

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,<sup>8</sup>

*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,<sup>9</sup>

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;

<sup>8</sup> See E/4955.

<sup>9</sup> *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 Organisations<sup>10</sup> 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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## 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

<sup>10</sup> E/4861 and Corr.1.

integral part of their mandatory and policy functions and that any distinction between these two categories of functions is arbitrary,

*Taking note* that the regional advisory services under the United Nations regular programme have in recent years been utilized by the regional economic commissions for the discharge of those responsibilities,

## I

1. *Decides*, as a practical step in strengthening the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut enabling them to carry out with increasing effectiveness their duties towards the States members of their respective regions, to establish a separate section in the United Nations regular budget to provide for a unified system of regional and subregional advisory services earmarked for the operations of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut, and to transfer to that section the existing regional advisory services at present under section 13 of the budget;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide, as appropriate, directly to the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut, the respective amounts earmarked for regional and subregional advisory services and to authorize the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions and the Director of the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut to administer these funds;

## II

*Decides* that the existing section 13 of the United Nations budget shall be maintained for 1972 at its current level of \$5,408,000 and its operations shall be concentrated substantially to support country programmes of the least developed among the developing countries as well as regional and subregional programmes of special interest to those countries.

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### 2804 (XXVI). Application of computer technology for development

#### *The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* the need for strengthening international co-operation with a view to facilitating the access of all peoples to the achievements of modern science and technology in order to accelerate their progress and to enable the technological gap to be significantly reduced,

*Noting* that, in accordance with the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, contained in General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, the developing and the developed countries and competent international organizations will draw up and implement a programme in the field of science and technology for promoting the transfer of technology to developing countries,

*Convinced* that the utilization, on a world-wide scale, of electronic computers and computation tech-

niques may make an important contribution to accelerating the progress of vital economic and social sectors,

*Recalling* its resolution 2458 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 on international co-operation with a view to the use of computers and computation techniques for development,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 1571 (L) of 14 May 1971,

*Considering* that the United Nations system should take new measures with a view to supporting the efforts being undertaken by States in carrying out their tasks relating to the use of computers in accelerating the process of economic and social development,

*Bearing in mind* the report of the Secretary-General entitled *The Application of Computer Technology for Development*,<sup>11</sup> prepared in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2458 (XXIII),

1. *Takes note with interest* of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General, among which are those relating to the need for each developing country to draw up a broad national policy on the application of computer technology, to education and training for the application of computers to accelerate the process of economic and social development, to the increase of international co-operation in this field and to the establishment of an international advisory board on the application of computer technology to development, and believes that the early implementation of the recommendations will assist Member States, especially the developing countries, in obtaining the maximum benefits from the achievements of modern science and technology;

2. *Urges* Governments to give particular attention to the application of computer technology, consistent with their national goals, and invites them to encourage, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, broader bilateral and multilateral co-operation in this field and to explore new ways and means of intensifying this co-operation;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the organizations of the United Nations system as well as to the various intergovernmental and other bodies concerned which assisted in the preparation of the Secretary-General's report for their co-operation and invites all relevant bodies in their ongoing programmes to stimulate, under sound and realistic conditions, the application of computer technology to development along the lines outlined in the Secretary-General's report;

4. *Invites* in particular the United Nations Development Programme to envisage providing the developing countries, at their request, with suitable assistance in the field of computer technology;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of his present report and in accordance with the envisaged modalities of paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1571 (L), an up-dated report on the application of computer technology to development and decides to re-examine this question at its twenty-seventh session, taking into account the recommendations the Council will adopt at its fifty-third session, with a view to making further progress in this field.

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<sup>11</sup> E/4800 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.II.A.1).