

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General in consultation with the Interim Committee on Programme of Conferences of the Economic and Social Council to convene the conference during 1964 or 1965;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the Population Commission at its twelfth session, for trans-

mission with its comments to the Economic and Social Council, a report on the action taken pursuant to the present resolution.

*1149th plenary meeting,
28 April 1961.*

OTHER QUESTIONS

810 (XXXI). Establishment by the Secretary-General of a list of national parks and equivalent reserves

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report entitled "List of national parks and equivalent reserves"¹⁶ prepared by the Secretary-General in response to Council resolution 713 (XXVII) of 22 April 1959, and his recommendations for maintaining and developing the list on a current basis,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that fifty-five Governments have already submitted replies to the Secretary-General's memorandum of inquiry inviting them to furnish information about national parks and equivalent reserves, and that further replies are expected;

2. *Commends* the Secretary-General for the thoroughness of the report;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for their co-operation and collaboration in the preparation of the report;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* that the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources has played a major role in the preparation of the report and has agreed to undertake the preparation of part II and subsequent additions thereto;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, to this end, to transmit the documentation to the International Union and to undertake the necessary consultations with the Union;

6. *Reiterates* its belief that national parks and equivalent reserves contribute to the inspiration, culture and welfare of mankind and are valuable for economic and scientific reasons;

7. *Urges* the Members of the United Nations or members of its related agencies, and the interested specialized agencies to continue to co-operate with the International Union in this respect;

8. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General, Governments of Member States and the International Union take the steps necessary to bring this report, together with part II of it, to the attention of the proposed World Conference on National Parks to be convened in 1962 by the Union.

*1141st plenary meeting,
24 April 1961.*

¹⁶ E/3436.

811 (XXXI). Non-governmental organizations : applications and re-applications for consultative status

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations,¹⁸

1. *Decides* to grant the request of the following organizations for category B consultative status:

Credit Union National Association, Inc.;

International Federation of Women in Legal Careers;
Union of International Fairs;

2. *Requests:*

(a) The Secretary-General to communicate once again with the General Union of Workers of Black Africa, inviting the organization to supply the additional information requested by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations;¹⁷

(b) The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to reconsider the application of the Union at the first session of the year following the receipt of such information.

*1141st plenary meeting,
24 April 1961.*

814 (XXXI). International co-operation in the standardization of geographical names

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Group of Experts on Geographical Names,¹⁸

Recognizing the continuing need for international co-operation in the standardization of geographical names and noting the recommendations contained in the report,

1. *Commends* the Group of Experts on Geographical Names for an excellent report on a complex problem;

2. *Recommends* that the Governments of Member States:

(a) Adopt as appropriate the recommendations of the Group of Experts and take steps for their early implementation;

(b) Give emphasis to field investigation and checking with local authorities in standardizing place names, to the determination of the accurate latitude and longitude of these places and to showing them on maps;

¹⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 14, document E/3449.*

¹⁷ See E/C.2/SR.184.

¹⁸ E/3441 and Corr.1.

(c) Transmit to the Secretary-General information on the progress being made in the standardization of geographical names, copies of gazetteers, maps and information concerning technical procedures being used in the standardization of domestic names, information on the techniques and systems used in the transliteration of names of other countries, and as appropriate their comments on the report of the Group of Experts;

3. *Requests the Secretary-General:*

(a) To publish the report of the Group of Experts in the series entitled *World Cartography*;

(b) To provide clearing-house functions for collecting information on the standardization of geographical names being carried out by Member States and for periodically supplying Member States with information on the material received and on where it may be obtained;

(c) To assist Governments of Member States, when requested, in the establishment of national organizations for standardizing geographical names and in the solution of specific problems concerning geographical names, calling upon experts in the practical application of nomenclature when desirable;

(d) To assist, when requested, in the creation of working groups of representatives from countries using the same linguistic system;

(e) To report to the Council within two years on the progress being made by the Governments of Member States in the domestic standardization of geographical names and on the desirability of convening an international conference on this question.

*1147th plenary meeting,
27 April 1961.*

815 (XXXI). Convening of an international technical conference on the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report on the convening of an international technical conference on the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale¹⁹ prepared by the Secretary-General in pursuance of Council resolution 761 C (XXIX) of 21 April 1960,

Recognizing that thirty Governments responded favourably to, or showed interest in, the idea of holding an international technical conference to review and, if necessary, revise the specifications of the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale,

¹⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 8, documents E/3448 and Add.1 and 2.*

Noting that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has offered to assume responsibility for the arrangements for the conference in accordance with paragraph 2 (e) of General Assembly resolution 1202 (XII), of 13 December 1957, dealing with meetings away from Headquarters,

Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To take all necessary measures for an international technical conference to review the specifications of the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale to be held at Bonn in the second half of 1962;

(b) To consult the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, as well as the interested specialized agencies themselves, on the proposed amendments to the specifications of the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale, and to prepare a report on the basis of these consultations in time for consideration by the conference;

(c) To invite States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, as well as the interested specialized agencies, to attend the conference.

*1147th plenary meeting,
27 April 1961.*

816 (XXXI). Convening of a United Nations regional cartographic conference for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning the convening of a United Nations regional cartographic conference for Africa,²⁰

Noting that the Governments of the States members of the Economic Commission for Africa, at the third session of the Commission, expressed their desire that such a conference should be convened,

Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and in consultation with interested specialized agencies, to take the necessary steps to convene, not later than the end of 1962, a United Nations regional cartographic conference for Africa, including the sending of invitations to the members and associate members of the Economic Commission for Africa, to the specialized agencies concerned and to other interested inter-governmental organizations, and the preparation of a provisional agenda on the basis of that outlined in the above-mentioned report.

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27 April 1961.*

²⁰ *Ibid.*, documents E/3465 and Add.1.