

## 16. AGREEMENTS WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

Under Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Economic and Social Council is charged with the co-ordination of the work of the specialized agencies in their various fields of international activity. To this end, provision is made for the conclusion of agreements between each of the specialized agencies and the United Nations. At the second part of the First Session of the General Assembly in 1946 agreements of this nature were approved with the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization.<sup>1</sup>

At the Second Session of the General Assembly five draft agreements with specialized agencies were submitted for consideration. These agreements had been approved by the Economic and Social Council at its fifth session in July and August, 1947. They had been negotiated with the World Health Organization, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund, the International Telecommunications Union and the Universal Postal Union. The draft agreement with the World Health Organization followed closely agreements already entered into with other specialized agencies. In negotiating agreements with the Universal Postal Union and the International Telecommunications Union, however, the Economic and Social Council recognized that in structure these two organizations are not entirely comparable to other specialized agencies. As a result agreements with these two organizations omit certain provisions common to the other agreements which had been previously negotiated. In general these are less detailed and provide for a relationship with the United Nations which is more loosely defined. These differences were adopted partly because the International Telecommunications Union

<sup>1</sup>See *The United Nations 1946*, Department of External Affairs, Conference Series No. 3, 1946, p. 100.