

report, such as the arrangement of visits by experts, the convening of technical conferences and other means mentioned in the report, calculated to help strengthen international technical co-operation in regard to water resource development and utilization;

5. *Invites* the Technical Assistance Board and the Technical Assistance Committee to give special attention to requests for technical assistance in respect of the development and utilization of water resources;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To pursue, along the lines suggested in his report, the endeavours towards strengthening international technical co-operation in water matters and improving the co-ordination of the related activities of all concerned;

(b) To consult with governments having special experience in the field, with the intergovernmental bodies concerned and, as appropriate, with interested non-governmental organizations on ways and means of achieving this objective;

(c) To report to the Council on the results of these consultations and to formulate recommendations concerning any further action that might be taken by the United Nations organizations, not later than 1956.

*823rd plenary meeting,  
2 August 1954.*

### **534 (XVIII). Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* with satisfaction of the report<sup>16</sup> submitted to the Council at its eighteenth session by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

*Taking note* of the important decisions adopted at the seventh session of the Conference of that organization, especially with regard to the selective expansion of agricultural production, expanded consumption of agricultural products and the problem of agricultural surpluses,

*Considering* that a high level of adequate agricultural production and a correspondingly high level of consumption of agricultural products constitute essential conditions for a balanced expansion of the world economy,

1. *Shares* the conviction expressed by the Conference concerning the necessity for States to carry out policies designed to promote a selective and efficient expansion of agricultural production appropriate to existing needs and aimed at the improvement of world consumption levels especially in the less-developed countries;

2. *Recommends* Member States to promote better national facilities for rural credit and other financial measures for agricultural development, and to devote a reasonable proportion of domestic and international capital to investments in agriculture and agriculturally based industries;

3. *Recommends* to the Food and Agriculture Organization to continue to make available to countries in which agricultural productivity is low all possible facilities for promoting improved techniques in agriculture, better

control of pests and more advanced husbandry, and recommends the governments concerned to make the fullest use of such facilities so that output can increase at lower costs, thus at one and the same time improving the return to the producer and offering a sound basis for increased consumption;

4. *Recommends* Member States to bear in mind, both in their international economic relations and in their international economic co-operation, that the important objective of increasing the demand for agricultural products also requires the adoption of rapid and vigorous measures to stimulate industrial expansion, full employment and economic development;

5. *Recommends* that States Members of the United Nations should observe the principles established by the Conference of States members of the Food and Agriculture Organization with regard to the disposal of agricultural surpluses, in order that, recognizing the need to improve consumption levels and, in particular, to raise nutritional levels in under-developed areas, in the family and among children and other vulnerable groups, Member States possessing surpluses should adopt the necessary safeguards in disposing of them, so as to avoid disruption of world markets and harmful interference with normal patterns of production and international trade.

*815th plenary meeting,  
23 July 1954.*

### **535 (XVIII). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe**

#### **A**

#### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* with satisfaction of the annual report<sup>17</sup> of the Economic Commission for Europe for the period between 19 March 1953 and 25 March 1954.

*826th plenary meeting,  
4 August 1954.*

#### **B**

#### **INTER-REGIONAL CO-OPERATION**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of resolution 5 (IX) concerning inter-regional co-operation, which was adopted unanimously by the Economic Commission for Europe at its ninth session, and of the proposal contained therein for the organization of consultations of trade experts, within the framework of the United Nations, between, on the one hand, countries participating in the work of the Economic Commission for Europe and, on the other, countries participating in the work of the Economic Commissions for Asia and the Far East and for Latin America respectively,

<sup>16</sup> See documents E/2591 and Add.1 to 3.

<sup>17</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 3.*