



General Assembly

Distr.
GENERAL

A/40/989/Add.4
14 December 1985
ENGLISH
ORIGINAL: ENGLISH/SPANISH

Fortieth session
Agenda item 84 (d)

DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee (Part V)

Rapporteur: Mr. Jorge LAGO-SILVA (Cuba)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 84 (see A/40/989, para. 2). Action to be taken on sub-item (d) was considered at the 30th and 51st meetings, on 11 November and 13 December. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/40/SR.30 and 51).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.19

2. At the 30th meeting, on 11 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/40/L.19) entitled "Report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development", submitted by Mr. Omer Y. Birido (Sudan), Chairman of the Committee, as a result of informal consultations, which was orally revised by deleting the words "with appreciation" after the words "Takes note" in operative paragraph 1.

3. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.19, as orally revised (see para. 8, draft resolution I).

4. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics made a statement (also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic).

B. Draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.126

5. At the 51st meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/40/L.126) entitled "United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development", submitted by Mr. Brotodiningrat (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/40/L.126 (see para. 8, draft resolution II).

7. After the adoption of the draft resolution statements were made by the representatives of Bulgaria (also on behalf of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Egypt.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science
and Technology for Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development 1/ and General Assembly resolution 34/218 of 19 December 1979,

Noting that the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development, at its seventh session, considered as a substantive theme the question of information systems for science and technology for development and noting its conclusion, in its resolution 1 (VII) of 7 June 1985, that the setting up and strengthening of national information systems and networks should form the major activity in the process of development of a global information network, 2/

1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, Vienna, 20-31 August 1979 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.I.21 and corrigenda), chap. VII.

2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/40/37), annex.

Noting further the mid-decade review of the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action conducted by the Committee 3/ and its decision, in its resolution 4 (VII) of 7 June 1985, to undertake a comprehensive review in 1989,

1. Takes note of the report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its seventh session; 4/

2. Endorses the resolutions and decisions contained therein.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development

The General Assembly,

Noting with interest the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development, 5/ on the financial and institutional structure of the System for the next three years as called for under resolution 6 (VII) of 7 June 1985 of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development, 6/

Regretting that the current resource outlook of the Financing System does not at this time permit the full implementation of the long-term financial and institutional arrangements set out in General Assembly resolution 37/244 of 21 December 1982,

Expressing its appreciation for the contribution which the Financing System has made, despite its meagre financial base, to enhancing science and technology capabilities in developing countries as called for in the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development 7/ and in General Assembly resolution 34/218 of 19 December 1979,

3/ Ibid., chap. III, sect. C.

4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/40/37).

5/ A/C.2/40/4.

6/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/40/37), annex.

7/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, Vienna, 20-31 August 1979 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.I.21 and corrigenda), chap. VII.

Emphasizing the importance of continuing the operational activities of the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to review the recommendations contained in his report in the light of comments made by Governments, during the fortieth session of the General Assembly, to hold informal consultations with Governments early in 1986 to arrive at final proposals and to transmit the resulting proposals to Governments by 1 March 1986;

2. Also requests the Secretary-General to convene by 30 April 1986 a pledging conference to enable Governments to pledge resources for the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development for 1986 and to give indications of intent to provide other resources for 1986 and the following years;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to take all steps necessary to bring about a successful outcome of the pledging conference;

4. Decides that, to maintain a viable level of operations, the total resources made available to the Financing System in 1986 should be sufficient to permit a level of operations not less than the average level achieved by the System over the past three years, 8/ and which would result in a reasonable balance between core and non-core resources;

5. Decides further that, should the amounts realized for 1986 fall below this level, the Secretary-General should report on the results of the pledging conference, together with his views on the future of the Financing System, including its orderly termination, to the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its eighth session;

6. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to bring this matter to the attention of the Governing Council of the Programme at its thirty-third session with a view to seeking authorization to carry out possible new responsibilities that may be assigned to the Programme with regard to the Financing System, including the provision of such administrative support for specific functions and/or posts as may be required;

7. Urges Governments to make every effort to provide the maximum support possible for the financing and operations of the Financing System.

8/ Approximately \$10 million.