

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

597 (XXI). Economic development of under-developed countries

A

INDUSTRIALIZATION

The Economic and Social Council

Having in mind the general principles and recommendations laid down in General Assembly resolutions 521 (VI) and 522 (VI) of 12 January 1952, and Council resolutions 416 F (XIV) of 11 July 1952, 461 (XV) of 23 April 1953, 532 C (XVIII) of 5 August 1954 and 560 (XIX) of 7 April 1955, and reaffirming the special responsibilities of the Council for the promotion and co-ordination of activities in the field of accelerated industrialization and productivity of less developed countries as an essential element of balanced development programmes,

Having made an examination of the reports entitled "Survey of current work on industrialization and productivity"³ and "Proposals for a programme of work on industrialization and productivity",⁴ submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to Council resolution 560 (XIX),

Recognizing the useful work on industrialization and productivity currently being undertaken by the United Nations, including the regional economic commissions, and by the specialized agencies,

Considering that future work in the field of industrialization should be carried out for practical purposes and in response to the wishes of the less developed countries,

Recognizing the need for suitable organizational arrangements in the United Nations under the Council to deal with matters relating to industrialization and productivity,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the informative and constructive documents presented to the Council;

2. Endorses in principle the proposals for work outlined in the report entitled "Proposals for a programme of work on industrialization and productivity"⁴ as a general framework for appropriate activities of the United Nations to be initiated in this field in the immediate future;

3. Recommends the Secretary-General to give due consideration, in implementing the programme, to the

³ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 8, document E/2816.

⁴ Ibid., document E/2832.

discussion held at the twenty-first session of the Council, including suggestions, made by members of the Council, for activities to be undertaken;

4. Suggests that the Secretary-General initiate work, within available resources, bearing in mind the wishes of less developed countries, the useful work done by the regional economic commissions and the necessity of avoiding duplication with the specialized agencies;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, with a view to developing an integrated and co-ordinated programme of work of the United Nations, designed to accelerate the industrialization and to raise the productivity of less developed countries:

(a) To submit for the consideration of the Council at its twenty-second session, with due regard to existing organizations in this field, his views on the most suitable organizational arrangements for carrying out the aforementioned programme;

(b) To consult, through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination or such other channels as may be available, with the appropriate specialized agencies on the planning and implementation of the aforementioned programme of continuing work;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the twenty-second session of the Council on the financial implications of the programme of activities being evolved, and to the twenty-third session and annually thereafter on the progress being made in planning and implementing the continuing work in the field of industrialization and productivity;

7. Invites Governments, in considering instructions to their delegations to meetings of the specialized agencies and the regional economic commissions, to keep in mind the desirability of and the benefits to be obtained from an integrated and co-ordinated approach in the field of industrialization and productivity;

8. Requests the regional economic commissions, in order to achieve a co-ordinated approach in the work in this field, to take due account, in planning and formulating their future activities, of the work programme in the field of industrialization and productivity;

9. Requests the Secretary-General, in planning the work to be undertaken pursuant to this resolution, to pay particular attention to the needs of the Middle East and Africa;

10. Proposes, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 521 (VI), sub-paragraph (b), and Council resolution

560 (XIX), to place on the agenda of the eleventh session of the General Assembly an item entitled "Industrialization of under-developed countries".

*925th plenary meeting,
4 May 1956.*

B

STUDIES ON ATOMIC ENERGY AS A FACTOR IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering its responsibilities under Article 62 of the Charter,

Recognizing that actual and potential developments in the field of atomic energy may have profound implications in the economic sphere, particularly affecting the economic development of less developed countries,

Taking into account the complexity of the subject, the diversity of studies already made or in process under various auspices, and the need for further information on which to determine its future actions in this important field,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the specialized agencies concerned, to prepare for submission to the twenty-fourth session of the Council a report on possible applications of atomic energy, especially in the fields of power, industry and agriculture;

2. *Recommends* the Secretary-General, in preparing the report, to survey the available studies and the research being undertaken in this field, and to give due consideration to the materials submitted to the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, and the views expressed during the twenty-first session of the Council;

3. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to make available to the Secretary-General, for the purpose of his report, such documentation bearing on the subject as they may be able to provide;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after consultation with the Advisory Committee referred to in General Assembly resolution 912 (X) of 3 December 1955 and the competent specialized agencies, to submit to the Council at its twenty-fourth session a report on the possibility of devoting as much as possible of the programme of the second international conference on the exchange of technical information regarding the peaceful uses of atomic energy to the practical applications of nuclear energy in the interest of promoting the economic development of under-developed countries and the desirability of convening a separate conference on this subject;

5. *Transmits* to the Advisory Committee the records of the discussion of the Council on this item;

6. *Decides* to place the subject of atomic energy as a means of economic development on the agenda of the

twenty-fourth session of the Council for further consideration.

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598 (XXI). Studies of new sources of energy other than the atom as a factor in economic development

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind its responsibilities as defined in Article 62 of the Charter,

Considering that, in view of the growth of the world population, economic development and the rise in the standard of living, the resources of energy must be constantly increased, especially in the less developed countries,

Considering the work done by the United Nations and the specialized agencies both on the so-called conventional sources of energy and on atomic energy,

Considering that the United Nations should display the same interest in all new sources of energy in order to encourage their theoretical study and practical applications,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the specialized agencies concerned:

(a) To prepare for submission to the Council at its twenty-fourth session, taking into account the present state and foreseeable development of knowledge in the various branches in question, a report on the prospects for the practical utilization of such sources of energy as solar energy, wind energy, tidal energy, geothermic energy and the thermal energy of the seas;

(b) To compile, in preparing the report, a concise bibliography of current studies and researches;

(c) To consult, for that purpose, Governments which have special experience or a particular interest in the matter, the under-developed countries, the specialized agencies, the competent inter-governmental bodies and any non-governmental organizations which may be interested in the subject, and to obtain from them any documentary material which may be of value;

2. *Decides* to include in the agenda of its twenty-fourth session the question of new sources of energy other than the atom and of their use for the purposes of economic development, with a view to examining the conditions for convening an international conference.

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599 (XXI). International Co-operation with respect to water resource development

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted the Secretary-General's report entitled "International Co-operation with respect to Water Resource Development",⁵

⁵ *Ibid.*, agenda item 7, document E/2827.