

of such knowledge for peaceful ends,⁷⁶ the information on this subject included in the survey of international relations and exchange in the fields of education, science and culture,⁷⁷ and the appeal for international co-operation made by the International Conference on Scientific Information,

Considering that in the scientific and technical field many gaps as well as duplication exist in respect of documentation, and that any improvement, if it is to be effective, must be envisaged at the international level,

Recalling that, in conformity with the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, documentation, the results of scientific research and technical advances should be made generally accessible,

- *Recalling also* that exchanges in these fields are of the greatest importance to the international community,

Considering that, to ensure a greater benefit from the efforts made and the resources spent on abstracting services all over the world, it is essential that the organization and functioning of these services should be better known,

1. *Deems it necessary* that a survey on the organization and functioning of abstracting services in the various branches of science and technology should be prepared as a basis for possible subsequent action in this field;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to prepare, in consultation with the United Nations and the related agencies concerned, a survey of this kind for submission to the Council at its thirty-fourth session.

*1132nd plenary meeting,
3 August 1960.*

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The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 695 (XXVI) of 31 July 1958, and General Assembly resolution 1260 (XIII) of 14 November 1958,

⁷⁶ E/3362 and Corr.1.

⁷⁷ E/3352 and Corr.1.

Having received the survey of the main trends of enquiry in the field of the natural sciences, the dissemination of scientific knowledge and the application of such knowledge for peaceful ends,⁷⁸

Believing that this major survey should be made available as widely as possible throughout the world,

Considering that the question of future action arising from the survey should receive detailed study, both by the Council and by the other inter-governmental bodies concerned,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the Special Consultant, as well as to the other organizations which participated in the survey;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to facilitate the wide dissemination of the survey;

3. *Transmits* the survey to the General Assembly;

4. *Decides*, subject to any action which the General Assembly may wish to take, to give detailed consideration to the survey at its thirty-second session, taking into account such views thereon as may be expressed by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to seek the comments of the appropriate specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency and of the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the related agencies on questions arising from the survey, and to prepare a report on this consultation for the Council at its thirty-second session.

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⁷⁸ E/3362 and Corr.1.

OTHER QUESTIONS

766 (XXX). Measures to be adopted in connexion with the earthquakes in Chile

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America on its third extraordinary session,⁷⁹ convened to examine

⁷⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 4 A (E/3402).*

means of organizing international co-operation on behalf of Chile in view of the grave disaster which has overtaken more than a third of the land area and population of that country,

1. *Expresses its deep concern* at the consequences of this grave disaster in Chile;

2. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the assistance given to Chile by the States Members of the United Nations and by other countries as well as the assistance arranged

by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America, the heads of the specialized agencies, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Organization of American States and other inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, and private persons and foundations, and expresses the hope that such assistance will be increased;

3. *Notes* that an emergency programme of technical assistance for reconstruction and economic development in Chile has been prepared by the Government of Chile calling for a total amount of U.S. \$2.2 million for the period of 1960-1962;⁸⁰

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the heads of the specialized agencies to bear in mind the urgent needs of Chile when deciding, within the scope of their resources and powers, the services to be extended to Member States;

5. *Requests* the Managing Director of the Special Fund to consider sympathetically any pre-investment project which is presented by Chile in connexion with the work of reconstruction and which is capable of being handled by the Fund;

6. *Recommends* that the Technical Assistance Committee, the Technical Assistance Board, and the Executive Chairman of the Board, take account of the special needs of Chile for technical assistance in 1960-1962, as noted in paragraph 3 above, and do what is possible to meet them, without prejudice to the general level of the programmes envisaged for other countries during those years;

7. *Expresses the hope* that the Governments of countries participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance will take account of the special needs of Chile, as well as other exceptional needs and the normal requirements of the Programme, by making additional contributions to the Special Account, in so far as existing resources are not sufficient to satisfy these needs.

*1116th plenary meeting,
8 July 1960.*

767 (XXX). International co-operation in the field of seismological research

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming its concern as shown in its resolutions 254 (IX) of 13 August 1949, 746 (XXIX) of 6 April 1960, and 766 (XXX) of 6 July 1960 at the great loss of human life and extensive material damage caused by earthquakes and seismic sea waves,

Mindful of adverse effects of disasters of this kind upon the economic and social life of the population concerned,

⁸⁰ E/CN.12/AC.46/2, annex 1.

Believing that progress of seismological research and its systematic applications including adequate use of national and international services of warnings of earthquakes and seismic sea waves can reduce the damage thus caused,

Convinced, also, that there is an urgent need of further promoting international co-operation in order to provide the population of the world with sufficient safeguards against disasters of this nature,

Expressing the hope that, with a view to meeting this need, scientific studies and operational activities on seismological and other related aspects of the problem will be accelerated by the United Nations and the specialized agencies and other international organizations concerned.

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek the co-operation of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Meteorological Organization and other specialized agencies concerned in undertaking a detailed and comprehensive study of the ways and means of reducing to a minimum the damage resulting from earthquakes and seismic sea waves, including the development and co-ordination of seismological observation and research, and of systems of warning of seismic sea waves, the establishment of seismological maps and the improvement of physical planning and of housing and building techniques in areas particularly liable to such disturbances, and to report to the Council at its thirty-fourth session;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General and the interested specialized agencies to furnish assistance for this purpose to Governments, which so request, to the full extent that their resources permit.

*1116th plenary meeting,
8 July 1960.*

774 (XXX). Application from Kuwait for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the application regarding the admission of Kuwait to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,⁸¹ transmitted by that organization to the Council in accordance with article II of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Decides to inform the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization that it has no objection to the admission of Kuwait to the organization.

*1129th plenary meeting,
25 July 1960.*

⁸¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirtieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 23, document E/3363/Add.2.*