Supplement*.

¹See *Repertory*, under Article 66 (1), para. 1.

²*Ibid.*, para. 4.