

ARTICLE 64

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TEXT OF ARTICLE 64

1. The Economic and Social Council may take appropriate steps to obtain regular reports from the specialized agencies. It may make arrangements with the Members of the United Nations and with the specialized agencies to obtain reports on the steps taken to give effect to its own recommendations and to recommendations on matters falling within its competence made by the General Assembly.

2. It may communicate its observations on these reports to the General Assembly.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. The structure of this study is similar to that of Article 64 in the earlier Repertory studies of this Article; only supplementary material has been included in the present study.

I. GENERAL SURVEY

A. Reports from specialized agencies

2. No change was made by the Economic and Social Council during the period under review in the arrangements for obtaining regular reports from the specialized agencies or reports by them on their implementation of recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council. 1/ On several occasions, the Council continued its past practices of requesting agencies to provide information on particular additional subjects in their regular reports. 2/

3. As in the arrangements with the other specialized agencies, provision for obtaining regular annual reports from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) was included in the agreement entered into by the United Nations and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for and on behalf of IFC, on the relationship between the United Nations and IFC. 3/ The terms of the latter agreement, which corresponded substantially with those of the agreement between the United Nations and the Bank, provided that copies of the annual report and the financial statements prepared by IFC should be furnished to the Council.

4. Arrangements were also made by the Council to receive regular reports from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The agreement 4/ governing the relationship of IAEA with the United Nations, which was made by the General Assembly - not by the Council under Article 63 - provided that IAEA "shall ... submit reports to the Economic and Social Council and to other organs of the United Nations on matters within their respective competences". The Council expressed the hope 5/ that IAEA would accordingly "find it appropriate to submit annually for the use of the Council, at its second session each year, a report on matters within the competence of the Council". The first report of IAEA, entitled "Annual Report to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations for 1958-59", 6/ was received by the Council at its twenty-eighth session.

5. In its annual reports, the Council continued to inform the General Assembly of the manner in which it had handled the reports from agencies, and it continued to communicate its observations on them to the General Assembly.

****B. Reports from Members of the United Nations on steps taken to give effect to recommendations of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly on economic and social matters**

1/ See Repertory, vol. III, under Article 64 and Supplement No. 1, vol. II, under Article 64, para. 2.

2/ See, for example, E S C resolutions 664 A (XXIV) and 693 A (XXVI), in which the specialized agencies were invited to continue to include in their annual reports information on the co-ordination of activities both within each agency and between the specialized agencies and other international organizations, and also to include information on the concentration of their programmes in the light of the Council's discussions.

3/ E S C resolution 635 (XXII), resumed session.

4/ G A resolution 1145 (XII), annex, article III.

5/ E S C resolution 694 E (XXVI).

6/ E/3248 (mimeographed); also issued as IAEA, INFCIRC/4 (Vienna, June 1959).

II. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

A. Reports from the specialized agencies

***1. Regular reports from the specialized agencies*

***2. Reports by the specialized agencies on steps taken to give effect to recommendations of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly*

3. Observations of the Economic and Social Council under Article 64 (2)

6. At its twenty-fourth, twenty-sixth and twenty-eighth sessions, the Council considered the annual reports of the agencies; at the first two of these sessions it took note of them in resolutions referring to all the reports. 7/ At each of these sessions, the Council had these reports before it in connexion with its general review of the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole. 8/

***B. Reports from Members of the United Nations on steps taken to give effect to recommendations of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly on economic and social matters*

7/ E S C resolutions 664 A (XXIV), 694 A (XXVI); see also E S C (XXVIII), 1074th mtg.
8/ E S C (XXIV), Annexes, a.i. 4; E S C (XXVI), Annexes, a.i. 3; E S C (XXVIII), Annexes, a.i. 4. See also the study in this Supplement, under Article 63.

