

1. *Recommends* that the Council of the United Nations University should consider including in its programme of priorities research in the field of geothermal and solar energy and the practical applications of those energy sources;

2. *Invites* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in collaboration with all the competent organs of the United Nations system and bilateral technical assistance programmes, to give favourable consideration to the funding of information systems, training courses and seminars in the exploration and utilization of geothermal energy, and of research and development in solar energy, and to support the developing countries in participating in these

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Medium-term and long-term projections of reserves, supply and demand with respect to energy, minerals and water resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the increasing need for the strengthening of the voluntary exchange of information on natural resources on a global basis,

Affirming the role of the United Nations as a clearing-house for information on natural resources,

Emphasizing the importance of intensifying the capabilities of the United Nations information services concerning energy, mineral and water resources.

Recalling its resolution 1761 B (LIV) of 18 May 1973.

Bearing in mind that the General Assembly, in its resolution 3345 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, has requested the Secretary-General to provide facilities for research in related fields and to report on the result of this research on a continuing basis to the Economic and Social Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it, at one of its sessions in 1976, a proposal for the implementation of the recommendations concerning the intensification of United Nations information services in the natural resources field as agreed upon by the Committee on Natural Resources at its fourth session,⁴⁶ as well as the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1761 B (LIV), and to indicate the total estimate of funds and manpower resources required for the programme;

2. *Decides* to formulate a programme after its deliberation on the proposal to be submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 1 above.

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⁴⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5663), chap. II, sect. B.*

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The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind the need for co-operation in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 2669 (XXV), 2780 (XXVI), 2926 (XXVII), 3071 (XXVIII) and 3315 (XXIX) of 8 December 1970, 3 December 1971, 28 November 1972, 30 November 1973 and 14 December 1974 respectively, referring to the study by the International Law Commission of the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3129 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973 on co-operation in the field of the environment concerning natural resources shared by two or more States, in which the Assembly took note with satisfaction of the relevant parts of the Economic Declaration adopted by the Fourth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Algiers in September 1973,⁴⁷

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, in which the Assembly further confirmed the principles stated in its resolution 3129 (XXVIII),

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to utilize the experience, knowledge and capacity of the Centre for Natural Resources, Energy and Transport and other organizations of the United Nations system having direct interest in the field:

(a) For assisting the International Law Commission in its study of the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses by providing the necessary advice on related technical, scientific and economic problems, so as to enable the Commission to decide on the principles and methods for determining criteria for the equitable sharing of responsibilities and benefits in the management and integrated development of international river basins;

(b) For co-operating with the United Nations Environment Programme in its implementation of General Assembly resolution 3129 (XXVIII), which should be read in conjunction with General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX);

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the reports on the action taken pursuant to the request in paragraph 1 above to the Committee on Natural Resources at its fifth session;

3. *Appeals* to the International Law Commission to give priority to the study of the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses and to submit a progress report to the United Nations Water Conference, which is to take place in 1977.

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⁴⁷ A/9330, p. 57, and A/9330/Corr.1.