

**1993/56. The need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1991/70 of 26 July 1991 and 1992/60 of 31 July 1992 on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the follow-up action taken, in particular the examination of the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Information Systems and of the International Computing Centre, initiated by the Administrative Committee on Coordination in the context of the review of their functioning, as well as other measures taken so far,<sup>154</sup>

1. *Reiterates* the high priority that it attaches to easy, economical, uncomplicated and unhindered access for States Members of the United Nations and for observers through, *inter alia*, their permanent missions, to the growing number of computerized databases and information systems and services of the United Nations;

2. *Expresses concern* at the limited progress achieved thus far and reiterates its call for the urgent implementation of measures to achieve these objectives;

3. *Stresses once again* the urgent need for representatives of States to be closely consulted and actively associated with the respective executive and governing bodies of the relevant United Nations institutions dealing with informatics within the United Nations system, so that the specific needs of States as internal end-users can be given due priority;

4. *Calls on* Member States to pursue similar action in the governing bodies of the specialized agencies in which they are represented;

5. *Urges* the Administrative Committee on Coordination to ensure full and effective consultations between the senior-level task force that it has established and the representatives of States, so that their views and requirements are duly incorporated in the report of the senior-level task force;

6. *Requests* that the initial phases of the action programme to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States be implemented from within existing resources and in full consultation with the representatives of States;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 on the follow-up action taken on the present resolution.

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