THE AGENCY'S ANNUAL REPORTS TO UNITED NATIONS ORGANS

Recommendation by the Board of Governors

1. With reference to the recommendations that the Board of Governors has customarily made to the General Conference each year regarding the Agency's annual reports to the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations, [1] the Board invites attention to a statement in its current annual report relating to reduced expenditure on documentation[2].

2. The Board has come to the conclusion that in the course of time three annually recurring documents - the Board's report to the Conference and the Agency's reports to the General Assembly and to ECOSOC respectively - have become essentially the same in substance although remaining somewhat different in form. If, therefore, arrangements were to be made for the Board's report to serve as the other two reports as well, the effort at present devoted each year to the preparation of three separate reports could be more profitably directed elsewhere. The Board has concluded that such an amalgamation of the three reports should be possible, particularly in view of the Director General's readiness to bring the single report up to date in any important particular when presenting it both to the Assembly and ECOSOC.

3. At the Board's request the Director General has already taken steps to make arrangements for the future which will reflect the Board's approach to this matter, and to enable those arrangements to be completed it would recommend the Conference to adopt the draft resolution set forth overleaf.

[1] See, for example, those made last year in document GC(XIV)/434.
The General Conference,

Having been advised by the Board of Governors that it would be in the interests of economy and the reduction of documentation if certain changes were made in the customary arrangements for the annual reports that the Agency submits to the United Nations, [*]

Decides that the report which it receives each year from the Board of Governors shall henceforth serve as the Agency's annual report to the General Assembly of the United Nations and its annual report to the Economic and Social Council.

[*] See document GC(XV)/467.