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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. This study is organized in the same manner as the study of Article 62 (1) in the Repertory and its Supplements Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. There was no new material requiring treatment in the Analytical Summary of Practice for the period under review.

2. In general, only such studies and reports as are made by or initiated through direct action of the Economic and Social Council are dealt with in this study. Furthermore, the study covers other means or methods used by the Council for gathering data or information. Recommendations made
by the Council to bodies other than the General Assembly, Member States and the United Nations specialized agencies are also included.

3. Decisions of the Council under Articles of the Charter of the United Nations are included only insofar as matters relating thereto have some bearing on the exercise by the Council of its powers under Article 62 (1). Thus, the present study does not deal with the following: annual reports submitted to the General Assembly by the Council under Article 15 (2); regular reports submitted by the specialized agencies to the Council, nor does it deal with reports from Member States and specialized agencies concerning their implementation of General Assembly and Council recommendations on economic and social matters provided for under Article 64; agreements with specialized agencies, coordination of their policies and activities, recommendations made pursuant to Articles 58 and 63; recommendations relating to arrangements for consultation with nongovernmental organizations under Article 71; matters relating to functions and powers of regional and functional commissions and sub-commissions, ad hoc or other bodies established under the terms of Article 68 or of Council decisions; the functions entrusted to the Secretary-General under Article 98; and the general scope given the terms “international economic, social, cultural, educational, health, and related matters.”

I. GENERAL SURVEY

A. STUDIES AND REPORTS

1. General

4. During the period under review, the Council continued to exercise its power of initiating studies and reports as described in the Repertory and its Supplements Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. The Council continued to make and initiate studies and reports mostly at its own initiative, but in some instances on the recommendation of its subsidiary organs or upon the invitation of the General Assembly.

5. As in the past, the types of studies requested by the Council included updated studies, feasibility studies, case studies and comprehensive analysis. The Council also called for estimates, views and comments and compilation of data. Thus, by resolution 1985/24, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies and organs of the United Nations system, to prepare a document incorporating guidelines for establishing social services for migrant workers and their families. In another instance, the Council recommended Member States to carry out population and housing censuses.

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1 See also this Supplement, under Article 55.
2 See e.g., E S C decision 1986/133.
3 See e.g., E S C resolution 1988/70.
4 See e.g., E S C resolution 1988/56.
5 See e.g., E S C resolution 1987/9.
6 See e.g., E S C resolution 1987/6.
7 See e.g., E S C decision 1987/187.
8 See e.g., E S C resolution 1985/5, paragraph 2 (f).
9 See e.g., E S C resolution 1985/9.
10 See e.g., E S C resolution 1986/26.
6. In conformity with past practice, the Council requested, *inter alia*, the preparation of interim reports,\(^{12}\) brief reports,\(^{13}\) supplementary reports,\(^{14}\) progress reports,\(^{15}\) comprehensive reports,\(^{16}\) concise reports,\(^{17}\) updated reports\(^{18}\) and analytical reports.\(^{19}\)

7. The Council continued to initiate studies and reports covering the same subjects as in the past, *inter alia*, the role of transnational corporations in the least developed countries,\(^ {20}\) mobilization of personal savings,\(^ {21}\) extreme poverty,\(^ {22}\) population issues,\(^ {23}\) permanent sovereignty over natural resources,\(^ {24}\) activities of transnational corporations in developing countries\(^ {25}\) and the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries.\(^ {26}\)

8. During the period under review, the Council called for studies and reports with respect to several new subjects, namely, 1990 World Population and Housing Census Programme,\(^ {27}\) small-scale mining,\(^ {28}\) African migrant workers,\(^ {29}\) international year for the mobilization of financial and technological resources to increase food and agricultural production in Africa,\(^ {30}\) net transfer of resources from developing to developed countries,\(^ {31}\) indicative patterns of consumption,\(^ {32}\) Special Action Programme in Public Administration and Management for Africa,\(^ {33}\) Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,\(^ {34}\) realization of the right to adequate housing,\(^ {35}\) Israeli economic practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories,\(^ {36}\) traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes,\(^ {37}\) national entrepreneurship in economic development\(^ {38}\) and the effects on the environment of the dumping of nuclear wastes.

9. As in the past, studies and reports have been initiated by the Council to aid the Council\(^ {39}\) or its subsidiary organs\(^ {40}\) in their policy-making role. By resolution 1985/24, the Council requested the Secretary-General, *inter alia*, to consider the implementation of measures based on the studies

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\(^{12}\) *See e.g.*, E S C resolution 1987/45.

\(^{13}\) *See e.g.*, E S C decision 1985/126.

\(^{14}\) *See e.g.*, E S C resolution 1987/7.

\(^{15}\) *See e.g.*, E S C resolution 1988/7.

\(^{16}\) *See e.g.*, E S C resolution 1988/25.

\(^{17}\) *See e.g.*, E S C resolution 1987/12.

\(^{18}\) *See e.g.*, E S C resolution 1989/92.

\(^{19}\) *See e.g.*, E S C resolution 1986/56.

\(^{20}\) E S C resolution 1988/58.

\(^{21}\) E S C decision 1985/126.

\(^{22}\) E S C resolution 1988/47.

\(^{23}\) E S C resolution 1985/5.

\(^{24}\) E S C resolution 1985/52.

\(^{25}\) E S C resolution 1988/58.

\(^{26}\) E S C resolution 1987/92.

\(^{27}\) E S C resolution 1985/8.

\(^{28}\) E S C resolution 1985/47.

\(^{29}\) E S C resolution 1985/64.

\(^{30}\) E S C decision 1986/149.

\(^{31}\) E S C resolution 1986/56.

\(^{32}\) E S C resolution 1987/6.

\(^{33}\) E S C resolution 1988/7.

\(^{34}\) E S C resolution 1988/22.

\(^{35}\) E S C resolution 1988/43.

\(^{36}\) E S C resolution 1988/65.

\(^{37}\) E S C resolution 1988/70.

\(^{38}\) E S C resolution 1988/74.

\(^{39}\) *See e.g.*, E S C resolution 1985/53.

\(^{40}\) *See e.g.*, E S C resolution 1985/54.
already conducted to benefit migrant workers and their families. In another instance, the Secretary-General was requested to prepare a report for the purpose of establishing a list of priorities for planning global activities and programmes for the remainder of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons and beyond.

2. Preparation and submission

10. In conformity with its previous practice, the Council entrusted the preparation of studies and reports to the Secretary-General and to the Secretary-General in co-operation, consultation or collaboration with specialized agencies, organizations associated with the United Nations and other entities. The Council continued to request its regional commissions and functional commissions to undertake such tasks.

11. In some instances, the Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare studies and reports in co-operation with specified specialized agencies. The Secretary-General was also requested to co-operate with specialized agencies as well as other organizations and entities.

12. The Council maintained its practice of entrusting the preparation of studies and reports to the Secretary-General in co-operation with organizations and entities other than specialized agencies. Thus, by resolution 1987/90, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the World Food Council and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to submit a report, inter alia, on the trends in the international market for agricultural products.

13. On some occasions, the Secretary-General was also asked to prepare studies and reports in co-operation with states, whether they were Members of the United Nations or not. The Council also furthered its practice of inviting Governments, States and Member States of the United Nations to undertake the preparation of studies and reports. Thus, by resolution 1988/19, the Council encouraged “… Governments to provide responses of high quality …” to a questionnaire.

14. In conformity with its previous practice, the Council occasionally entrusted the preparation of studies and reports to special rapporteurs, departments, programmes and other entities. In one instance, the Council requested the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations to study the role of transnational corporations in the least developed countries.

41 E S C resolution 1988/45.
42 See e.g., E S C resolution 1985/64.
43 See e.g., E S C resolution 1988/47.
44 See e.g., E S C resolution 1987/6.
45 See e.g., E S C resolutions 1985/24, 1987/6 and 1986/64.
46 See e.g., E S C resolutions 1987/47 and 1987/39.
47 See e.g., E S C resolution 1985/22.
48 See e.g., E S C resolution 1987/35.
49 See e.g., E S C resolutions 1985/47 and 1985/70.
50 See e.g., E S C resolution 1987/35.
51 See e.g., E S C resolution 1985/8.
52 E S C resolution 1987/60.
53 See e.g., E S C resolution 1986/74.
54 See e.g., E S C resolution 1988/69.
55 See e.g., E S C resolution 1985/2.
56 E S C resolution 1988/58.
15. The Council continued its practice of specifying sources of material to be used in studies and reports similar to those described in the Repertory for Article 62 (1) and its Supplements. For example, to take into account provisions enumerated in General Assembly resolutions, the efforts made and the experience gained, the work already under way elsewhere in the United Nations system, recommendations made by the Panel of Eminent Persons and information received by Governments.

16. As in the past, studies and reports have been submitted to the Council to its functional commissions, committees or to the General Assembly. On some occasions, studies and reports have been submitted to the Secretary-General and ad hoc committees. By Council resolution 1985/70, the Governments of Morocco and Spain were invited to continue to furnish information to Governments, international organizations, research institutes and universities in the Mediterranean area and other regions. In another instance, the Council stressed the importance that all Governments voluntarily provided to the International Narcotics Control Board complete reports on trade in secobarbital and other substances listed in Schedule III of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances.

17. The Council continued to take action on studies and reports similar to those actions taken in the past. Thus, the Council considered studies and reports as well as requested the Secretary-General to circulate studies and reports for information. By resolution 1985/23, the Secretary-General was requested to ensure the appropriate publicity for the report submitted. In another instance, the Council invited the General Assembly to make an appropriate decision on further action after having considered the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the present response of the United Nations system to the AIDS pandemic.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. General

18. During the period under review, the Council did not expressly refer to Article 62 (1) of the Charter of the United Nations as a basis for making recommendations. The terminology used by the Council did not appear to follow any general pattern. However, a particular terminology may have

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57 See Supplements Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 for Article 62 (1).
58 E S C resolution 1987/35.
59 E S C resolution 1987/92.
60 E S C resolution 1985/22.
61 E S C resolution 1987/56.
62 E S C resolution 1985/53.
63 See e.g., E S C resolutions 1985/4 and 1987/90.
64 See e.g., E S C resolutions 1987/39, 1988/25 and 1986/1.
65 See e.g., E S C resolution 1987/7.
66 See e.g., E S C resolution 1988/65.
67 See e.g., E S C resolution 1985/47.
68 See e.g., E S C decision 1988/161.
69 E S C resolution 1986/8.
70 See Repertory for Article 62 (1) and its Supplements Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.
71 E S C resolution 1985/72 preambular paragraph 4.
72 E S C resolution 1987/7.
73 E S C resolution 1988/55.
been considered more appropriate with regard to the substance of the recommendation and the type of action recommended. The terms “urges”\textsuperscript{74} and “calls upon”\textsuperscript{75} were frequently used in recommendations addressed to States whereas the term “recommends”\textsuperscript{76} was mostly used when addressing the General Assembly. The term “invites”\textsuperscript{77} was repeatedly employed in recommendations to the specialized agencies.

2. To States

19. As in the past, the Council addressed Member States in general,\textsuperscript{78} categories or groups of Member States\textsuperscript{79} and particular Member States\textsuperscript{80} relating to the issue under consideration. In the same manner, the Council addressed Governments\textsuperscript{81} and States.\textsuperscript{82} The Council continued to address\textsuperscript{83} the international community on several occasions.

20. The Council furthered its practice of addressing\textsuperscript{84} States in conjunction with specialized agencies, organizations, organs and bodies of the United Nations system, governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, bilateral and multilateral agencies, sub-regional and regional organizations, enterprises, services, programmes, national and international institutions, research institutes and transnational organizations. Thus, in one instance,\textsuperscript{85} the Council addressed “… Member States, as well as organs and subsidiary bodies of the United Nations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, educational, scientific, cultural and research institutions and their communications media …”. In another instance,\textsuperscript{86} the Council addressed “… the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the United Nations Secretariat, the Customs Co-operation Council, the International Criminal Police Organization and Governments …”.

21. The Council continued to issue recommendations to States covering the same subjects as in the past, such as, public administration and finance for development,\textsuperscript{87} rural women and development,\textsuperscript{88} the critical economic situation in Africa,\textsuperscript{89} transport of dangerous goods,\textsuperscript{90} social aspects of development\textsuperscript{91} and assistance to the Palestinian people.\textsuperscript{92} The Council also maintained its practice of requesting\textsuperscript{93} States to contribute to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction of countries suffering from natural disasters.

\textsuperscript{74} See e.g., E S C resolution 1988/9.
\textsuperscript{75} See e.g., E S C resolution 1988/43.
\textsuperscript{76} See e.g., E S C resolution 1987/38.
\textsuperscript{77} See e.g., E S C resolution 1988/3.
\textsuperscript{78} See e.g., E S C resolution 1985/24.
\textsuperscript{79} See e.g., E S C resolutions 1988/9, 1986/28, 1988/73 and 1985/64.
\textsuperscript{80} See e.g., E S C resolutions 1985/39 and 1985/70.
\textsuperscript{83} See e.g., E S C resolution 1986/7.
\textsuperscript{84} See e.g., E S C resolutions 1988/38, 1985/63, 1986/1 and 1986/63.
\textsuperscript{85} E S C resolution 1986/15.
\textsuperscript{86} E S C resolution 1985/13.
\textsuperscript{87} E S C resolution 1987/55.
\textsuperscript{88} E S C resolution 1988/29.
\textsuperscript{89} E S C resolution 1985/80.
\textsuperscript{90} E S C resolution 1985/9.
\textsuperscript{91} E S C resolution 1985/31.
\textsuperscript{92} E S C resolution 1987/77.
\textsuperscript{93} E S C resolutions 1987/15 and 1987/73.
22. During the period under review, the Council addressed several new subjects, including the prevention and control of AIDS, the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development, the fight against the locust and grasshopper infestation in Africa, women and peace in Central America, the participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation, International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, International Year for the mobilization of financial and technical resources to increase food and agricultural production in Africa, the net transfer of resources from developing to developed countries, the realization of the right to adequate housing, the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 1990 World Population and Housing Census Programme, International Plan of Action on Aging, women and development in Africa, United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, preventive education and community participation against drugs abuse, and Substantial New Programme of Action in the African least developed countries during the second half of the 1980s.

23. The recommendations by the Council envisaged a variety of actions, such as the implementation of guidelines, recommendations, programmes and strategies, the establishment of national measures, the participation in meetings and negotiations, the undertaking of cooperation, the providing of information to certain entities, the taking or adoption of practical, institutional, educational, organizational and other measures, the taking or support

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94 ESC resolution 1987/75.  
95 ESC resolution 1988/1.  
96 ESC resolution 1988/3.  
97 ESC resolution 1988/20.  
99 ESC resolution 1987/37.  
100 ESC resolution 1987/67.  
101 ESC resolution 1987/93.  
102 ESC resolution 1987/62.  
103 ESC resolution 1988/76.  
104 ESC resolution 1985/8.  
105 ESC resolution 1985/24.  
106 ESC resolution 1985/28.  
107 ESC resolution 1985/67.  
108 ESC resolution 1985/43.  
109 ESC resolution 1985/14.  
110 ESC resolution 1985/63.  
111 ESC resolution 1988/61.  
112 ESC resolution 1985/49A.  
114 ESC resolution 1986/28.  
117 ESC resolution 1987/90.  
118 ESC resolutions 1987/36 and 1985/49A.  
121 ESC resolutions 1987/93 and 1987/37.  
123 ESC resolutions 1988/3 and 1985/16.
of certain actions and activities, the consideration of,\(^{123}\) the giving of attention\(^{124}\) or priority\(^{125}\) to
certain issues and the donation of contributions\(^{126}\) and assistance.\(^{127}\)

24. The Council also encouraged States to revise their legislation.\(^{128}\) By resolution 1987/90, the
Council called upon all countries to pursue vigorously the liberalization of agricultural trade and
necessary policy reforms. In another instance,\(^{129}\) the Council urged countries to donate a fixed
percentage of their gross national product as official development assistance.

25. Some of the recommendations made by the Council concerned actions to be taken in concert with
other States. For instance, by resolution 1988/20, the Council called upon the Presidents of the
Central American countries to continue their joint efforts to achieve peace in Central America.
The Council also invited States to co-operate with entities of the United Nations system\(^{130}\) and
other organizations.\(^{131}\)

26. In a few instances,\(^{132}\) the Council envisaged limitations for the implementation of its
recommendations, thus by resolution 1987/31, the Council urged Governments “... to consider
ways of implementing the above-mentioned resolutions and, as far as their constitutional and legal
system permit, to bring about an expeditious improvement in the current situation; ...”.

2. To the General Assembly

27. During the period under review, recommendations to the General Assembly relating to new
subjects included the World Decade for Cultural Development,\(^{133}\) 1990 International Literacy
Year,\(^{134}\) the realization of the right to adequate housing,\(^{135}\) the need to enhance international co-
operation in protection of and assistance for the family,\(^{136}\) Substantial New Programme of Action
in the African least developed countries during the second half of the 1980s,\(^{137}\) the Fourth United
Nations Development Decade,\(^{138}\) the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa\(^{139}\) and the
prevention and control of AIDS.\(^{140}\)

28. As in the past, Council recommendations addressed to the General Assembly envisaged actions
including the observance of anniversaries,\(^{141}\) the adoption of draft resolutions\(^{142}\) and guidelines,\(^{143}\)

\(^{123}\) E S C resolution 1988/10.
\(^{124}\) E S C resolution 1988/43.
\(^{125}\) E S C resolution 1985/14.
\(^{126}\) E S C resolutions 1987/32 and 1986/47.
\(^{128}\) E S C resolutions 1985/49A.
\(^{129}\) E S C resolution 1985/63.
\(^{130}\) E S C resolutions 1987/18, 1987/69 and 1986/47.
\(^{131}\) E S C resolutions 1986/49.
\(^{132}\) E S C resolution 1985/12.
\(^{133}\) E S C resolution 1986/99.
\(^{134}\) E S C resolution 1987/80.
\(^{135}\) E S C resolution 1987/62.
\(^{136}\) E S C resolution 1987/42.
\(^{137}\) E S C resolution 1985/63.
\(^{138}\) E S C resolution 1988/76.
\(^{139}\) E S C resolution 1988/67.
\(^{140}\) E S C resolution 1988/55.
\(^{141}\) E S C resolutions 1987/26 and 1987/76.
\(^{142}\) E S C resolutions 1985/34 and 1987/42.
\(^{143}\) E S C resolution 1988/63.
the proclamation of years\textsuperscript{144} and decades\textsuperscript{145} and the initiation of a comprehensive process for the preparation of an International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade for the period 1991-2000.\textsuperscript{146}

4. To the specialized agencies

29. The Council furthered its practice of addressing particular specialized agencies,\textsuperscript{147} specialized agencies in general,\textsuperscript{148} specialized agencies in conjunction with organizations and other entities whether or not part of the United Nations system and States.\textsuperscript{149} On several occasions, the Council also addressed “the organizations of the United Nations system”.\textsuperscript{150} By resolution 1988/13, the Council addressed “… the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the United Nation Secretariat and the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, as well as the International Police Organization and the Customs Co-operation Council, …”.

30. The Council continued to make recommendations to the specialized agencies relating to issues such as the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,\textsuperscript{151} Palestinian women,\textsuperscript{152} operational activities for development\textsuperscript{153} and assistance to the Palestinian people.\textsuperscript{154}

31. The recommendations to the specialized agencies also dealt with several new issues, including the prevention and control of AIDS,\textsuperscript{155} the United Nations Decade for Disabled Persons,\textsuperscript{156} the Arusha Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of African women,\textsuperscript{157} the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development,\textsuperscript{158} the achievement of social justice,\textsuperscript{159} social aspects of rural development,\textsuperscript{160} Special Action Programme for Public Administration and Management for Africa,\textsuperscript{161} United Nations assistance programme relating to Afghanistan\textsuperscript{162} and locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa.\textsuperscript{163}

32. The recommendations to the specialized agencies envisaged a variety of actions, including the development of policies\textsuperscript{164} and programmes,\textsuperscript{165} the implementation of plans of action\textsuperscript{166} and

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\textsuperscript{144} E S C resolution 1987/80.
\textsuperscript{145} E S C resolution 1986/69.
\textsuperscript{146} E S C resolution 1988/76.
\textsuperscript{147} See e.g., E S C resolutions 1988/3 and 1987/70.
\textsuperscript{148} See e.g., E S C resolution 1988/52.
\textsuperscript{149} See e.g., E S C resolutions 1988/3, 1986/13, 1987/75 and 1987/44.
\textsuperscript{150} See e.g., E S C resolution 1988/1.
\textsuperscript{151} E S C resolution 1987/92.
\textsuperscript{152} E S C resolution 1986/21.
\textsuperscript{153} E S C resolution 1986/74.
\textsuperscript{154} E S C resolution 1985/57.
\textsuperscript{155} E S C resolution 1987/75.
\textsuperscript{156} E S C resolution 1986/16.
\textsuperscript{157} E S C resolution 1986/28.
\textsuperscript{158} E S C resolution 1988/1.
\textsuperscript{159} E S C resolution 1988/46.
\textsuperscript{160} E S C resolution 1987/40.
\textsuperscript{161} E S C resolution 1988/7.
\textsuperscript{162} E S C resolution 1988/52.
\textsuperscript{163} E S C resolution 1988/3.
\textsuperscript{164} E S C resolution 1985/46.
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guidelines, the participation in meetings, the inclusion of items in their agenda, the giving of assistance and the exchange of experience and information.

33. In addition to the above, the Council, by resolution 1986/74, reiterated the need for all organizations of the United Nations system to make greater use of the capacities of developing countries. In another instance, the Council called upon “all concerned” to facilitate the establishment of a seaport and a citrus plant in the occupied Gaza Strip and a cement plant in the occupied West Bank. Furthermore, the Council invited “… the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in close co-operation with the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, to undertake an assessment of the prevailing techniques used in the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, with a view to identifying and applying more effective and environmentally sound methods; …”.

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165 ESC resolution 1987/32.
166 ESC resolution 1988/7.
167 ESC resolution 1986/13.
169 ESC resolution 1988/1.
170 ESC resolutions 1985/57 and 1987/84.
171 ESC resolution 1987/92.
172 ESC resolution 1985/58.
173 ESC resolution 1988/3.