Conscious of its responsibilities under Chapter IX of the Charter of the United Nations, and in particular under Articles 58 and 60 thereof,

Reaffirming the central role assigned to the Economic and Social Council in the economic, social and human rights fields under Chapter X of the Charter,

Noting the agreements concluded between the United Nations and the specialized agencies, under Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, and the International Atomic Energy Agency,

Bearing in mind the fact that the resources being made available to carry out the work of the United Nations family of organizations in the field of economic and social development are limited, especially in relation to the growing needs of the developing countries,

Considering that this work, which has expanded rapidly, grown more complex and changed its nature, has evolved over a period of more than twenty years on the basis of unrelated proposals rather than in accordance with a co-ordinated plan,

Considering further that this situation, among other factors, has impaired not only the ability of the Economic and Social Council to co-ordinate the work of the United Nations family of organizations in these fields but also the ability of Member States to benefit from that work,

Welcoming the enlargement of the Economic and Social Council and the steps recently taken to enable it to perform more purposefully its co-ordinating role through its resolutions 1147 (XLI), 1151 (XLII) and 1154 (XLI) of 4 August 1966, and 1156 (XLI), 1171 (XLI), 1172 (XLI), 1173 (XLII), 1174 (XLI), 1175 (XLI), 1176 (XLI), 1177 (XLI) and 1181 (XLI) of 5 August 1966,

Welcoming further the steps at present envisaged, under General Assembly resolution 2150 (XXI) of 4 November 1966, to implement the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies,

Recognising nevertheless that, in order to avoid the duplication of programmes in the future and in order to derive the maximum benefit at reasonable cost from the operational and research activities of the United Nations family of organizations in the field of economic and social development, a full review of those activities, without prejudice to the continuing work of the Economic and Social Council, is urgently required by Member States,

Recalling its resolution 2098 (XX) of 20 December 1965,

Convinced that such a review would bring about a better organization of the international effort to attain the objectives of the United Nations Development Decade,

1. Requests the Economic and Social Council at its resumed forty-first session, for the purpose of undertaking the tasks enumerated in paragraph 2 below, to enlarge its Committee for Programme and Co-ordination by five additional Member States, to be designated by the President of the General Assembly for a period not exceeding three years and with due regard to equitable geographical distribution; the enlarged Committee shall be responsible to the Assembly and, under its authority, to the Council;

2. Requests the enlarged Committee to undertake, as a matter of priority and in the light of the continuing