

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.*

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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.

Recognizing with appreciation the progress already achieved in strengthening international co-operation as a result of periodic inter-agency meetings on water resources,

Endorsing the recommendation of the Secretary-General that high priority be given to remedying deficiencies in hydrology data and to assisting in integrated river-basin development,

Considering that the general subject of international co-operation with respect to water resource development and the study of arid regions has been of increasing concern to the United Nations,

Considering the growing importance of the utilization of brackish and saline water, either unprocessed or demineralized, for the economic development of areas where fresh-water supplies are becoming insufficient,

Believing that there is a growing economic and social need for the most effective utilization and development of these water resources in view of the progressive increase in the world's population, the need for raising the standard of living of the peoples of the world, and rapidly increasing industrialization,

1. *Reaffirms* its support of Council resolutions 417 (XIV) of 2 June 1952 and 533 (XVIII) of 2 August 1954;

2. *Commends* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies for the co-operation evidenced in the series of consultations on water resources already held;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies to continue such consultations to the end that the activities of the United Nations and the organizations associated with it be carried on with full regard to the interrelationships involved;

4. *Calls the attention* of Governments to the importance of demineralization of saline water and utilization of subsoil water, and urges them to exchange information on the findings of research concerned with a solution of these problems;

5. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the desirability of an increased use of the available technical assistance facilities, especially in the training of personnel in this field;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To make appropriate arrangements for ensuring the collection, analysis and dissemination of information on current development of water projects, research programmes and related activities;

(b) To initiate, in co-operation with the competent specialized agencies and with the Governments concerned, a preliminary inquiry on existing hydrologic services, plans for their extension, and conditions for the execution of these plans;

(c) To constitute a panel of world-renowned experts for reviewing, with the assistance of the United Nations Secretariat, the administrative, economic and social implications of integrated river-basin development, and for advising on the proper action - including, if they deem it advisable, the convening of an international

conference--to be taken in order to ensure a world-wide exchange of experience and data in related domains;

(d) To report to the Council, not later than its twenty-fifth session, on progress in these fields and to formulate recommendations on further action that might be taken by the United Nations and the organizations associated with it.

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3 May 1956.

600 (XXI). International co-operation on cartography

The Economic and Social Council,

Having before it the report of the Secretary-General entitled "International Co-operation on Cartography"⁶ and the report of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East,⁷

Recognizing the importance of accurate and reliable cartographic information, more especially in connexion with economic development projects,

Noting the results of the Secretary-General's consultations with Governments and appropriate inter-governmental organizations on the adoption of a standard method of writing geographical names on maps, and on means for completion of the International Map of the World on the millionth scale,

1. *Commends* the Conference for the work achieved;

2. *Draws the attention* of Governments of Member States to the possibilities of requesting technical assistance in the field of cartography under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;

3. *Recommends* that those regional economic commissions which think it desirable consider the question of establishing cartographic committees for the purpose of periodic consultation among their members;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To draft, in co-operation with interested international organizations and such experts as he may wish to consult within the limits of budgetary availability, the general framework of a programme looking towards maximum international uniformity in the writing of geographical names, to submit it to Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies for their comments, and to report to the Council at a subsequent session;

(b) To prepare, on the basis of proposals already received, draft amendments to the existing specifications of the International Map of the World on the millionth scale designed to allow the greatest possible flexibility, bearing in mind the need to maintain both the World Aeronautical Chart series of the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Map, to submit the draft amendments to Governments of Member

⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Seventy-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 6, documents E/2823 and Add.1 and 2.

⁷ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1955.1.29.