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SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, IAEA AND UNICEF

When the Charter of the United Nations was signed in 1945, the members of the organization undertook to work for "conditions of stability and well-being which are necessary for peaceful and friendly relations among nations". The Specialized Agencies have been among the chief instruments through which member states have pooled their efforts and resources in seeking to attain the aims of higher standards of living and economic and social advance for all envisaged by the Charter. There are 13 such Agencies now in existence. In addition, an autonomous international organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, was established under the aegis of the United Nations in 1957, to seek to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world.

The activities of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) are also dealt with in this chapter. Originally created by the General Assembly in 1946 to assist children of war-devastated countries and to raise the general level of child health, the Fund now works closely with Specialized Agencies, in particular the World Health Organization, in the field of permanent child health and welfare services.

Co-ordination of the activities of the Specialized Agencies is promoted by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination established by the Economic and Social Council. The Committee is composed of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the executive heads of the Specialized Agencies and the Director-General of the IAEA. It considers not only administrative questions common to the Specialized Agencies but planned projects on problems of special urgency to be undertaken jointly by several Agencies.

International Labour Organization

In 1962 nearly all ILO activities continued to expand. Membership increased from 101 to 105, with the admission of Tanganyika, Rwanda, Algeria and Jamaica. The net budget, which had gone from \$9,857,110 in 1961 to \$11,115,438 in 1962, was again increased by the International Labour Conference in June to the level of \$14,006,834 for 1963. Ratifica-