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ARRANGEMENTS FOR CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE UNITED
NATIONS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

Note by the Secretariat

In view of the emphasis given during the Committee's recent discussion to the importance of providing for proper co-ordination of the Secretariats of the various international organizations either established or in contemplation and of the Committee's request for information on this subject, attention is drawn to the following documentary references to the policy being followed and the arrangements so far made by the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

The Secretariat will furnish the Committee if it so desires with a brief summary of these arrangements together with an outline of some of the more detailed steps and of the plans that the United Nations Secretariat has in view for the further implementation of the general principles governing relationships with specialized agencies as formulated by the Preparatory Commission and embodied in the agreements already negotiated. In the meantime, any members of the Committee who may wish to examine the documents referred to below can secure copies from the Secretariat of Committee V who have a limited supply available.

1. Report of the United Nations Preparatory Commission, Chapter 3, Section 5 - Observations on Relationships with Specialized Agencies:

These observations which were the result of very full and thorough consideration of the problem of relationships by the Executive Committee, the Preparatory Commission and subsequently by the Economic and Social Council itself, laid down certain general guiding principles in the light of which the Council and its secretariat have since sought to develop both formal and working relationships with the various international organizations coming within the definition of Article 57 of the Charter.

2. The agreements between the United Nations and the FAO, UNESCO, ILO and ICAO:

These agreements are intended to furnish a basic arrangement within which effective co-ordination of activities and services can be more fully realized. Provisions dealing with such matters as Reciprocal Representation and Information and Documents, Recommendations of the United Nations, Assistance to the Security and Trusteeship Councils, etc., recognize the special responsibilities which the Charter vests in the United Nations and particularly in the Economic and Social Council for co-ordinating the policies and activities of specialized agencies brought into relationship with it. Other provisions, which are substantially identical in all the agreements so far concluded, relate to such matters as Personnel Arrangements, Statistical Services, Administrative and Technical Services, Budgetary Relationships, Headquarters and Regional Offices, etc., They have as their underlying purpose, the avoidance of overlapping or competitive services or facilities in the interest of administrative and technical uniformity and the most efficient use of personnel and resources. These agreements have all been examined by the Council which has recommended them to the General Assembly for formal approval. The Agreements with FAO and ILO have already been approved by their respective Conferences. The text of the Agreements

except in the case of the draft agreement with FICAO is reproduced in the issue of the Economic and Social Council Journal No. 29. Discussions at the Secretariat level have also taken place with the Bank and the Fund but owing to the pre-occupation of these agencies with urgent organizational problems it has not yet been practicable to initiate formal negotiations. Close working relationships have nevertheless been established and practical collaboration between the United Nations and these organizations is in fact being successfully developed.

3. The First Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the General Assembly.

A section of this Report reviews the work undertaken by the United Nations Secretariat during its first six months in the field of relationships with specialized agencies with particular reference to the draft agreements mentioned above.

4. Resolution Regarding Co-ordination Adopted by the Economic and Social Council, 21 September 1946:

This Resolution, copy of which is attached, provides for the establishment of a Standing Committee of Administrative Officers consisting of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the corresponding officers of the specialized agencies. Its general purpose is to ensure the fullest and most effective implementation of the agreements entered into between the United Nations and these agencies.

RESOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
REGARDING CO-ORDINATION (21 SEPTEMBER 1946)

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

Being desirous of discharging effectively its responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations to co-ordinate the activities of the specialized agencies,

1. Undertakes, after reference if necessary to an appropriate commission or to an ad hoc committee,

(a) to consider and to make recommendations or decisions, as may be suitable, regarding matters referred to it by the Secretary-General from the Committee established under paragraph 2, below and matters arising outside the area of the agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies which are or may become the subject of difference of view between the specialized agencies and the United Nations, or between the specialized agencies, or between the specialized agencies and commissions or other subsidiary organs of the Council, and

(b) to make recommendations concerning ways and means of improving relations between these bodies; and

2. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to establish a Standing Committee of Administrative Officers consisting of himself, as chairman, and the corresponding officers of the specialized agencies brought into relationship with the United Nations, for the purpose of taking all appropriate steps, under the leadership of the Secretary-General, to ensure the fullest and most effective implementation of the agreements entered into between the United Nations and the specialized agencies.
