

velopment Organization, the specialized agencies, the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut to integrate their review activities with the preparatory work for the over-all review and appraisal so as to avoid unnecessary duplication in this field;

9. *Calls upon* Governments to extend their co-operation for the success of this important international endeavour;

10. *Decides* that, at the sessions of the General Assembly at which the biennial over-all appraisal takes place, the work of the Second Committee shall be organized in such a manner as to ensure sufficient time for in-depth consideration of the Economic and Social Council's report on over-all review and appraisal together with the reports of the main bodies of the United Nations having responsibilities for sectoral review and appraisal.

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2802 (XXVI). Co-operation between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2529 (XXIV) of 5 December 1969 on the establishment of an intergovernmental tourism organization,

Noting that the International Union of Official Travel Organisations at its Extraordinary General Assembly held at Mexico City adopted, on 28 September 1970, the statutes of the World Tourism Organization,⁸

Believing that the World Tourism Organization should be established as early as possible,

Taking note of the decision taken by the Economic and Social Council on 20 May 1971,⁹

1. *Invites* States whose national tourism organizations are members of the International Union of Official Travel Organisations to approve, as soon as possible, the statutes of the World Tourism Organization;

2. *Emphasizes* that an agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization, defining the role and sphere of competence of the latter, should be concluded soon after the establishment of the organization;

3. *Recommends* that intensified negotiations to that end be held between the United Nations and the International Union of Official Travel Organisations with a view to finalizing a draft agreement;

4. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council that the following guidelines be kept in mind during those negotiations:

(a) The World Tourism Organization shall have the decisive and central role in the field of world tourism in co-operation with the existing machinery within the United Nations;

(b) The fundamental aim of the World Tourism Organization shall be the promotion and development of tourism and particular attention shall be paid to the interests of the developing countries in this regard;

⁸ See E/4955.

⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 1 (E/5044), p. 25.*

5. *Recommends* that the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation and relationships between the United Nations and the International Union of Official Travel Organisations¹⁰ should be revised in the light of the discussions at the eighth session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, the fiftieth session of the Economic and Social Council and the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly, and submitted to the Council at its fifty-third session in order to enable the Council to give concrete directions to determine the course of the negotiations;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-third session, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, a report on the activities of the United Nations family in the field of development of tourism;

7. *Recommends* that steps should be taken, as appropriate and with due regard to procedures of the United Nations Development Programme, to enable the designation of the World Tourism Organization as a participating and executing agency of the Programme in order to assist that organization in carrying out its functions related to the development of tourism.

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14 December 1971.

2803 (XXVI). Regional and subregional advisory services under the United Nations regular programme of technical co-operation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2563 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969 and 2687 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the role of the regional economic commissions in the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 793 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 and General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 on the decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and the strengthening of the regional economic commissions,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1442 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969 in which the Council called upon the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut to play a more active role in the implementation of operational programmes for economic and social action,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1601 (LI) of 20 July 1971 on regional and subregional advisory services,

Considering that the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut will be called upon to assume major responsibilities for review and appraisal at the regional level of the progress in implementing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, contained in General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970,

Stressing that the increasing responsibilities being discharged by the regional economic commissions in the operational fields have a distinctive identity of their own without duplicating United Nations Development Programme activities, that these functions are an

¹⁰ E/4861 and Corr.1.