

measures for the more effective use of arbitration by member States in their regions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to assist, within the limits of available staff and financial resources, Governments and organizations in their efforts to improve arbitral legislation, practice and institutions, in particular by helping them to obtain technical advice and assistance from appropriate sources available for this purpose and by providing guidance to Governments and organizations concerned in co-ordinating their efforts and promoting more effective use of arbitration in connexion with international trade and other private law transactions.

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709 (XXVII). Economic development of under-developed countries: industrialization

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 597 A (XXI) of 4 May 1956, 618 (XXII) of 6 August 1956, 649 A (XXIII) of 2 May 1957 and 674 A (XXV) of 1 May 1958, and General Assembly resolution 1033 B (XI) of 26 February 1957 regarding the programme of work in the field of industrialization and productivity,

Having considered the report presented by the Secretary-General under resolution 597 A (XXI),⁵ the report of the Advisory Committee on the Work Programme on Industrialization to the Secretary-General, prepared in pursuance of resolution 674 A (XXV),⁶ the report entitled *Management of Industrial Enterprises in Under-developed Countries*⁷ and other related material,

Recognizing that instability in the foreign exchange earnings of the less developed countries, due to fluctuations in world commodity prices and in general economic activity in the more advanced countries, makes it particularly important to encourage industrialization as an essential part of development programmes or plans,

Emphasizing the need of the less developed countries, large and small, for practical guidance on industrial development,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General on the work carried out so far on the industrialization programme;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the report and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the Work Programme on Industrialization, convened by the Secretary-General, with regard to further development of the work programme and its implementation;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in the light of the five-year programmes to be discussed at the

⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 5, document E/3219.*

⁶ *Ibid.*, documents E/3213 and Add.1 and 2.

⁷ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 58.II.B.5.

twenty-eighth session of the Council, proposals for future work on industrialization for consideration by the Council at its twenty-ninth session, with a view to further discussion by the Council of priorities in the work programme;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give due emphasis in this programme to studies relating to methods of programming or planning of industrialization, bearing in mind that such studies would provide a basis for technical assistance given to Governments in this field, and having regard to the work undertaken by the regional economic commissions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, meanwhile, to lay particular emphasis on projects of direct practical value to economic development—e.g., projects concerning small industries, industrial zones and estates, management techniques, and technological research institutes;

6. *Welcomes* the action of the Secretary-General in raising the status of the Secretariat's Industry Section to that of a Branch of the Bureau of Economic Affairs and urges him to consider strengthening further the organization and the work programme of the United Nations in the field of industrialization, and also supports the use of consultants either individually or as an advisory group;

7. *Emphasizes* the desirability of encouraging, nationally and regionally, the organization of seminars, consultations and training centres for the practical implementation of the results of research and studies already carried out under the programme and to be carried out in the future;

8. *Invites* the regional economic commissions to consider the inclusion in their work programmes of seminars and symposia on specific topics designed to further the purposes of the industrialization programme of the United Nations;

9. *Recommends* that a closer relationship should be established between the industrialization programme and the activities of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund;

10. *Expresses* the desirability of continuing, and where necessary further extending, co-operation between the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies in the field of industrialization;

11. *Urges* the Secretary-General to adopt appropriate measures for the widest possible dissemination of studies and reports carried out under the industrialization programme, including the *Bulletin on Industrialization and Productivity*.

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The Economic and Social Council,

Considering :

(a) That joint action by groups of countries united by geographic, historical and cultural bonds and striving

for their gradual economic integration is an important factor in the development of under-developed areas, in that it permits of more rational exploitation of their resources and the formation of markets adequate for the needs of their own development,

(b) That in every effort of economic development, whether at the national or at the regional level, it is important to maintain a high import capacity; and that many of the under-developed countries now encounter or will in the near future encounter serious difficulties in maintaining that capacity by reason of the saturation of their traditional export markets,

(c) That those countries should seize every opportunity to diversify their exports, as a means of continuing and intensifying their economic development on the basis of regional co-operation,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the efforts which certain groups of under-developed countries are making to bring about their progressive economic integration and the gradual diversification of their economic activities;

2. *Recognizes* the valuable co-operation which the United Nations, through the Council's regional economic commissions, and the specialized agencies are lending to the countries seeking these objectives;

3. *Recommends* to the afore-mentioned organizations that they assign a high priority, in the elaboration of their programmes of work, to the assistance needed by countries seeking to diversify their exports, especially where efforts to that end are undertaken jointly by the public and private sectors of industry.

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710 (XXVII). Economic development of under-developed countries: sources of energy

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Recent developments relating to new sources of energy and recommendations regarding the agenda for an international conference",⁸

Reaffirming the importance which it attaches to non-conventional energy sources, as a useful factor for the economic development of many under-developed countries,

Noting the progress made in the field of practical application of solar energy, wind power and geothermic energy,

Considering that the development of research in the field of utilization of these sources of energy has reached a stage at which the pooling of the results achieved can,

through the international conference referred to in Council resolution 653 (XXIV) of 26 July 1957, yield especially interesting results for areas which have a shortage of so-called conventional energy sources,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for his report;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures for the holding of a United Nations conference on solar energy, wind power and geothermic energy, considered particularly from the point of view of their application, to be held within the programme of the United Nations, if possible in 1961 but not later than 1962, on the basis of the agenda suggested in the report,⁹ taking into account any clarifications or modifications which the Governments of Member States and the specialized agencies concerned may wish to bring to the Secretary-General's attention, or such modifications as may seem advisable after the meeting of experts mentioned in paragraph 3 below;

3. *Requests in particular* the Secretary-General to convene, in consultation with the interested Governments and the specialized agencies concerned, not later than the last quarter of 1960, preliminary meetings of experts for the purpose of exchanging information on research undertaken and results obtained in the application of these new energy sources, in particular geothermic energy and solar energy, the reports of which would be transmitted to the conference;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to report to the Council, not later than at its thirtieth session, on the action taken under this resolution.

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The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Work done and recommendations concerning energy development",¹⁰

Taking into account the experience gained in this field through the different technical assistance activities and the works so far published on the different sources of energy and their utilization,

Reaffirming the importance it attaches to energy resources in all forms, both conventional and non-conventional, as an essential factor of economic development, especially in the under-developed countries,

Considering that the economic aspects of energy problems have sometimes not been sufficiently taken into account in research and other work undertaken in this field and that, as a result, certain gaps exist, especially with regard to the evaluation of energy resources and the cost of their exploitation,

⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 5, document E/3218.*

⁹ *Ibid.*, part I.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, documents E/3212 and Add.1.