

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,
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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.