

2405 (XXIII). Report of the Security Council

The General Assembly

*Takes note of the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly covering the period from 16 July 1967 to 15 July 1968.*¹⁰

*1743rd plenary meeting,
16 December 1968.*

2406 (XXIII). Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 2309 (XXII) of 13 December 1967 concerning the holding of the Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹¹ outlining his proposals concerning the theme, date, venue, scope and programme of the Conference,

1. *Endorses the proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General;*

2. *Requests the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee, in close co-operation with the International Atomic Energy Agency and in consultation with appropriate specialized agencies:*

(a) *To undertake preparations for the Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy to be held at Geneva for eight or nine working days on convenient dates in 1971;*

(b) *To provide for a conference which would fully achieve the objectives stated in General Assembly resolution 2309 (XXII) but would be more limited in size and cost than the one held in 1964 and at minimum expense to the United Nations;*

3. *Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on preparations undertaken for the Conference, together with cost estimates, so that the necessary funds for the Conference may be considered for inclusion in the United Nations budget.*

*1743rd plenary meeting,
16 December 1968.*

2457 (XXIII). Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly,

Noting that great progress in the application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes has taken place in many countries in recent years,

Recalling that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons¹² provides that potential benefits from any peaceful applications of nuclear explosions will be made available under appropriate international observation and through appropriate international procedures,

Recognizing that the International Atomic Energy Agency, whose membership already includes more than ninety non-nuclear-weapon States, was established to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world,

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/7202).

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 21, document A/7186.

¹² General Assembly resolution 2373 (XXII), annex.

Recognizing also that during the last decade the Agency has acquired experience and competence that are contributing to the attainment of these objectives,

Desirous of enabling the Agency to function smoothly and to be in a position to carry out the new responsibilities which it will assume with the eventual entry into force of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,

1. *Takes note of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1967-1968;*¹³

2. *Takes note also of two resolutions adopted by the General Conference of the Agency at its twelfth regular session:*

(a) *Resolution GC(XII)/RES/241 of 30 September 1968 by which the General Conference requested the Board of Governors to review article VI of the Statute of the Agency and to submit to the General Conference at its thirteenth regular session a report containing a study of ways and means by which the membership of the Board will adequately reflect:*

(i) *The progress and developments in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy achieved by many States members of the Agency, including the developing countries;*

(ii) *An equitable geographical distribution;*

(iii) *The continuing need for the effectiveness of the Board as the executive body of the Agency;*

(b) *Resolution GC(XII)/RES/245 of 30 September 1968 by which the General Conference requested the Director-General of the Agency to initiate studies of the procedures that the Agency should employ in performing its role in connexion with the peaceful uses of nuclear explosions and requested the Board of Governors of the Agency to review the results of these studies and to report thereon to the General Conference at its thirteenth regular session;*

3. *Requests the Director-General of the Agency to keep the Secretary-General of the United Nations informed of action taken in connexion with the above matters.*

*1751st plenary meeting,
20 December 1968.*

2465 (XXIII). Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling its resolutions 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961, 1810 (XVII) of 17 December 1962, 1956 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963, 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, 2105 (XX) of 20 December 1965, 2189 (XXI) of 13 December 1966 and 2326 (XXII) of 16 December 1967,

Recalling also its resolutions 2288 (XXII) of 7 December 1967 and 2425 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968 concerning the item entitled "Activities of foreign eco-

¹³ International Atomic Energy Agency, *Annual Report of the Board of Governors to the General Conference, 1 July 1967-30 June 1968* (Vienna, July 1968) and supplementary report; transmitted to the Members of the General Assembly by notes of the Secretary-General (A/7175 and Add.1).