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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1155 (XLI) of 5 August 1966, welcomed the proposal of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to establish a world plan of action for the application of science and technology to development. Endorsing this proposal, the General Assembly, in resolution 2318 (XXII) of 15 December 1967, requested the Advisory Committee, in continuing its work of establishing a world plan of action, "to report to the General Assembly not later than at its twenty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress achieved in this field".
2. A progress report by the Secretariat was submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-sixth session, and an account of the discussion in the Council appears in chapter V of its report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.<sup>1/</sup> In resolution 1428 (XLVI) of 19 June 1969, the Council approved and transmitted the report to the Assembly.
3. The report is now before the Assembly in document E/4644. Since the issuance of the report in April 1969, there have been these further developments:
  - (a) The regional drafts mentioned in paragraph 5 of document E/4644 were received from the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and were circulated to the specialized agencies for

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<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7603).

incorporation into the sectoral reports. The draft for Africa has been delayed. On the other hand, only one sectoral report, viz., on public health, prepared by the World Health Organization, has been received. The draft report, rearranged by the Office for Science and Technology along the lines indicated in the "Plan Frame", will be considered by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development at its twelfth session in Addis Ababa in November-December 1969.

(b) The introductory statement mentioned in paragraph 6 of document E/4644 was drafted for the Advisory Committee by a group of experts, which met under the chairmanship of Dr. H.W. Singer at Sussex University, Sussex, England, in August 1969. The statement of the "Sussex Group" will be considered by the Advisory Committee's Functional Group on the World Plan of Action, which is expected to meet in Vienna a week prior to the twelfth session of the Advisory Committee in Addis Ababa.

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