

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 report¹⁶ 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

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

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 report¹⁷ 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,

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

Recalling that, by resolution 531 C (XVIII) adopted by the Council on 4 August 1954, the Secretary-General was requested to include in his next *World Economic Report* an analysis of factors tending to limit expansion of international trade, and to include in such an analysis a study on a global basis of the problems involved in promoting the development of trade within and between various geographical and currency areas, it being understood that the Secretary-General would, in the preparation of that analysis, make use of the valuable work being done by experts under the auspices of the regional economic commissions,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a technical report on the practical conditions under which effect might usefully be given to resolution 5 (IX) of the Economic Commission for Europe;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to communicate this report to the three regional economic commissions, so that they may give their opinion on the whole question at their next session;

3. *Decides* to resume consideration of the question at its twentieth session on the basis of (a) the next *World Economic Report*, (b) the Secretary-General's technical report, and (c) the comments of the regional economic commissions.

*829th plenary meeting,
5 August 1954.*

536 (XVIII). Report of the Statistical Commission (eighth session)

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report¹⁸ of the Statistical Commission (eighth session).

*793rd plenary meeting,
29 June 1954.*

537 (XVIII). Transport and communications

A

POLLUTION OF SEA WATER

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 518 B (XVII) on pollution of sea water,

Having examined the report¹⁹ by the Secretary-General on the results of the London Conference on pollution of sea water,

1. *Considers* that it is no longer necessary to establish the committee of experts foreseen in resolution 468 B (XV);

2. *Instructs* the Secretary-General:

(a) To discontinue the action with respect to the convening of this committee;

(b) To give effect, in consultation with the governments represented at the London Conference, to the request expressed by that conference in its resolu-

¹⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 5.*

¹⁹ See document E/2609.

tion No. 8 on the collection and dissemination by the appropriate organ of the United Nations of technical information about oil pollution, and to keep the Transport and Communications Commission informed of the performance of this task by the Secretariat, so long as the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization shall not have been established.

*749th plenary meeting,
30 June 1954.*

B

CUSTOMS FORMALITIES FOR THE TEMPORARY IMPORTATION OF PRIVATE ROAD VEHICLES AND FOR TOURISM

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 468 F (XV) on the subject of customs formalities for the temporary importation of private road vehicles and for tourism,

Having examined the report²⁰ by the Secretary-General on the United Nations conference on the above subject, held in New York from 11 May to 4 June 1954,

1. *Notes* with appreciation the results achieved by the conference;

2. *Expresses* the hope that the instruments prepared and opened for signature by the conference will early enter into force upon ratification by the required number of governments.

*795th plenary meeting,
1 July 1954.*

538 (XVIII). Report of the International Civil Aviation Organization

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report²¹ of the International Civil Aviation Organization on its activities in 1953.

*815th plenary meeting,
23 July 1954.*

539 (XVIII). Report of the Universal Postal Union

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report²² of the Universal Postal Union.

*795th plenary meeting,
1 July 1954.*

540 (XVIII). Reports of the International Telecommunication Union

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the reports²³ of the International Telecommunication Union for the years 1952 and 1953.

*823rd plenary meeting,
2 August 1954.*

²⁰ See document E/2617.

²¹ See documents E/2593 and Add.1 and 2.

²² See document E/2539.

²³ See documents E/2461 and E/2611.