

618 (XXII). Economic development of under-developed countries

INDUSTRIALIZATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering General Assembly resolutions 521 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, 560 (XIX) of 7 April 1955, and 597 A (XXI) of 4 May 1956,

Recalling that both the General Assembly and the Council requested that studies be undertaken for a programme of rapid industrialization of the under-developed countries, including the economic, social, fiscal, technical and organizational problems involved, and the role that the industrially advanced and the under-developed countries have to play in such a programme,

Recalling the document entitled *Processes and Problems of Industrialization in Under-Developed Countries*,¹² and Council resolution 560 (XIX) requesting the Secretary-General, in the light of this survey, to prepare and submit to the Council a programme of work with a view to accelerating industrialization,

Recognizing that it is urgent for the United Nations and the specialized agencies to adopt a concerted programme of action in the field of industrialization of under-developed countries,

Further recognizing the fact that industrialization entails a high rate of urbanization,

Having examined the report presented by the Secretary-General,¹³

Taking note of the various recommendations included in this report concerning the programme of work and its co-ordination,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for the various useful studies he has presented on industrialization and productivity;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when making further studies of the industrialization of under-developed countries, to present to the Council, as early as possible, information on the possibility of concerting international action in connexion with problems of urbanization which should complement the programme of industrialization, keeping in mind the need to increase investment in directly productive fields of industry;

3. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General, in implementing the programme of work:

(a) Give due consideration to the discussions held at the twenty-second session of the Council¹⁴ including suggestions made by members of the Council for activities to be undertaken;

¹² E/2670. United Nations Publication, Sales No. 1955.II.B.1.

¹³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 4, document E/2895.

¹⁴ E/AC.6/SR.200 to 203 and *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session*, 950th meeting.

(b) Make use of the different sources of information, methods and techniques best suited to its practical purpose;

(c) Seek the co-operation of the Governments concerned;

4. *Recommends* that the programme of work be executed with due regard to the directives and principles set forth in the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Council;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider further the question of machinery necessary in the field of industrialization of under-developed countries;

6. *Recommends* that the General Assembly authorize the necessary credits for the execution of the programme.

950th plenary meeting,
6 August 1956.

619 (XXII). Financing of economic development

A

QUESTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the interim report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Question of the Establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development,¹⁵

1. *Draws the attention* of the General Assembly to the discussions held at the twenty-second session of the Council concerning the proposed establishment of such a fund;¹⁶

2. *Invites* the Governments which have not yet sent in their replies pursuant to General Assembly resolution 923 (X) of 9 December 1955 to do so as soon as possible;

3. *Commends* the *Ad Hoc* Committee for its instructive interim report and *looks forward* to the completion of its final report;

4. *Expresses the hope* that, in the meantime, the General Assembly will consider what further steps may help to promote the early establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development.

951st plenary meeting,
9 August 1956.

B

INTERNATIONAL FLOW OF PRIVATE CAPITAL

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General entitled "The International Flow of Private Capital, 1953-55",¹⁷

¹⁵ E/2896 and Corr.1.

¹⁶ See E/AC.6/SR.214 and 215 and *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session*, 947th to 951st meetings.

¹⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 5, document E/2901.

Recognizing the desirability of the publication and dissemination of information of a statistical and non-statistical nature concerning the flow of capital, the economic conditions, legislation, agreements and administrative practices affecting investment, the measures taken by capital-exporting and capital-importing countries making for international confidence, and the opportunities for investment,

1. *Recommends* that the General Assembly modify its request to the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 6 of its resolution 824 (IX) of 11 December 1954 so as to provide for the submission of the report referred to therein on a triennial basis and for the submission annually of a report containing a review of developments and a statistical treatment of the flow of capital;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council for consideration at its summer sessions *ad hoc* reports on particular aspects of international investment and to advise the Council periodically of the studies which are under way or projected both at Headquarters and at the secretariats of the regional economic commissions;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* that the International Finance Corporation has commenced operations;

4. *Invites* Governments to develop and disseminate such information as may be possible, both of a statistical and a non-statistical nature, respecting the flow of investment, economic conditions, legislation, agreements and administrative practices under which investment may take place, and the existence of investment opportunities;

5. *Urges* Governments of capital-exporting and capital-importing countries alike to continue their efforts to develop international confidence conducive to private investment, in conformity with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and with special reference to General Assembly resolution 824 (IX) of 11 December 1954 and Council resolution 368 (XIII) of 22 August 1951.

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9 August 1956.*

C

INTERNATIONAL TAXATION PROBLEMS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the memorandum entitled "Taxation in Capital-exporting and Capital-importing Countries of Foreign Private Investment",¹⁸ prepared by the Secretary-General in response to General Assembly resolution 825 (IX) of 11 December 1954,

1. *Commends* the Secretariat for its competent and useful report;

2. *Notes* that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 825 (IX), the Secretary-General is proceeding

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, document E/2865 and Corr.1.

with a series of country studies concerning the taxation in capital-exporting and capital-importing countries of foreign private investment and that the studies on Belgium¹⁹ and the Netherlands²⁰ have been completed, in addition to those published earlier on Mexico²¹ and the United States of America;²²

3. *Looks forward* to the publication of additional studies in the series;

4. *Transmits* the memorandum of the Secretary-General and the completed country studies to the General Assembly.

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620 (XXII). International commodity problems

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report submitted by the Commission on International Commodity Trade,²³ and the report submitted by the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements,²⁴

Bearing in mind its resolution 557 F (XVIII) of 5 August 1954, which provides for the re-examination of the status and functions of the Commission on International Commodity Trade as well as of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements,

Considering that in order to carry out the tasks of the bodies concerned with international commodity trade, and in particular those related to fluctuations of prices and volume and to terms of trade referred to in previous resolutions of the Council, international co-operation is necessary,

Recognizing the importance to the economies of the under-developed primary producing countries of the state of the world markets for primary commodities,

1. *Takes note* of the above-mentioned reports;

2. *Confirms* for the present the terms of reference of its permanent advisory Commission on International Commodity Trade as they have been set out in resolutions 512 A (XVII) of 30 April 1954 and 557 F (XVIII) of 5 August 1954;

3. *Requests* the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements to continue to discharge for the time being the functions given to it under resolution 557 F (XVIII);

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order that the Council shall exercise its co-ordinating functions within

¹⁹ E/2865/Add.2.

²⁰ E/2865/Add.1.

²¹ E/CN.8/69/Add.2.

²² ST/ECA/18. United Nations Publication, Sales No. 1953.XVI.1 and Supplement, 1956.

²³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 9* (E/2886).

²⁴ E/2893.