

ARTICLE 58

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TEXT OF ARTICLE 58

The Organization shall make recommendations for the coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. In structure this supplementary study is similar to that under Article 58 in the Repertory.
2. There has been no new development to report under the following headings: The Main Committees (I,A,1.a), Special bodies (I,A,1.c), The Co-ordination Committee of the Council (I,A,2.a), The Technical Assistance Board (I,A,2.c), The Secretary-General (I,A,3), Provision in the agreements with the specialized agencies (I,B,1), Early stages of the co-ordination process (I,B,2), Relations with inter-governmental organizations (I,B,3), and Priorities (I,B,4). The Role of the Secretary-General (II,B) in the co-ordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies is examined in this Supplement under Article 98.

I. GENERAL SURVEY

A. Organs of the United Nations concerned in the co-ordination process

1. The General Assembly

** a. THE MAIN COMMITTEES

b. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS 1/

3. During the period under review, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has held one joint meeting with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) to consider questions of mutual concern, 2/ namely, questions arising out of the Advisory Committee's report 3/ to the General Assembly on the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the development of co-ordination of services at various centres.
4. The Advisory Committee has not submitted comments to the Economic and Social Council, on the administrative and financial aspects of programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

** c. SPECIAL BODIES

2. The Economic and Social Council

** a. THE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

b. THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION

5. During the period under review, the following structural changes have taken place within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC): (1) ACC has established a Sub-Committee on Atomic Energy and various ad hoc working bodies to deal with such questions as fellowships, programmes of social development, training of auxiliary and community workers, fundamental education, appraisal of fundamental education centres, salary differentials, cost of living adjustments and dependency allowances, and salary review; and (2) there have been no further meetings of two

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

2/ E S C (XX), annexes, a.i. 4, p. 1, E/2659, para. 2.

3/ A/2661.

subsidiary bodies referred to in the Repertory, namely, the Consultative Committee on Statistical Matters and the Technical Working Group on Publications.

**** c. THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BOARD 4/**

d. THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

6. The Technical Assistance Committee of the Council (TAC) continued to meet during this period. In its report 5/ to the Council, at its twentieth session, the Committee requested the Technical Assistance Board (TAB), in preparing the review of the Expanded Programme requested 6/ by ACC, to take into consideration the comments made during the discussion in TAC regarding such matters as concentration of resources, recruitment and methods used in the implementation of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance. It further requested TAB to include in the review concrete recommendations for subsequent action by TAC, together with the comments of ACC thereon, for consideration by the Council at its twenty-second session. The Committee also invited ACC to present its comments on the annual report of TAB, after its issue, with particular reference to the interrelationship between the Expanded Programme and comparable activities under the regular budgets of the participating organizations.

e. COMMISSIONS OF THE COUNCIL

7. During this period, the Council, at its twenty-second session, "emphasized 7/ the importance of a procedure similar to that which is set forth in rule 80 of the Council's rules of procedure 8/ always being followed in respect to functional and regional economic commissions, whenever, in meetings of any commission, programme proposals of common interest to the commission and specialized agencies are made".

**** 3. *The Secretary-General***

B. Development of co-ordination processes

**** 1. *Provision in the agreements with the specialized agencies***

**** 2. *Early stages of the co-ordination process***

**** 3. *Relations with inter-governmental organizations 9/***

**** 4. *Priorities 10/***

5. *Operational programmes*

8. During this period, TAB, at the request of TAC, has kept under review the arrangements by participating organizations for field representation with a view to eliminating unnecessary or overlapping functions, and using to the fullest possible

4/ See para. 6 below.

5/ E S C (XX), annexes, a.i. 7, p. 17, E/2779, para. 25.

6/ E S C (XX), annexes, a.i. 4, p. 4, E/2728, para. 10.

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

8/ United Nations Publication, Sales No.: 1953.I.21.

9/ See also in this Supplement, under Article 57.

10/ See also in this Supplement, under Article 63.

extent the Resident Representatives, as well as the existing administrative and other services of the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

9. A special report 11/ was submitted by the Secretary-General to the twenty-second session of the Council on the co-ordination of the programme of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) with the regular and technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies. The Council requested 12/ the Secretary-General to continue to report to it periodically on the question, in order to ensure effective co-ordination, and in his next report, to be prepared with the assistance of the specialized agencies concerned and submitted not later than 1958, to pay particular attention to the co-ordinated efforts which are being made to ensure effective evaluation of the various programmes, as shown, to the extent possible, by progress in various countries.

6. Recent trends

10. The Council acted in accordance with the decision taken at its eighteenth session 13/ and dealt with co-ordination at its twentieth and twenty-second sessions not as a separate subject but, as stated in paragraph 43 of the study of Article 58 in the Repertory, as a general review of the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

C. Co-ordination and co-operation in substantive fields

11. The Council continued during this period to exercise its co-ordinating role in promoting co-operation between the United Nations and the specialized agencies in various programmes of work and individual projects. Of particular interest were the following examples of activities involving inter-agency collaboration: (1) the Council's request 14/ that the Secretary-General should consult, through ACC or such other channels as might be available, with the appropriate specialized agencies on the planning and implementation of an integrated and co-ordinated programme of work of the United Nations, designed to accelerate the industrialization and to raise the productivity of less developed countries; (2) the Council's request 15/ that the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the specialized agencies concerned, should prepare a report for submission to the Council on the possible applications of atomic energy, especially in the fields of power, industry and agriculture; (3) the Council's request 16/ that the Secretary-General, after consultation with the Advisory Committee on Atomic Energy and the competent specialized agencies, should submit a report to the Council on the possibility of devoting as much as possible of the programme of the second international conference on the exchange of technical information regarding the peaceful uses of atomic energy to the practical applications of nuclear energy in the interest of promoting the economic development of under-developed countries, and on the desirability of convening a separate conference on this subject; (4) the Council's request 17/ that the Secretary-General, in consultation with the specialized agencies

11/ E S C (XXII), annexes, a.i. 3, p. 8, E/2892.

12/ E S C resolution 630 C (XXII).

13/ E S C resolution 557 B, II (XVIII).

14/ E S C resolution 597 A (XXI).

15/ E S C resolution 597 B (XXI).

16/ *Ibid.*

17/ E S C resolution 598 (XXI).

concerned, should prepare a report for submission to the Council on the prospects for the practical utilization of such sources of energy as solar energy, wind energy, tidal energy, geothermic energy and the thermal energy of the seas; (5) the Council's expression of interest 18/ in the study which was being undertaken by ACC on the possibility of concerting international action in connexion with the problems arising out of the rapid transition undergone by certain peoples, especially through urbanization; and (6) the Council's expression of interest 19/ in the co-ordination of activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy and its request that it be kept fully informed by ACC of discussions on the subject in ACC or its Sub-Committee on Atomic Energy and any measures that might be taken.

II. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

A. The role of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council in respect of co-ordination

12. The Economic and Social Council, at its twentieth session, adopted a resolution, 20/ in the preamble of which the Council recalled "its co-ordinating functions under Articles 58 and 63 of the United Nations Charter".

** B. The role of the Secretary-General

18/ E S C resolution 627 (XXII).

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

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

