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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, 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, 6* and 7. Under the Analytical Summary of Practice, the only new material requiring treatment was the question of the commissioning of studies and reports involving field surveys within the territories of States.
2. This study is primarily concerned with studies and reports as are made by or initiated through direct action of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly, Member States

and specialized agencies. The study also includes 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 specialized agencies are further included. Matters relating to human rights are dealt with under the study of Article 62 (2).

3. Recommendations of the Council under other 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); neither regular reports submitted by the specialized agencies to the Council, nor 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 non-governmental 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 term “international economic, social, cultural, educational, health, and related matters.”¹

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 in the past, the Council initiated studies and reports mostly on its own initiative, but also on the recommendation of its subsidiary organs² or upon the invitation of the General Assembly.³
5. The Council maintained its practice of initiating various types of studies and reports, including analytical studies,⁴ comparative analysis,⁵ analysis,⁶ in-depth analysis,⁷ updated studies,⁸ national case-studies,⁹ research,¹⁰ surveys,¹¹ field missions,¹² investigative missions¹³

¹ See also this *Supplement*, under Article 55.

² See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/44.

³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/56.

⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/25.

⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/92.

⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/2.

⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/4.

⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/70.

⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/4.

¹⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/64.

¹¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/22.

¹² See e.g., E S C decision 1990/247.

¹³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/34.

- and investigations.¹⁴ The Council continued to request the collection of views¹⁵ and information,¹⁶ responses to questionnaires¹⁷ and contributions to the provision of data.¹⁸
6. The Council continued its practice of initiating the preparation of, *inter alia*, preliminary reports,¹⁹ progress reports,²⁰ updated reports,²¹ final reports,²² comprehensive reports,²³ analytical and comparative reports,²⁴ evaluation reports,²⁵ periodic reports²⁶ and annual reports.²⁷
 7. The Council continued to initiate studies and reports with respect to subjects on international economic, social, cultural and related matters as covered in previous review periods. Such subjects included economic co-operation among developing countries,²⁸ equality in economic and social participation,²⁹ youth and human rights,³⁰ treaties, agreements and other constructive agreements between States and indigenous populations,³¹ food and agriculture,³² locust and grasshopper infestation,³³ development and efficient use of energy resources,³⁴ countries stricken by desertification and drought in Africa,³⁵ transfer of technology to developing countries,³⁶ United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice,³⁷ capital punishment,³⁸ principles and guarantees for the protection of mentally ill persons and for the improvement of mental health care,³⁹ communications on the status of women⁴⁰ and cultural development.⁴¹
 8. During the period under review, the Council initiated studies and reports with respect to several new subjects, including the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States,⁴² negative social consequences of alcohol use,⁴³ implementation of the International Drug Abuse Assessment System,⁴⁴ social justice,⁴⁵ cultural property of indigenous peoples,⁴⁶ development of a plan of

¹⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/19.

¹⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/20.

¹⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/34.

¹⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/51.

¹⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/45.

¹⁹ See e.g., E S C decision 1994/274.

²⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/73.

²¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/34.

²² See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/4.

²³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/34.

²⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/49.

²⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/45.

²⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/52.

²⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/45.

²⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/21.

²⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/36.

³⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/7.

³¹ See e.g., E S C decision 1992/253.

³² See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/53.

³³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/98.

³⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/86.

³⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/96.

³⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/69.

³⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/18.

³⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/29.

³⁹ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1990/37 and 1989/76.

⁴⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/19.

⁴¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/32.

⁴² See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/70.

⁴³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/49.

⁴⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/45.

action to implement the long-term strategy to further the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,⁴⁷ International Year of Older Persons (1999),⁴⁸ traditional practices affecting the health of women and children,⁴⁹ multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health,⁵⁰ various issues pertaining to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS),⁵¹ malaria and diarrhoeal diseases,⁵² the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant,⁵³ human rights and the environment,⁵⁴ combating aridity, soil erosion, salinity, water-logging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia,⁵⁵ the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (1991-2000),⁵⁶ the Second United Nations Development Decade for Africa (1991- 2000),⁵⁷ screw-worm infestation,⁵⁸ co-operation in fisheries in Africa,⁵⁹ control of the proceeds of crime,⁶⁰ organized crime,⁶¹ prison education⁶² and implementation of the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power.⁶³

9. The follow-up to the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women was an area of emphasis during the period under review.⁶⁴ In this regard, the Council initiated several studies and reports, including the situation of women and children in Namibia,⁶⁵ the situation of women and children under *apartheid*,⁶⁶ the situation of Palestinian women,⁶⁷ rural women,⁶⁸ disabled women,⁶⁹ the integration of elderly women into development⁷⁰ and violence against women in all its forms.⁷¹
10. The Council also initiated several studies and reports further to the Milan Plan of Action,⁷² including concerted international action against the forms of crime identified therein,⁷³ domestic violence⁷⁴ and urban crime prevention.⁷⁵

⁴⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/25.

⁴⁶ See e.g., E S C decision 1992/256.

⁴⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/20.

⁴⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/22.

⁴⁹ See e.g., E S C decision 1990/247.

⁵⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/79.

⁵¹ See e.g., E S C decision 1990/239, E S C resolutions 1991/46, 1992/33 and 1993/51.

⁵² See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/34.

⁵³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/50.

⁵⁴ See e.g., E S C decision 1991/244.

⁵⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/97.

⁵⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/99.

⁵⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/41.

⁵⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/61.

⁵⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/73.

⁶⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/30.

⁶¹ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1992/23 and 1994/12.

⁶² See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/20.

⁶³ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1989/57 and 1990/22.

⁶⁴ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985, A/Conf.116/28/Rev.1.

⁶⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/31.

⁶⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/33.

⁶⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/34.

⁶⁸ See e.g., E S C decision 1989/130.

⁶⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/21.

⁷⁰ See e.g., E S C decision 1992/271.

⁷¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/18.

⁷² Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Milan, 26 August – 6 September 1985: report prepared by the Secretariat, A/Conf.121/22/Rev. 1. See also E S C resolution 1986/10.

⁷³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/62.

⁷⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/67.

2. Preparation and submission

11. Further to the implementation of its resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the Council invited, in its resolution 1989/114, "... all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to provide the Council with all the necessary input and support, particularly material required for the preparation of thematic analysis and consolidated reports, ...".⁷⁶ The Council also noted the importance of improving the quality and reducing the length of the documents submitted to the Council and its subsidiary bodies.⁷⁷ Furthermore, it was emphasized that all reports submitted to the Council should be prefaced by a summary outlining the main issues addressed and the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports.
12. In conformity with its previous practice, the Council entrusted the preparation of studies and reports in large part to the Secretary-General.⁷⁸ The Council also continued to request that the Secretary-General co-operate, consult or collaborate with, *inter alia*, specialized agencies,⁷⁹ regional commissions,⁸⁰ research and training institutes,⁸¹ programmes,⁸² bodies,⁸³ organs⁸⁴ and organizations⁸⁵ of the United Nations system in the preparation of such studies and reports. In some instances, the Council requested that the Secretary-General prepare studies and reports in concert with organizations and entities outside the United Nations system.⁸⁶ Thus, the Council requested that the Secretary-General engage in such preparation with, *inter alia*, experts,⁸⁷ transnational corporations,⁸⁸ international financial institutions,⁸⁹ international business community⁹⁰ and intergovernmental organizations.⁹¹ One example of such co-operation was law enforcement. Thus, by resolution 1991/41, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the Arab Security Studies and Training Centre, the Colombo Plan Bureau, the International Criminal Police Organization and other interested parties, to, *inter alia*, conduct research and impact studies on the use of the United Nations drug law enforcement training manual.
13. The Council maintained its practice of requesting the Secretary-General to co-operate with Governments⁹² and States, whether they were Members of the United Nations,⁹³ or not,⁹⁴ in the preparation of the requested studies and reports. The Council also continued to recommend that Governments, Member States and States undertake the preparation of studies

⁷⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/27.

⁷⁶ See also *Supplement No. 6*, under Article 62 (1), paragraph 11.

⁷⁷ *Ibid.*

⁷⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/36.

⁷⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/14.

⁸⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/41.

⁸¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/24.

⁸² See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/71.

⁸³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/51.

⁸⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/54.

⁸⁵ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1994/34 and 1994/36.

⁸⁶ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1992/22, 1991/97 and 1989/25.

⁸⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/25.

⁸⁸ *Supra.*

⁸⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/27.

⁹⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/55.

⁹¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/46.

⁹² See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/14.

⁹³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/10.

⁹⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/70.

and reports either alone⁹⁵ or in conjunction with other entities, such as, *inter alia*, specialized bodies, non-governmental organizations and academic institutions.⁹⁶

14. In conformity with past practice, the Council entrusted the preparation of studies and reports to specialized agencies in general.⁹⁷ In some instances, the Council called upon particular specialized agencies to prepare such reports.⁹⁸ For example, by resolution 1992/33, the Council requested the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), acting in close collaboration with other appropriate bodies, organs and programmes of the United Nations system, to report on further developments concerning the coordination of HIV/AIDS activities.
15. The Council also continued to request departments of the United Nations Secretariat,⁹⁹ regional commissions,¹⁰⁰ programmes and organs of the United Nations,¹⁰¹ working groups,¹⁰² committees,¹⁰³ special rapporteurs,¹⁰⁴ experts¹⁰⁵ and other entities¹⁰⁶ to undertake the preparation of studies and reports. For example,¹⁰⁷ the Co-ordinator of the International Year of the Family was requested to prepare a report on activities related to crime and prevention of criminal justice undertaken in the observance of the Year.
16. The Council furthered its practice of specifying sources of materials to be taken into account when preparing the requested studies and reports. In addition to sources referenced in the *Repertory* and its *Supplements*,¹⁰⁸ the Council requested, *inter alia*, that the following sources be taken into account: United Nations deliberations and activities,¹⁰⁹ documents listed in annexes to Council resolutions,¹¹⁰ reports of an expert meeting,¹¹¹ national reports,¹¹² recommendations of the Expert Group Meeting on Violence in the Family¹¹³ and Israeli settlement practices.¹¹⁴ The Council also requested that certain circumstances be taken into account when considering specific issues. For example, by resolution 1992/20, the Council called upon the Preparatory Commission for the World Conference on Human Rights “... to take into account the existence of *de facto* as well as *de jure* discrimination, which continues to impede the full enjoyment by women of their economic, social and cultural rights, as well as their civil and political rights” when preparing studies for the Conference.

⁹⁵ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1994/20, 1993/60 and 1991/22.

⁹⁶ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1989/64 and 1989/57.

⁹⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/19.

⁹⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/61.

⁹⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/35.

¹⁰⁰ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1991/74 and 1994/32.

¹⁰¹ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1989/4 and 1991/46.

¹⁰² See e.g., E S C decision 1993/260.

¹⁰³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/70.

¹⁰⁴ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1989/78 and 1992/7.

¹⁰⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/11 and E S C decision 1991/236.

¹⁰⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/20.

¹⁰⁷ E S C resolution 1994/18.

¹⁰⁸ See *Repertory* and its *Supplements Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7*, under Article 62 (1).

¹⁰⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/70.

¹¹⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/32.

¹¹¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/49.

¹¹² See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/9.

¹¹³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/67.

¹¹⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/53.

17. As in the past, studies and reports have been requested to be submitted to the Council,¹¹⁵ its functional commissions,¹¹⁶ sub-commissions,¹¹⁷ committees,¹¹⁸ the General Assembly,¹¹⁹ the Secretary-General,¹²⁰ preparatory committees¹²¹ and conferences.¹²²
18. The Council continued to take action on studies and reports similar to those taken in the past. For example, by resolution 1991/66, the Council invited the General Assembly to consider the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the response of the United Nations system to the AIDS pandemic and to take an appropriate decision on further action.
19. On a few occasions, the Council expressed regrets that the requested reports failed to meet the outlined requirements¹²³ or that they contained imprecisions and errors.¹²⁴ By resolution 1990/53, the Council expressed concern that the requested report on Israeli land and water policies and practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories was not presented and requested again that the report be submitted.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. General

20. During the period under review, the Council did not expressly refer to Article 62 (1) of the Charter of the United Nations as the basis for making recommendations. As in the past, the terminology used by the Council did not appear to follow any pattern. However, a particular terminology may have been considered more appropriate with regard to the subject matter of the recommendation itself and the type of action recommended. The terms “urges”,¹²⁵ “invites”,¹²⁶ and “calls upon”,¹²⁷ were primarily used in recommendations addressed to States. However, in a few instances, the term “demands”,¹²⁸ was employed. The term “recommends”,¹²⁹ was mainly applied when addressing the General Assembly whereas the terms “requests”,¹³⁰ and “urges”,¹³¹ were frequently employed in recommendations addressed to the specialized agencies concerned.
21. The Council continued to address recommendations to States, the General Assembly and to the specialized agencies. The Council also directed recommendations to entities of the United

¹¹⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/79.

¹¹⁶ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1994/18 and 1991/6.

¹¹⁷ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1992/7 and 1994/13.

¹¹⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/6.

¹¹⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/12.

¹²⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/45.

¹²¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/111.

¹²² See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/22.

¹²³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/6.

¹²⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/29.

¹²⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/15.

¹²⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/29.

¹²⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/58.

¹²⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/16.

¹²⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/31.

¹³⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/34.

¹³¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/3.

Nations system, such as its programmes and funds,¹³² research and training institutes,¹³³ committees¹³⁴ and conferences.¹³⁵ Recommendations were also addressed to organizations outside the United Nations system, including financial institutions,¹³⁶ transnational corporations,¹³⁷ trade unions and political organizations,¹³⁸ women's organizations,¹³⁹ scientific and technical institutions,¹⁴⁰ international,¹⁴¹ governmental and non-governmental organizations.¹⁴² For example, by resolution 1994/42, the Council urgently appealed "... to the European Union to consider favourably the Pan-African Development Information System project approved by the Council of Ministers of the African Caribbean and Pacific Group and submitted to it for funding."

2. To States

22. Depending upon the issue under consideration, the Council continued to address Member States in general,¹⁴³ categories or groups of Member States¹⁴⁴ and particular Member States.¹⁴⁵ In a similar fashion, the Council continued to address States¹⁴⁶ and Governments.¹⁴⁷ Thus, by resolution 1990/70, the Council called upon "... the Government of Hungary to return to its traditional position of opposing racism and to abandon any links with the *apartheid* regime that would serve to sustain the regime." The Council also furthered its practice of addressing national leaders of specific States¹⁴⁸ as well as the international community.¹⁴⁹ By resolution 1994/37, the Council addressed the "Non-Self-Governing Territories" and the "administering Powers concerned" pertaining to the implementation of the Declaration of Independence to Colonial Countries.
23. In conformity with its previous practice, the Council addressed States in conjunction with specialized agencies, organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, regional and interregional organizations, voluntary organizations, research centres, criminal justice professionals, scientific institutes and institutions, entrepreneurs, enterprises, transnational corporations, the private sector and potential donors.¹⁵⁰ Thus, by resolution 1994/38, the Council addressed "... all Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, charity foundations, the business community, scientific bodies and individuals ...".

¹³² See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/43.

¹³³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/17.

¹³⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/37.

¹³⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/12.

¹³⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/83.

¹³⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/54.

¹³⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/4.

¹³⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/7.

¹⁴⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/60.

¹⁴¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/5.

¹⁴² See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/35.

¹⁴³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/9.

¹⁴⁴ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1993/43, 1993/66 and 1990/33.

¹⁴⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/15.

¹⁴⁶ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1990/67, 1991/40 and 1994/41.

¹⁴⁷ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1990/7, 1993/25 and 1990/30.

¹⁴⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/3.

¹⁴⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/62.

¹⁵⁰ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1992/38, 1989/43, 1993/5, 1993/22, 1993/49, 1993/34, 1990/64 and ESC decision 1994/300.

24. During the period under review, the Council continued to make recommendations to States covering the same subjects as discussed in its previous sessions. These included: the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS),¹⁵¹ the demand and supply of opiates for medical and scientific purposes,¹⁵² youth,¹⁵³ victims of crime and abuse of power,¹⁵⁴ crime prevention and criminal justice,¹⁵⁵ crime prevention and treatment of offenders,¹⁵⁶ Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar,¹⁵⁷ cultural development,¹⁵⁸ international economic co-operation,¹⁵⁹ international economic classifications,¹⁶⁰ patterns of consumption and qualitative indicators of development,¹⁶¹ social welfare, development and science and technology,¹⁶² the need to harmonize and improve the United Nations informatics system¹⁶³ and the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.¹⁶⁴
25. The Council also made several recommendations on subjects not previously addressed to States, such as organized crime,¹⁶⁵ the role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends,¹⁶⁶ the disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear plant,¹⁶⁷ co-operation in fisheries in Africa,¹⁶⁸ control of the proceeds of crime,¹⁶⁹ the role of criminal law in the protection of the environment,¹⁷⁰ the Middle East peace process,¹⁷¹ the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991-2000),¹⁷² the identification of the movement of illicit drugs and international customs co-operation,¹⁷³ effective implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s,¹⁷⁴ the fight against the screw-worm infestation,¹⁷⁵ the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997),¹⁷⁶ the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (1991-2000),¹⁷⁷ the revival of the ancient Library of Alexandria,¹⁷⁸ prison education,¹⁷⁹ victims of crime and abuse of power,¹⁸⁰ the 1993 System

¹⁵¹ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1993/35 and 1991/66.

¹⁵² See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/5.

¹⁵³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/51.

¹⁵⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/57.

¹⁵⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/34.

¹⁵⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/63. See also A/Conf.121/22/Rev.1 and E S C resolution 1986/10.

¹⁵⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/60.

¹⁵⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/32.

¹⁵⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/110.

¹⁶⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/3.

¹⁶¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/94.

¹⁶² See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/47.

¹⁶³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/56.

¹⁶⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/37.

¹⁶⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/23.

¹⁶⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/25.

¹⁶⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/38.

¹⁶⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/54.

¹⁶⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/13.

¹⁷⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/15.

¹⁷¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/44.

¹⁷² See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/41.

¹⁷³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/4.

¹⁷⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/38.

¹⁷⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/59.

¹⁷⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/65.

¹⁷⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/83.

¹⁷⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/2.

¹⁷⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/20.

¹⁸⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/22. See also E S C resolution 1989/57.

of National Accounts,¹⁸¹ women, environment and development,¹⁸² the Tenth Anniversary of International Youth Year and the draft world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond,¹⁸³ international co-operation in the field of protection and assistance to the family¹⁸⁴ and women living in absolute poverty.¹⁸⁵

26. The Council also issued several recommendations further to the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women.¹⁸⁶ These included recommendations on such issues as the equality for women in economic and social participation,¹⁸⁷ elderly women,¹⁸⁸ the participation of women in development,¹⁸⁹ violence against women in all its forms,¹⁹⁰ disabled women,¹⁹¹ the advancement of women and human rights,¹⁹² women and children in Namibia¹⁹³ and Palestinian women.¹⁹⁴
27. The recommendations by the Council envisaged the undertaking of a variety of actions other than those referenced in the *Repertory* and its *Supplements*.¹⁹⁵ These included the use of the provisional Central Product Classification of Economic Activities,¹⁹⁶ the improvement of basic statistical programmes and capabilities,¹⁹⁷ the sharing of technical capacity,¹⁹⁸ the according of prisoner-of-war status to captured freedom fighters,¹⁹⁹ the imposing of sanctions,²⁰⁰ the support of peace efforts,²⁰¹ the design of adequate policies,²⁰² the exercise of stricter and more effective control over sectors that could be involved in the conduct of dumping of nuclear wastes,²⁰³ the monitoring of the export trade in precursor and essential chemicals,²⁰⁴ the protection of nature and the environment,²⁰⁵ the avoidance of derogation of treaties and the limitation of reservations thereto,²⁰⁶ the avoidance of duplication of work,²⁰⁷ the development of training programmes,²⁰⁸ the promotion and involvement of the private sector and non-governmental organizations when implementing system-wide programmes,²⁰⁹ the promotion of further harmonized and coherent approaches and policies,²¹⁰ the reduction of

¹⁸¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/5.

¹⁸² See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/12.

¹⁸³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/24.

¹⁸⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/54.

¹⁸⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/40.

¹⁸⁶ See A/Conf.116/28/Rev.1.

¹⁸⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/36.

¹⁸⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/38.

¹⁸⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/37.

¹⁹⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/18.

¹⁹¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/21.

¹⁹² See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/20.

¹⁹³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/6.

¹⁹⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/15.

¹⁹⁵ See *Repertory* and its *Supplements Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7*, under Article 62 (1).

¹⁹⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/3.

¹⁹⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/4.

¹⁹⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/8.

¹⁹⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/33.

²⁰⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/33.

²⁰¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/35.

²⁰² See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/37.

²⁰³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/62.

²⁰⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/29.

²⁰⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/28.

²⁰⁶ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1993/39 and 1994/7.

²⁰⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/50.

²⁰⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/18.

²⁰⁹ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1993/65 and 1989/50.

²¹⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/71.

tobacco consumption and the demand for tobacco products,²¹¹ the encouragement of investment,²¹² the opening up of markets to export,²¹³ the development and promotion of prison education²¹⁴ and the support of national reconciliation and the restoration and promotion of peace and stability.²¹⁵

28. The Council furthered its practice of recommending that actions be taken in concert with other States.²¹⁶ Such actions included the development of joint research programmes,²¹⁷ the establishment of an intra-African information network on fishing vessels operating illegally²¹⁸ and the protection of consumers.²¹⁹
29. The Council also continued to recommend that actions be taken in concert with its subsidiary and related bodies,²²⁰ the specialized agencies,²²¹ non-governmental organizations²²² and other entities, including organizations of disabled persons²²³ and liberation movements.²²⁴ Such actions included the implementation²²⁵ and strengthening of activities,²²⁶ the submission of proposals²²⁷ and the establishment or the strengthening of national and regional early-warning systems.²²⁸ Thus, by resolution 1989/62, the Council reiterated the need for "... concerted effort to prevent, combat and monitor all actions leading to the dumping of toxic nuclear and industrial waste, in close co-operation with the United Nations Environment Programmes and the International Atomic Energy Agency."
30. On a few occasions, Council resolutions contemplated qualifications for the implementation of its resolutions.²²⁹ For example, by resolution 1989/3, the Council recommended that Member States adopt the International Standard Classification of All Economic Activities, "... with such modifications as may be necessary to meet national requirements, ...". In another instance,²³⁰ the Council urged all States to support the peace efforts in Central America, "... fully respecting the principles of self-determination and non-intervention."

3. To the General Assembly

31. The Council continued to make recommendations to the General Assembly during the period under review covering the same subjects as in the past, *inter alia*, crime prevention and

²¹¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/79.

²¹² See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/26.

²¹³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/29.

²¹⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/20.

²¹⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/3.

²¹⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/85.

²¹⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/77.

²¹⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/77.

²¹⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/85.

²²⁰ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1989/119, 1989/70 and 1991/40.

²²¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/108.

²²² See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/38.

²²³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/9.

²²⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/59.

²²⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/108.

²²⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/38.

²²⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/70.

²²⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/98.

²²⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/29.

²³⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/7.

criminal justice,²³¹ Palestinian people,²³² International Year of the Family,²³³ disabled persons,²³⁴ economic development and planning,²³⁵ desertification²³⁶ and guidelines on the use of computerized personal files.²³⁷

32. The Council also issued recommendations to the Assembly with regard to a number of subjects for the first time, including the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (1991-2000),²³⁸ the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991-2000),²³⁹ the questions of declaring 1998 international year of the ocean²⁴⁰ and of a United Nations year of tolerance,²⁴¹ the commemoration of the millennium of the Kyrgyz national epic, *Manas*,²⁴² the International Plan of Action of Ageing and related activities and the adoption of United Nations Principles for Older Persons²⁴³ and national entrepreneurs in economic development, specifically entrepreneurship as a means of attracting non-debt-increasing flows of capital.²⁴⁴
33. Many recommendations of the Council envisaged that the Assembly continued to undertake actions similar to those enumerated in the *Repertory* and its *Supplements*.²⁴⁵ Such actions included the taking of favourable actions on proposals,²⁴⁶ commemorative days,²⁴⁷ the convening of summits,²⁴⁸ the allocation of resources,²⁴⁹ the adoption and adjustment of programmes²⁵⁰ and the consideration of establishing voluntary funds.²⁵¹ Particular action was taken in respect to recommendations for commemorative decades. For example, by resolution 1991/83, the Council requested that the General Assembly formally launch the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (1991-2000). In another instance,²⁵² the Council recommended that the "... General Assembly consider further and take appropriate action on the revised guidelines for international decades ...".

4. To the specialized agencies

34. The Council continued to address recommendations to particular specialized agencies,²⁵³ specialized agencies in general²⁵⁴ and specialized agencies in conjunction with other

²³¹ E S C resolution 1990/27.

²³² See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/58.

²³³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/14.

²³⁴ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1993/18, 1993/21 and 1991/9.

²³⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/68.

²³⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/102.

²³⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/78.

²³⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/99.

²³⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/44.

²⁴⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/48.

²⁴¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/57.

²⁴² See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/49.

²⁴³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/10.

²⁴⁴ See e.g., E S C decision 1990/265.

²⁴⁵ See *Repertory* and its *Supplements Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7*, under Article 62 (1).

²⁴⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/22.

²⁴⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/25.

²⁴⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/27.

²⁴⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/29.

²⁵⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/44.

²⁵¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/93.

²⁵² See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/84.

²⁵³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/43.

²⁵⁴ E S C resolution 1994/37.

organizations and entities, whether²⁵⁵ or not²⁵⁶ part of the United Nations system. Thus, by resolution 1990/20, the Council addressed “... the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and its Bureau of Education, in co-operation with the regional commissions, the regional and interregional institutes for crime prevention and criminal justice, other specialized agencies and other entities within the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations concerned and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, ...”.

35. During the period under review, the Council made recommendations to the specialized agencies covering the same subjects as in the past, including the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,²⁵⁷ youth,²⁵⁸ crime prevention and criminal justice,²⁵⁹ activities of transnational corporations in Africa,²⁶⁰ demand and supply for opiates for medical and scientific purposes²⁶¹ and desertification and drought in Africa.²⁶² The Council also made several recommendations further to the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women²⁶³ including and the elimination of violence against women.²⁶⁴
36. The Council addressed several subjects for the first time to the specialized agencies, including prison education,²⁶⁵ screw-worm infestation,²⁶⁶ co-operation in fisheries in Africa,²⁶⁷ criminal law and the protection of the environment,²⁶⁸ urban crime,²⁶⁹ the question of a United Nations year of tolerance,²⁷⁰ the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991-2000),²⁷¹ economic and social relations between indigenous peoples and States,²⁷² the role of co-operatives in the light of new economic and social trends,²⁷³ activities of the United Nations system in the Baltic States and the Commonwealth of Independent States,²⁷⁴ drug addiction among children,²⁷⁵ the International Drug Abuse Assessment System,²⁷⁶ the International Conference on Water and the Environment,²⁷⁷ the economic situation of women in Latin America and the Caribbean,²⁷⁸ the Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women²⁷⁹ and the Fourth United Nations Development Decade.²⁸⁰

²⁵⁵ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1993/71, 1993/55 and 1990/77.

²⁵⁶ See e.g., E S C resolutions 1993/71, 1994/36 and 1992/24.

²⁵⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/59.

²⁵⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/24.

²⁵⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/16.

²⁶⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/70.

²⁶¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/31.

²⁶² See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/96.

²⁶³ See A/Conf.116/28/Rev.1.

²⁶⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/10.

²⁶⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/20.

²⁶⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/61.

²⁶⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/77.

²⁶⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/15.

²⁶⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/20.

²⁷⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1993/57.

²⁷¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/44.

²⁷² See e.g., E S C decision 1992/255.

²⁷³ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/25.

²⁷⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1992/40.

²⁷⁵ See e.g., E S C decision 1989/123.

²⁷⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/45.

²⁷⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/84.

²⁷⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/42.

²⁷⁹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/64.

²⁸⁰ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/90.

37. Recommendations to the specialized agencies continued to envisage a variety of actions, including the development of guidelines,²⁸¹ the contribution of funds,²⁸² the participation in discussions,²⁸³ the formulation of proposals,²⁸⁴ the intensification and prioritizing of activities,²⁸⁵ the dissemination of publications,²⁸⁶ the consideration of recommendations²⁸⁷ and specific issues.²⁸⁸ For example, by decision 1992/255, the Council decided to request "... United Nations bodies and specialized agencies to ensure that all technical assistance financed or provided by them was compatible with international instruments and standards applicable to indigenous peoples, ...".

²⁸¹ See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/43.

²⁸² See e.g., E S C resolution 1991/40.

²⁸³ See e.g., E S C decision 1991/211.

²⁸⁴ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/37.

²⁸⁵ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/14.

²⁸⁶ See e.g., E S C resolution 1989/37.

²⁸⁷ See e.g., E S C resolution 1990/77.

²⁸⁸ See e.g., E S C resolution 1994/16.