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**II. Analytical Summary of Practice
TEXT OF ARTICLE 62 (1)

The Economic and Social Council may make or initiate studies and reports with respect to international economic, social, cultural, educational, health, and related matters and may make recommendations with respect to any such matters to the General Assembly, to the Members of the United Nations, and to the specialized agencies concerned.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. The material included in this study supplements that which appeared in the previous studies of Article 62 (1) in the Repertory and its Supplements Nos. 1 and 2. There was no new material requiring treatment in the Analytical Summary of Practice. As in the past, activities of the Economic and Social Council under other Articles of the Charter are included only in so far as matters relating thereto have some bearing on the exercise by the Council of its powers under Article 62 (1).

I. GENERAL SURVEY

A. Studies and reports

1. General

2. The Economic and Social Council continued to exercise its power of initiating studies and reports. The types of studies were similar to those described in the Repertory and its Supplements Nos. 1 and 2. Many of the subjects dealt with in these studies and reports were the same as in the past. Thus, they concerned various aspects of the economic development of developing countries, such as international flow of capital to those countries, regional development, transfer of technology to these countries, industrialization, rural development, economic and social planning and projections, including long-term projections and production of fertilizers.

3. Among other subjects dealt with were international commodity problems, housing and community facilities, narcotics, social services, various aspects of co-ordination, transport and communication, tourism, non-agricultural resources and public administration programmes.

4. Among new subjects dealt with in the studies and reports initiated by the Council should be mentioned international co-operation, interchange of ideas and exchange of experience in the various fields of economic and social activities, capital punishment, food surpluses to food-deficient peoples, water desalination, natural disasters, planning institutes, United Nations Development Decade, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, peaceful uses of outer space, economic and social consequences of disarmament.

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1 For a more detailed account of what has been included under other Articles, see the Repertory, under Article 62 (1), para. 2.

2 For example, E S C resolutions 780 (XXX), 836 (XXXII), 1183 (XLII).

3 For example, E S C resolution 1065 C (XXXIX).

4 For example, E S C resolution 1013 (XXXVII).

5 For example, E S C resolutions 757 (XXIX), 839 (XXXII) and 1081 D (XXXIX).

6 For example, E S C resolution 840 (XXXII).

7 For example, E S C resolutions 777 (XXX), 903 B (XXXIV), 1148 (XLII), 1086 M (XXXIX) and 924 (XXXIV).

8 For example, E S C resolution 1179 (XLII).

9 For example, E S C resolution 783 (XXX).

10 For example, E S C resolution 903 C (XXXIV) and 1170 (XLII).

11 For example, E S C resolution 770 D (XXX).

12 E S C resolutions 830 G (XXXII), 903 D (XXXIV) and 975 G (XXXVI).

13 E S C resolutions 841 (XXXII), 843 B (XXXII), 909 (XXXIV) and 1090 B (XXXIX).

14 For example, E S C resolution 967 (XXXVI).

15 E S C resolutions 995 (XXXVI) and 1109 (XL).

16 For example, E S C resolution 877 (XXXIII).

17 E S C resolution 796 (XXX).

18 E S C resolutions 782 (XXX), 803 (XXX), 875 (XXXIII), 812 (XXXI) and 834 (XXXII).

19 E S C resolution 747 (XXIX).

20 E S C resolution 832 (XXXII).

21 E S C resolution 1033 A (XXXVII).

22 E S C resolution 1036 (XXXVII).

23 E S C resolutions 916 (XXXIV), 975 E (XXXVI) and 1152 (XLII).

24 For example, E S C resolutions 917 (XXXIV) and 1000 (XXXVII).

25 E S C resolutions 913 (XXXIV) and 980 C (XXXVI).

26 For example, E S C resolutions 891 (XXXIV).
seismological research, evaluation of assistance programmes, promotion of training and utilization of human resources in the developing countries, science and technology and development, opportunities for international co-operation on behalf of former Trust Territories and other newly independent countries, public information activities of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields and teaching about the United Nations and its related agencies.

2. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

5. As in the past, the preparation of studies and reports in the period under review has been entrusted by the Council mainly to the Secretary-General. The Council also called for studies and reports from Member States, from its subsidiary bodies such as its regional economic commissions, from groups of or individual experts and from the specialized agencies. It also set up new bodies for specific studies and reports.

6. The manner in which the Secretary-General was requested by the Council to prepare studies and reports has not varied significantly from that of the preceding periods. In some instances, consultation with the Member States was requested. The practice of requesting the Secretary-General to prepare studies and reports in co-operation, collaboration or consultation with the specialized agencies, and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) or with executive heads of the specialized agencies was continued by the Council. In some instances, reference was made to a particular agency or its executive head. In one instance, the request was addressed by the Council to the Secretary-General and the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization jointly to develop proposals on food surpluses to food-deficient peoples.

7. The Council also requested the Secretary-General to prepare studies in consultation, if necessary, with a group of experts, with appropriate "outside experts" with international organizations concerned, with competent relevant international governmental and non-governmental organizations and in co-operation with a specific intergovernmental or non-governmental organization.

8. The Secretary-General was also frequently requested to undertake studies and reports in consultation or co-operation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and with subsidiary bodies of the Council, among them regional economic commissions, the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and the Committee for Development Planning.

9. In one instance, the Secretary-General was requested by the Council to formulate proposals on the financing of housing and community facilities with the advice of the regional economic commissions' secretariats, of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut and of such additional consultants as might be necessary. On another occasion, the Council requested the Secretary-General to consider the question of planning for concerted international action after the United Nations Development Decade in consultation with all the organizations of the United Nations family concerned and, in particular, with the assistance of the Committee for Development Planning.

10. The Council, in arranging for studies and reports, at times asked the Secretary-General to have experts to work in the field of economic plans and projections, the Council stated what the functions of this group should be.

11. As to setting up separate bodies for the purpose of undertaking studies and reports, ex-
changing information and preparing proposals in specified fields, the Council established, for example, the following: the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning,49 the Special Committee on co-ordination with particular emphasis on the United Nations Development Decade,50 the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,51 the Ad Hoc Working Group on Social Welfare,52 a working group nominated by the President of the Council to consider the draft declaration on international economic co-operation and to propose a formulation on the subject,53 and an ad hoc committee of representatives of eight Member States, appointed by the President of the Council from among the members of the Technical Assistance Committee and the Governing Council of the Special Fund, to study and report to these two bodies on co-ordination of technical assistance activities.54 In addition to setting up such bodies with their specific terms of reference,55 the Council, on some occasions, gave them additional assignments for studies and reports.56

12. Requests addressed to subsidiary bodies of the Council, such as the regional economic commissions,57 were made in many instances to the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination. These requests referred to the working of, and co-ordination among, the different bodies of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields.58

13. In several instances the Council invited one or more specialized agencies to prepare studies and reports. Thus, it invited the World Health Organization to consider preparing a code of practices by which the addiction-producing properties of drugs are established59 and UNESCO to undertake studies on international relations and exchanges in the field of education, science and culture,60 and to make a survey of abstracting services in the field of science and technology.61 In another instance, the Council requested the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), in co-operation with UNESCO, to work towards such educational and training programmes on space meteorological and telecommunication techniques as might be necessary, in response to General Assembly resolutions 1721 C and D (XVI).62 The specialized agencies were also invited by the Council to facilitate the work of the Secretary-General in preparation of the studies and reports requested by the Council.63

14. In addition to being asked by the Council to undertake certain studies,64 Member States and members of the specialized agencies were also requested by the Council to co-operate or to provide assistance or relevant information to the Secretary-General or to the specific specialized agencies in connexion with studies and reports which the latter were asked by the Council to prepare.65

15. Arrangements for studies and reports were also made by the Council by means of requesting more than one body to undertake a study or by asking several bodies to submit separate reports on a particular topic. For example, the Statistical Commission and the International Union of Official Travel Organizations were urged by the Council to study the question of the definition of the term “visitor”.66 In connexion with the topic of main trends of inquiry in the field of the natural sciences, the dissemination of scientific knowledge and the application of such knowledge for peaceful uses, the Council requested separate reports from the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the Secretary-General and UNESCO, as well as a study by the Secretary-General in collaboration with UNESCO, the other specialized agencies concerned and IATA all relating to the various aspects of this topic.67 The invitation to study in consultation with regional economic commissions the question relating to rural development was addressed to the Secretary-General, the executive heads of the specialized agencies, the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board and the Managing Director of the Special Fund.68

16. The sources of materials as a rule were not specified. As in the past, in some instances Member States were invited69 to co-operate with the Secretary-General or a report was to be based on replies to inquiries to Member States and members of the specialized agencies.70 In one case, the Council recommended71 that Member States and members of related agencies provide UNESCO with the relevant information in connexion with its study relating to international relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture.

49 E S C resolution 903 C (XXXIV).
50 E S C resolution 920 (XXXIV).
51 E S C resolution 980 A (XXXVI). See also E S C resolution 1083 (XXXIX).
52 E S C resolution 975 G (XXXVI).
53 E S C resolution 875 (XXXIII).
54 E S C resolution 851 (XXXII).
55 See this Supplement under Article 68.
56 See, for example, E S C resolutions 975 F (XXXVI) and 1155 (XLI).
57 See, for example, E S C resolutions 982 (XXXVI) and 976 B (XXXVI).
58 See, for example, E S C resolutions 839 (XXXII), 907 (XXXIV), 908 (XXXIV), 991 (XXXVI) and 1175 (XLI).
59 E S C resolution 770 D (XXX).
60 E S C resolution 803 (XXX).
61 E S C resolution 804 A (XXX).
62 E S C resolution 913 (XXXIV).
63 E S C resolution 1167 (XLI).
64 E S C resolutions 891 (XXXIV), 934 (XXXV) and 1087 (XXXIX).
65 E S C resolutions 780 (XXX), 803 (XXX), 913 (XXXIV) and 979 (XXXVI).
66 E S C resolution 995 (XXXVI).
67 E S C resolution 910 (XXXIV).
68 E S C resolution 840 (XXXII).
69 See, for example, E S C resolutions 777 (XXX) and 780 (XXX).
70 For example, E S C resolution 748 (XXIX).
71 E S C resolution 803 (XXX).
3. Action taken by the Council

17. The Council continued to take action on studies and reports similar to that in the period preceding the one covered by this Supplement. On a number of occasions it made arrangements for distribution, circulation or utilization of studies and reports initiated by it or by other bodies.72

B. Recommendations

1. General

18. The Council did not refer to Article 62 (1) in its recommendations during the period covered by this Supplement. Article 62 was referred to by the Council in its resolution,79 on the strengthening of the work of the United Nations in the social field in connexion with its request to the Secretary-General on the reporting of new policy developments in that field.74

19. As in the past, the terminology used by the Council bore no signs of a general pattern. The term "recommends" was used extensively as were the terms "invites", "draws the attention of" and "suggests". Recommendations addressed to the specialized agencies usually began with the term "invites", but the term "requests" was also used.75

20. As previously, the Council’s recommendations were addressed to the General Assembly, to States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and IAEA, to the Governments of all States,76 to a category of Member States,77 to specific Governments,78 and to Governments generally.79 In one instance the Council invited the Secretary-General to make recommendations to Member States.80 Recommendations were also addressed to the specialized agencies, to subsidiary organs of the Council,81 and to inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations.82 Recommendations were also made in the form of a declaration.83

2. To States

21. In addition to recommendations to States on the topics dealt with by the Council in the past, such as housing, building and planning,84 narcotics,85 full employment,86 social welfare,87 industrialization88 and land reform,89 there was a number of additional subjects.

22. Among the new subjects were the United Nations Development Decade,90 evaluation of technical assistance programmes,91 assistance in science and technology to the developing countries,92 illiteracy,93 meetings at the ministerial level,94 information media,95 standardization of geographic names,96 world trade in agricultural products,97 urbanization,98 elimination of gaps in the existing network of permanent meteorological stations,99 co-ordination between industrialization, rural development, urbanization and housing,100 co-ordination in the field of education and training,101 economic and social consequences of disarmament,102 water resources,103 national and regional scientific documentation centres,104 promotion of concentration of activities and resources in the economic, social and human rights fields,105 activities of ITU and WMO related to peaceful uses of outer space,106 industrial and agricultural development essential for social progress,107 tourism,108 new sources of energy,109 science and technology,110 rehabilitation of the disabled,111 the World Food Programme,112 family, child and youth welfare services,113 youth and national development,114 and the development and establishment of export-oriented industries in the developing countries.115

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72 For example, see E S C resolutions 829 A (XXXII), 885 (XXXIV), 891 (XXXIV), 903 D (XXXIV), 1086 G (XXXIX).
73 E S C resolution 903 E (XXXIV).
74 The General Assembly in its resolution 1414 (XIV) referred to Article 62 (1) in inviting the Council to make a study on international co-operation on behalf of former Trust Territories which had become independent.
75 For example, E S C resolutions 1090 A and B (XXXIX).
76 E S C resolution 982 (XXXVI).
77 E S C resolutions 975 B (XXXVI), 1083 (XXXIX), 1088 A (XXXIX), 1128 (XLI) and 1133 (XLI).
78 E S C resolutions 770 D (XXX) and 1078 (XXXIX).
79 E S C resolution 1086 J (XXXIX).
80 E S C resolution 1167 (XLI).
81 For example, E S C resolutions 1000 (XXXVII), 1090 D (XXXIX) and 1155 (XLI).
82 For example, E S C resolutions 995 (XXXVI) and 1086 K (XXXIX).
83 For example, E S C resolution 1081 A (XXXIX).
3. TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

23. Among the recommendations of the Council to the General Assembly containing new matters were recommendations on consultation with the specialized agencies,\textsuperscript{116} on dissemination of scientific knowledge and its application for peaceful ends,\textsuperscript{117} on financial resources for an African development bank,\textsuperscript{118} on social welfare,\textsuperscript{119} literacy,\textsuperscript{120} United Nations machinery in the field of industrial development,\textsuperscript{121} population growth and economic and social development,\textsuperscript{122} consolidation of the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in a United Nations Development Programme,\textsuperscript{123} and the World Food Programme.\textsuperscript{124}

4. TO THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

24. The recommendations to the specialized agencies were addressed by the Council to all specialized agencies generally, in some instances also to IAEA, to the agencies concerned, to the individual agencies,\textsuperscript{125} and to the agencies as part of a larger group of organizations, as, for instance, recommendations to “the organizations of the United Nations family concerned”, or to “the participating organizations”\textsuperscript{126} in the technical assistance programmes.

25. Among the recommendations dealing with new topics were those on earthquakes in Morocco,\textsuperscript{127} the development of information media,\textsuperscript{128} international co-operation in the field of seismology,\textsuperscript{129} concentration of activities,\textsuperscript{130} application of science and technology for the benefit of the less developed areas,\textsuperscript{131} urban and rural development,\textsuperscript{132} co-ordination in the field of atomic energy activities,\textsuperscript{133} the celebration of the Centenary of ITU,\textsuperscript{134} town-twinning during the International Co-operation Year,\textsuperscript{135} the development and utilization of human resources,\textsuperscript{136} co-operation with the resident representatives,\textsuperscript{137} scrutiny of programmes, practices and procedures\textsuperscript{138} and literacy.\textsuperscript{139}

\textsuperscript{116} E S C resolution 800 (XXX).
\textsuperscript{117} E S C resolution 829 A (XXXII).
\textsuperscript{118} E S C resolution 874 (XXXIII).
\textsuperscript{119} E S C resolution 903 D (XXXIV).
\textsuperscript{120} E S C resolution 1032 (XXXIII).
\textsuperscript{121} E S C resolution 1030 (XXXIII).
\textsuperscript{122} E S C resolution 1048 (XXXVII).
\textsuperscript{123} E S C resolution 1020 (XXXVII).
\textsuperscript{124} E S C resolution 1080 (XXXIX).
\textsuperscript{125} For example, E S C resolution 746 (XXIX), 819 A (XXXI), 1090 B (XXXIX) and 1152 (XLI).
\textsuperscript{126} E S C resolution 746 (XXIX).
\textsuperscript{127} E S C resolution 819 A (XXXI).
\textsuperscript{128} E S C resolution 912 (XXXIV).
\textsuperscript{129} E S C resolution 909 (XXXIV) section I.
\textsuperscript{130} E S C resolution 980 A (XXXVI), 1083 (XXXIX) and 1155 (XLI).
\textsuperscript{131} E S C resolution 976 E (XXXVI).
\textsuperscript{132} E S C resolution 986 (XXXVI).
\textsuperscript{133} E S C resolution 1045 (XXXVI).
\textsuperscript{134} E S C resolution 1028 (XXXVII).
\textsuperscript{135} E S C resolution 1090 A (XXXIX).
\textsuperscript{136} E S C resolution 1090 B (XXXIX).
\textsuperscript{137} E S C resolution 1152 (XLI).
\textsuperscript{138} E S C resolution 1128 (XLI).

**II. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF PRACTICE**\textsuperscript{140}

\textsuperscript{140} See this Supplement under Article 68 concerning the competence of the Council in the matter of membership of Portugal and the Republic of South Africa in the Economic Commission for Africa.