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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Second Committee

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1. At its 1415th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1966, the General Assembly allocated to the Second Committee certain parts of agenda item 12 entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council".<sup>1/</sup> The parts of the report allocated to the Second Committee were as follows: chapters II to IX, X (section II), XII, XIII (sections II to VII), XIV and XV.
2. The Committee considered these parts of the report of the Council throughout the course of its meetings in conjunction with other agenda items dealing with the subject matter contained therein. The Committee also had before it during its consideration of agenda items 37, 38, 41 (a) and 94 the report of the Economic and Social Council on the first part of its resumed forty-first session.<sup>2/</sup>
3. At the 1102nd meeting, the representative of Chile introduced two draft resolutions, the texts of which are reproduced in paragraphs 4 and 5 below.
4. The draft resolution entitled "Committee for Development Planning" (A/C.2/L.946) read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Noting with satisfaction that, in response to Economic and Social Council resolution 1079 (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965, the Secretary-General has established a group of experts to make their experience in development planning available to the United Nations,

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/6303).

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 3 A (A/6303/Add.1), chapters I-IV

"Recalling its resolution 2084 (XX) of 20 December 1965 on the United Nations Development Decade in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General inter alia to explore, as the work of the Committee for Development Planning progresses, the possibility of establishing a more comprehensive and coherent set of goals and objectives for the United Nations Development Decade and subsequent periods,

"Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1148 (XLI) of 4 August 1966, which approved the terms of reference of the Committee,

"Having examined the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its first session,1/

"1. Takes note with approval of the view of the Committee that the crucial question for developing countries is one of plans implementation and that all those concerned with the economic and social development of these countries should focus their attention on this issue;

"2. Approves the decision of the Committee to devote an important part of its own activities to promoting the efficient implementation of development plans;

"3. Approves also the recommendation of the Committee that one of its primary functions should be to advise on the establishment of a common framework for world projections within the United Nations family;

"4. Appreciates the recommendation of the Committee that, in view of its decision to study at subsequent sessions problems of plans implementation in each of the developing regions, the Committee should hold its forthcoming session in a developing region;

"5. Expresses the hope that the Committee for Development Planning, assisted by the United Nations bodies concerned, will intensify its work in planning and projections so as to assist in accelerating progress towards the objectives of the United Nations Development Decade."

5. The draft resolution entitled "Science and technology" (A/C.2/L.947) read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Noting that science and technology provide opportunities for beneficial international co-operation and mutually advantageous relations between Governments,

"Convinced that the application of science and technology to development is one of the most effective means of accelerating the economic and social development of developing countries,

"Bearing in mind the important contributions in applying science and technology in developing countries made by the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and by Governments as well as by national and international non-governmental organizations,

"Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1944 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 and 2082 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1155 (XLI) of 5 August 1966,

"1. Notes with satisfaction the constructive work of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide adequate financial and staff resources for the Advisory Committee and invites him to bring before it those matters which he believes are important for it to study, bearing in mind particularly those problems of development likely to be of special relevance and importance in the future;

"3. Calls on Member Governments of developed countries, in establishing priorities for their own activities in science and technology, to give increased attention to, and support for, programmes having relevance to the problems of developing countries;

"4. And calls on Member Governments of developing countries in formulating and implementing their development policies increasingly to take into account the application of science and technology to development, and to create appropriate conditions to ensure the maximum impact of science and technology in the development processes;

"5. Urges the scientific community, particularly in the developed countries, to increase their concern for the scientific and technological problems confronting developing countries."

6. There was a brief discussion in the Committee, during which several delegations, while agreeing with the substance of the draft resolutions, requested the representative of Chile to withdraw them because of the limited time available for their consideration. In order to expedite the work of the Committee, the representative of Chile withdrew the two draft resolutions.3/

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