

taking this concerted study, any preliminary findings and the anticipated time-table for the completion of the task.

*1404th plenary meeting,
20 December 1965.*

2097 (XX). Review and reappraisal of the role and functions of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1091 (XXXIX) of 31 July 1965, which pointed to the necessity for a thorough review and reappraisal of the Council's role and functions as a result of the great increase in the activities of the United Nations and its related agencies in the economic, social and human rights fields,

Welcoming the enlargement of the membership of the Economic and Social Council so as to reflect better the total membership of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind the responsibilities entrusted to the Economic and Social Council in Chapters IX and X of the Charter of the United Nations,

Taking into account also the particular responsibilities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as described in section II of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964,

Noting with appreciation the comments of Member States on the role and functions of the Economic and Social Council,⁵¹

Noting further the Secretary-General's report in response to Economic and Social Council resolution 1091 (XXXIX)⁵² containing his views, conclusions and recommendations on this question,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit detailed proposals to the Economic and Social Council at its

⁵¹ E/4052 and Add.1-16.

⁵² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 96, document A/6109.

forty-first session and to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session on the ways in which the Council might adapt its procedures and working methods so as to enable it effectively to fulfil its role, taking into account the comments of Member States and the suggestions made during the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions of the Council and the twentieth session of the Assembly;

2. *Requests* Governments of Member States which have not yet done so to inform the Secretary-General of their views on this subject.

*1404th plenary meeting,
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2098 (XX). General review of the programmes and activities in the economic, social, technical co-operation and related fields of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Children's Fund and all other institutions and agencies related to the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Considering that the importance of this item merits a thorough discussion, for which time is not available at the present session,

Noting the steps already taken at this session towards increased efficiency,

Noting the draft resolution submitted to the Second Committee on this subject,⁵³

Decides to include this item in the provisional agenda of its twenty-first session and, in the meantime, to draw the attention of the Economic and Social Council and of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to the present resolution.

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⁵³ A/C.2/L.814/Rev.1. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 100, document A/6201, para. 3.

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Notes

Decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations (item 43)

At its 1404th plenary meeting, on 20 December 1965, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the Second Committee⁵⁴ that the consideration of this item should be postponed to the twenty-first session.

Permanent sovereignty over natural resources (item 45)

At its 1404th plenary meeting, on 20 December 1965, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the Second Committee⁵⁵ that the consideration of this item should be postponed to the twenty-first session.

Population growth and economic development (item 46)

At its 1404th plenary meeting, on 20 December 1965, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the Second Committee⁵⁶ that the consideration of this item should be postponed to the twenty-first session.

⁵⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 43, document A/6194, para. 6.

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, agenda item 45, document A/6196, para. 13.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, agenda item 46, document A/6197, para. 12.