

674 (XXV). Economic development of under-developed countries: industrialization

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The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 597 A (XXI) of 4 May 1956, 618 (XXII) of 6 August 1956 and 649 A (XXIII) of 2 May 1957 and General Assembly resolution 1033 B (XI) of 26 February 1957 regarding the programme of work in the field of industrialization and productivity and the question of organizational and administrative machinery relating thereto,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General,⁸

Bearing in mind the importance attached to the rapid industrialization of less developed countries as a significant factor in the sound and balanced development of their economies,

1. Notes the progress of the programme of work on industrialization and productivity as set forth in the report of the Secretary-General⁹ and emphasizes the need to accelerate this work as far as possible;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in carrying out the programme, to take into account such views as may be expressed by the countries directly concerned relating to the problems which are of significance to countries in the process of industrial development;

3. Recalls paragraph 2 of its resolution 649 A (XXIII) and requests the Secretary-General, when appropriate, to encourage the organization of seminars, consultations and training centres in order to facilitate the practical application of the programme;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to publish the results of work under this programme, in the form of readily usable manuals when appropriate;

5. Welcomes the statement in the report of the Secretary-General¹⁰ that effective co-operation has been developed with the specialized agencies concerned in planning and carrying out projects of common interest and that such co-operation will continue and may be expected to expand in the future;

6. Emphasizes the desirability of strengthening the substantive servicing of the United Nations technical assistance operations in the field of industrialization along the lines suggested in the Secretary-General's report;

7. Further emphasizes the desirability of maintaining close relationships with the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund, when in operation, in order to facilitate the development of the Secretary-General's programme of work and the application of its results in the less developed countries;

8. Expresses the desire to continue to be kept fully informed about the important work being done by the specialized agencies concerned;

⁸ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 5, documents E/3078 and E/3079.

⁹ Ibid., document E/3078.

¹⁰ Ibid., document E/3079.

9. Recognizes the important work being done by the regional economic commissions in the field of industrialization and productivity;

10. Requests the regional economic commissions, when giving consideration to the formulation of regional programmes of work on industrialization and productivity, to take into account, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Council resolution 597 A (XXI), the activities under the programme of work of the Secretary-General undertaken pursuant to that resolution;

11. Endorses the proposals of the Secretary-General¹¹ to expand the staff concerned with the work programme in the field of industrialization and productivity;

12. Invites the Secretary-General to establish a committee of experts, consisting of no more than ten persons to be appointed in consultation with Governments, for the purpose of reviewing the programme of work in the field of industrialization and productivity, and making recommendations to the Secretary-General on the further development of this programme and its implementation; and to include in his next progress report to the Council information regarding the establishment of such a committee;

13. Recommends the periodic inclusion in the agenda of the session of the General Assembly of an item entitled "Industrialization of the under-developed countries".

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The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that the economic advancement of the under-developed countries has been and continues to be one of its main concerns,

Considering that one generally accepted means of achieving this end is the diversification of production, for which industrialization is an important requirement,

Recognizing that industrialization cannot be undertaken on the desired scale without continuing imports of the equipment required and that primarily the latter must be paid for by the exports of the under-developed countries,

Recognizing the importance attached to the relationship between the prices of the raw materials exported by the under-developed countries and of the manufactured goods exported by the industrialized countries for the industrial and general economic advancement of the under-developed countries,

Looks forward, in connexion with its discussion of commodity problems at its twenty-sixth session, to the further exploration of such problems in the light of the desirability of achieving a sound international economic balance.

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¹¹ Ibid., document E/3079, para. 11.