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### ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF DISARMAMENT

#### Note by the Director General

1. It will be recalled that last September the General Conference requested the Director General to give full co-operation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in fulfilment of the task entrusted to him by Resolution 891 (XXXIV) of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) on the basic aspects of the economic and social consequences of disarmament.<sup>1/</sup> It will also be noted that the Board of Governors, in its annual report for 1962-63, has informed the Conference that, pursuant to this request, a paper was contributed to the United Nations on the possible effects on nuclear energy development of an agreement on general and complete disarmament.<sup>2/</sup>

2. The question of the economic and social consequences of disarmament was again considered by ECOSOC in July of this year, when it had before it the Agency's paper as well as communications from four of the specialized agencies. That material is the subject of ECOSOC document E/3736/Add.3, a limited number of copies of which are being distributed to delegations at the same time as the present note.

3. At the conclusion of its consideration of the question, ECOSOC adopted a resolution by which, amongst other things, it invited the specialized agencies and the Agency to co-operate with the Secretary-General of the United Nations "in advancing their studies and activities designed to contribute to international action"<sup>3/</sup> to deal with the economic and social consequences of disarmament.

<sup>1/</sup> Resolution GC(VI)/RES/130.

<sup>2/</sup> GC(VII)/228, para. 15.

<sup>3/</sup> ECOSOC Resolution 982 (XXXVI), para. 3.

