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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 2306 (XXII) of 13 December 1967, decided to observe an International Education Year "to mobilize energies and inspire initiatives in education and training", and provisionally designated the year 1970 for this purpose. It requested the Secretary-General to consult with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and other interested specialized agencies in preparing a programme of activities, and to submit a progress report to it at its twenty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council at its forty-fifth session.
2. The Secretary-General's progress report submitted through the Economic and Social Council at its forty-fifth session is before the General Assembly (E/4518). At his request, the Director-General of UNESCO has expressed the readiness of his organization to assume primary responsibility in the preparatory work for the programme of activities of the International Education Year, subject to decisions by the General Assembly at its twenty-third session and by the General Conference of UNESCO at its fifteenth session to be held in October-November this year. The International Education Year has been discussed in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, which agreed on the desirability of close interagency co-operation for the Year and welcomed the readiness of UNESCO to assume primary responsibility for the preparation of the programme. In resolution 1355 (XLV), the Economic and Social Council invited all the United Nations agencies, bodies and organs to participate in the preparation of programmes of concerted action for the Year,

* Item 37 of the provisional agenda.

invited UNESCO to transmit to the Assembly the resolution which the General Conference may adopt on the Year, and recommended to the General Assembly that 1970 be definitely designated as International Education Year.

3. Consultations between the United Nations Secretariat, UNESCO and the interested specialized agencies are currently taking place and the International Education Year will be reviewed again at a meeting of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in October 1968. The Secretary-General intends to report further on the International Education Year during the twenty-third session of the General Assembly on the basis of his continuing consultations with the specialized agencies and the resolution which the General Conference of UNESCO may adopt.
