

planned programme activities in the field of natural resources, in order to enable the Committee on Natural Resources to perform its task of co-ordination effectively.

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### **2117 (LXIII). Evaluation of prospects for the development of chromium ores**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* the importance of natural resources for world economic development,

*Recalling* the minerals which are identified in the Integrated Programme for Commodities<sup>40</sup> currently under discussion in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

*Taking into account* the work of the International Geological Correlation Programme, of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, on ophiolites (i.e. rocks potentially containing chromium), and noting the greater availability of information on common base metals such as copper, lead, nickel and zinc,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the sixth session of the Committee on Natural Resources a comprehensive report assessing the prospects for the development of chromium ores, and also the demand for chromium over the next 10 to 15 years; in the report, special attention should be paid to measures that might be undertaken to evaluate prospective deposits in developing countries.

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### **2118 (LXIII). Study, development and use of coal resources**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1954 (LIX) of 25 July 1975 on problems of availability and supply of natural resources, and particularly resolution 1954 A (LIX),

*Conscious* of the world-wide significance which energy and fuels have acquired in recent years, and of their effect on economic development, particularly that of the developing countries,

*Commending* the reports of the Secretary-General on coal<sup>41</sup> and taking note of their findings,

<sup>40</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10), part one, A.1, resolution 93 (IV) of 30 May 1976.

<sup>41</sup> "Status and prospects of coal production and utilization in developed and developing countries: report of the Secretary-General" (E/C.7/67) and "Some technological and economic aspects of coal conversion into liquid and gaseous fuel and the use of coal in the chemical industry: report of the Secretary-General" (E/C.7/67/Add.1).

*Recognizing* the desirability of intensifying international co-operation in ensuring long-term supplies of energy in appropriate quantities and forms,

*Noting* the reports of the Secretary-General submitted to the Committee in pursuance of Council resolution 1954 C (LIX),

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3508 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 entitled "Examination of long-term trends in the economic development of the regions of the world",

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his work on long-term economic trends, to give special attention to long-term forecasts relating to energy and the main energy sources, and to countries' requirements and supplies, taking into account the possibility of using alternative energy sources;

2. *Recommends* to the Secretary-General that, in the joint efforts of all organizations of the United Nations system to develop energy sources alternative to oil and gas, high priority should be given to the evaluation of the prospects of using coal as a raw material both for producing liquid and gaseous fuel and for the chemical industry;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account the views of the executive secretariats of the regional commissions, the specialized agencies and also the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, to submit an interim report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-fifth session:

(a) Presenting an assessment of the progress achieved in expanding the use of coal;

(b) Describing the present and anticipated scales of work on the evaluation of the prospects of using coal, as scheduled in the respective work programmes of those bodies;

(c) Presenting action proposals for practical measures for increasing the utilization and processing of coal and assisting countries in overcoming their energy problems, and at the same time taking into account environmental protection requirements;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, as far as possible, that the above-mentioned problems are studied in detail at the planned international symposium on the evaluation and working of coal deposits, which is to be held no later than 1979.

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### **2119 (LXIII). New and renewable energy resources**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* that the remaining decades of this century represent a period of transition from a world economy largely based on oil to one based on alternative, new and renewable sources of energy,

*Bearing in mind* the long lead times required to develop and harness alternative new sources of energy,