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Responsibility for the discharge of the functions of the Organization set forth in this Chapter shall be vested in the General Assembly and, under the authority of the General Assembly, in the Economic and Social Council, which shall have for this purpose the powers set forth in Chapter X.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. As in the case of the Repertory and its Supplements Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, the study on Article 60 treats certain general aspects of the functioning and interrelationship of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council bearing on their responsibilities under this Article. The specific functions exercised by the Assembly and the Council in the discharge of their responsibilities under Article 60 are dealt with in this Supplement under the Articles which set forth those specific functions or powers of the two organs. A close relationship exists between Article 60 and Article 66, paragraph 1, and it is therefore advisable to examine the two Articles together.

I. General survey

2. During the period under review, no specific reference was made to Article 60. However, Articles 55 to 60 were referred to collectively in a resolution of the Economic and Social Council in which the Council decided to change the name of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East to “Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.” In the same resolution, the Council further decided to amend its resolution 37 (IV) of 28 March 1947 on the establishment and terms of reference of the Commission by substituting the words “Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific” for the words “Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East” and the words “Asia and the Pacific” for the words “Asia and the Far East.”

3. As in the past, the General Assembly on one occasion emphasized the responsibilities assigned, under the Charter of the United Nations, to the Economic and Social Council as the central organ for comprehensive policy formulation and coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the economic, social and human rights fields.

4. In another instance, the General Assembly endorsed the measures set out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1625 (LI) of 30 July 1971 to enable the Committee for Development Planning to assist the Council in discharging its responsibilities to the General Assembly in respect of the overall review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade.

5. On another occasion, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council contained in its resolution 1950 (LIX) of 22 July 1975 that Arabic should be an official and working language of the Economic Commission for Africa, in addition to English and French.

II. Analytical summary

A. Question of the relationship between the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council

6. As in the past, the general pattern of the relationship between the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council underwent no change during the period under review. On one occasion, the Assembly requested the Council to arrange for the negotiation with the Preparatory Commission for the International Fund for Agricultural Development of an agreement with the Fund to constitute it as a specialized agency in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter of the United Nations. Pursuant to that request, the Council invited the Preparatory Commis-

1E S C resolution 1895 (LVII).
2G A resolution 2801 (XXVI).
3G A resolution 30, A/10467, annex, agenda item 12, para. 58.
4G A resolution 2801 (XXVI).
5G A resolution 3503 (XXX).
6E S C resolution 2006 (LX).
sion for the International Fund for Agricultural Development to submit to the Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies proposals for bringing the Fund into relationship with the United Nations. In the same resolution, the Council requested the Committee to submit its report to the Council, including the text of a draft agreement. Acting upon the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly approved the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

7. In another instance, the General Assembly, having examined the draft programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination transmitted to it by the Economic and Social Council, requested the Council to assume responsibility for coordinating the Programme and evaluating activities undertaken during the Decade. In the same resolution, the Assembly further requested the Council to report annually to the Assembly on the implementation of the Programme.

8. On another occasion, the General Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council, in discharging its functions under the Charter of the United Nations, to contribute to the work of the committee of the whole, which subsequently was referred to as the Committee Established under General Assembly Resolution 32/174 of 19 December 1977, bearing in mind the relationship between the overseeing and monitoring functions of the Committee and the role of the Council in the preparation of a new international development strategy.

9. At its thirtieth session, the General Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council to examine the implementation of relevant resolutions pertaining to economic cooperation among developing countries to improve the coordination of efforts by the United Nations system and to make such examination coincide with the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade.

**B. Question of the reconsideration of decisions by the Economic and Social Council at the request of the General Assembly**

**C. Question of the General Assembly exercising its authority at the request of the Economic and Social Council**

10. There were several instances during the period under review in which the Economic and Social Council requested the General Assembly to take a specific action.

11. On one occasion, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly that the administrative expenses of the United Nations Capital Development Fund should be met from voluntary contributions. Acting upon the recommendation of the Council, the Assembly decided to postpone the question pending further consideration by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme. The Assembly further decided that, in the meantime, the original functioning of the Fund would continue in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2321 (XXII) of 15 December 1967.

12. At its twenty-ninth session, the General Assembly, acting upon the request of the Economic and Social Council, established a World Food Council to function as an organ of the United Nations, reporting to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council and having the purposes, functions and mode of operation set forth in resolution XXII adopted by the World Food Conference.

13. On one occasion, on the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly adopted a resolution in which it decided that the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme should be reconstituted as the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes.

**D. Question of the General Assembly addressing directly a subsidiary organ of the Economic and Social Council**

14. During the period under review, the General Assembly addressed itself directly to subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council in several cases. At its thirty-third session, the General Assembly requested the Commission on Human Rights to consult, based on the programme of work of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), the resources available to the Centre, and to submit a report to the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session through the Economic and Social Council.

15. In another instance, the General Assembly, at its thirty-second session, requested the regional commissions to strengthen and intensify their responsibilities in the water sector and, to that end, assign specific responsibilities to an intergovernmental committee within the regional commissions, in accordance with the recommendation of the United Nations Water Conference.

16. At its twenty-eighth session, the General Assembly requested the Committee for Development Planning to continue its work on developing and elaborating the concept and contents of integrated socio-economic development in its different implications.

17. On another occasion, the General Assembly directly requested the Commission on Human Rights to consult with the agencies and organizations of the United Nations system concerned with human rights, regarding human rights activities and programmes and the existing modes of coordination, cooperation and communication among them, and to submit a study in that regard to the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

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1. E S C resolution 2104 (LXIII).
5. G A resolution 3442 (XXX).
7. G A resolution 33/420.
8. E S C decision 59 (LXIII).
10. United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.77.II.A.12), chap. 1.
11. E S C decision 118 (LIX).
12. G A resolution 3404 (XXX).
13. G A resolution 33/111.
16. G A resolution 3178 (XXVIII).
17. G A resolution 3354.
Chapter X

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL