

commissions, with the co-operation of Member States, to arrange for seminars and exhibitions to be held on research and development in non-conventional sources of energy;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to call upon Member States to provide fellowships for intensive and practical training for the benefit of scientists and engineers from developing countries in the field of research and development in non-conventional sources of energy.

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2032 (LXI). Human rights and scientific and technological development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1897 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 and General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 3509 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour,

Considering recommendation No. 150 of 23 June 1975 concerning vocational guidance and vocational training in the development of human resources, and resolution V of 24 June 1975 concerning future action of the International Labour Organization in the field of working conditions and environment,⁴⁴ adopted by the International Labour Conference at its sixtieth session,

Noting that questions related to the choice and transfer of technologies were discussed at the Tripartite World Conference on Employment, Income Distribution, Social Progress and the International Division of Labour, held at Geneva in June 1976,

Convinced that the question of the choice and transfer of technologies has an important impact in the field of labour,

Calls upon the International Labour Organisation, taking fully into account the development priorities of the developing countries, to reinforce its activities in the fields of the choice and transfer of technologies, in particular as regards standard-setting, dissemination of information and technical co-operation relating to the employment, training and upgrading of workers, including the provision of training courses for workers displaced as a result of technological innovations, and the improvement of working conditions and environment.

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2033 (LXI). Report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Having received the twelfth report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,⁴⁵ transmitted through the Committee on Science and Technology for Development,

Recognizing that the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development performs advisory functions for the Economic and Social Council and its Committee on Science and Technology for Development in respect of the specific questions which they refer to it,

Considering that this advisory work must be of a continuing nature, particularly in the next few years when the Advisory Committee has to undertake the consideration of numerous questions connected with the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the twelfth report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development;

2. *Decides* that the Advisory Committee, and its regional and working groups, should be exempt from the obligation to adhere to the biennial cycle of meetings endorsed by the Council in its resolution 1768 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, during the preparatory period for and for the purposes of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development;

3. *Agrees* that this decision shall be reviewed after the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development in the light of the recommendations of the Conference;

4. *Considers* that, following Council resolution 1715 (LIII) of 28 July 1972, under paragraph 4 of which the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development refers its reports to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, the Advisory Committee, in cases of urgency, especially during the preparatory period for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, may report to the Economic and Social Council through the officers of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development;

5. *Recommends* to the Secretary-General that he bear in mind, when presenting the list of candidates for the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development in 1977, the desirability of increasing the participation of developing countries from all regions;

6. *Requests* the Advisory Committee to provide all possible advisory services and co-operation in the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development.

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⁴⁴ See International Labour Office, *Resolutions adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 60th session* (Geneva, 1975).

⁴⁵ E/C.8/30 and Corr.1.