

**675 (XXV). Economic development of under-developed countries: water resources**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolutions 417 (XIV) of 2 June 1952, 533 (XVIII) of 2 August 1954 and 599 (XXI) of 3 May 1956,

I

1. *Commends* the Panel of Experts for its report entitled *Integrated River Basin Development*,<sup>12</sup> which brings together basic information on, and principles of, integrated river basin planning and development;

2. *Calls* the report and its recommendations to the attention of Governments of Member States and the appropriate specialized agencies;

3. *Notes with interest* the efforts being made to formulate legal principles applicable to users of international rivers, particularly those referred to in chapter 4 of the report;

II

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General and the World Meteorological Organization for the report entitled "A Preliminary Inquiry on Existing Hydrologic Services";<sup>13</sup>

2. *Notes* the recommendations with respect to the functions of the World Meteorological Organization in the field of hydrology;

3. *Invites* the World Meteorological Organization to consider the report and to take appropriate action thereon, bearing in mind the discussion at the twenty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Council and the necessity of avoiding duplication with the work of the United Nations and specialized agencies;

III

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for the report entitled *Water for Industrial Use*,<sup>14</sup> as a helpful contribution to a better understanding of this important and growing problem;

2. *Calls* the report to the attention of Governments of Member States and the appropriate specialized agencies;

3. *Calls special attention* to the importance of water pollution abatement, particularly in industrialized countries, and of preventing water pollution in countries in the early stages of industrialization, and in this connexion recommends that the experience of the Economic

<sup>12</sup> E/3066. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 58.II.B.3.

<sup>13</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 5, document E/3070.

<sup>14</sup> E/3058. United Nations publication, Sales No. 58.II.B.1.

Commission for Europe and co-operating specialized agencies should be taken into account;

IV

1. *Notes* the report of the Secretary-General entitled "International Co-operation with respect to Water Resources Development",<sup>15</sup> including the useful activities of the regional economic commissions set forth in chapter III of that report;

2. *Commends* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies for their co-operation in carrying forward their series of consultations on water resources problems;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures for the establishment, within the Secretariat, of a centre to promote co-ordinated efforts for the development of water resources and, for that purpose, to facilitate co-ordination in the collection of information on such resources and their uses;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to give proper consideration to applications by Governments for assistance in the development of river basins, including the joint development of international rivers;

5. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Panel of Experts on Integrated River Basin Development relating to water resources that the United Nations and the specialized agencies should pay special attention to stimulating and facilitating the international flow of information, including that developed by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies to keep the interrelated problems of water resources under continuous review and, to this end, to develop a programme of studies relating to such problems, giving priority for concerted action to the questions enumerated in chapter IV of the above-mentioned report and to integrated river basin development, and to report to the Council at its twenty-ninth session on the progress achieved at the national and international levels in regard to the above items, including appropriate recommendations concerning further action which might be taken by the Council and the specialized agencies;

7. *Invites* Members of the United Nations to pay appropriate attention to water resources questions in their country programmes, and in regional or inter-regional projects, both in connexion with the United Nations Expanded Technical Assistance Programme and in programmes developed through other multi-lateral or through bilateral arrangements.

*1021st plenary meeting,  
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<sup>15</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 5, document E/3071.