

## RESOLUTIONS

### 1985/47. Small-scale mining

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1535 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970 setting out the terms of reference of the Committee on Natural Resources, in particular paragraph 4 (g) thereof,

*Recognizing* the effective contribution of small-scale mining and quarrying to the economic and social development of some countries, in particular as a source of employment and regional development,

*Taking note* of the fact that in some developing countries much mining is accomplished by small-scale operations, and that many of these operations face special problems, including lack of mechanized equipment, absence of expertise in the exploration for and operation of small mines, legal frameworks that, in some countries, differ from those of large-scale mining, and different marketing circumstances,

*Taking note also* of the fact that developing countries might benefit from an exchange of information on all aspects of exploration for, assessment of, development and operation of small mines and that continued studies on the problems of infrastructure, equipment and exploitation constitute an important step in finding an optimal scale for mining,

*Taking into account* the discussions in the Committee on Natural Resources at its last three sessions on fertilizer raw materials and non-metallic mineral resources,

1. *Recommends* that the Committee on Natural Resources, at its eleventh session, should consider small-scale mining in the context of its deliberations on mineral resources;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take small-scale mining into account when preparing reports for the eleventh session of the Committee; those reports should include an overview of small-scale mining and an evaluation of experience gained through technical co-operation projects;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to examine whether there exist small-scale mining operations that could serve as demonstration projects for training and for developing new approaches to small-scale mining, in accordance with national development plans and priorities, and to report thereon to the Committee on Natural Resources at its eleventh session;

4. *Urges* Governments to submit to the Secretary-General at an early date information and reports on small-scale mining in their countries.

*52nd plenary meeting  
25 July 1985*

### 1985/48. Mineral resources

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

*Recalling* the guidelines for action in the development of natural resources adopted by the Committee on Natural Resources at its second session,<sup>1</sup>

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on trends and salient issues in the development of mineral resources,<sup>2</sup>

*Recognizing* the difficult situation of raw material exporting countries and the negative implications of that situation, particularly for the developing countries,

1. *Requests* the Committee on Natural Resources to consider at its tenth session the question of short-term and long-term trends and salient issues in the field of mineral resources;

2. *Also requests* the Committee to consider ways of increasing the efficiency of the mining sector, *inter alia*, by expanding the exploitation and processing of co-products and by-products.

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5097 and Corr.1), para. 20.*

<sup>2</sup> E/CN.7/1985/2.