

“ *Believing further* that the participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies in, and the full implementation by them of, the International Slavery Convention of 1926 and the Supplementary Convention of 1956 on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices similar to Slavery would constitute an important advance towards the achievement of this end,

“ *Noting* that as yet forty-eight States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies are not parties to the Convention of 1926, and seventy-one are not parties to the Supplementary Convention of 1956,

“ 1. *Calls* on those States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies which have not yet become parties to these conventions to do so;

“ 2. *Urges* all States parties to the conventions to co-operate fully in carrying out their terms, in particular by furnishing to the Secretary-General, if they have not already done so, the information called for under article 8 (2) of the Supplementary Convention of 1956.”

2. *Decides* to consider the question of slavery further at its thirty-sixth session.

*1231st plenary meeting,
24 July 1962.*

QUESTIONS RELATING TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

910 (XXXIV). Main trends of inquiry in the field of the natural sciences, the dissemination of scientific knowledge and the application of such knowledge for peaceful ends

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the sections of the reports of the specialized agencies dealing, pursuant to the provisions of its resolution 829 (XXXII) of 1 August 1961, with the implementation of the recommendations of the survey, *Current Trends in Scientific Research,*⁷⁰

Considering the importance of the progress of science and technology for the economic development and the welfare of mankind, in particular in the less developed areas, and the growing interest taken in these matters by the various organs of the United Nations and of its related agencies,

Considering the importance and complexity of the problem of the centralization and exchange of information on research work in progress or contemplated,

1. *Expresses its satisfaction* to the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency which, at the Council's request, have examined what has already been achieved and the possibilities for action under the survey's recommendations;

2. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to submit to the Council, at its thirty-eighth session, detailed observations on the nature and extent of the problem presented by the centralization and exchange of information on research work in progress or contemplated in accordance with the recommendation of the survey;

3. *Expresses the wish* that the means made available to the International Brain Research Organization should be concentrated in order to promote a co-ordinated international research effort in this field;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the establishment of an international non-governmental organ for cell research and expresses the hope that this will contribute to the implementation of the special recommendation on molecular biology;

5. *Considers* that, following the work resulting from the United Nations Conference on New Sources of Energy, research on the conversion and storage of energy should be intensified;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, in co-operation with the organizations concerned and not later than at the fortieth session, a study on the measures proposed for the implementation of the survey's recommendation concerning the conservation and amelioration of natural environments and on national and international research into pollution of every kind and measures for its control;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to keep it informed, within the framework of its annual report to the Council, of the activities of the Research Organization Unit set up in 1961 to advise Governments, at their request, on scientific policy;

8. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to submit to the Council, if possible at its thirty-sixth session, its comments on the effect which the problems arising out of the evolution of science and technology as related to economic and social progress are having on the administrative structures of the various agencies of the United Nations system;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study in collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the other specialized agencies concerned and the International Atomic Energy Agency, what steps should be taken with a view to bringing the survey periodically up to date and facilitating the issuing of a new edition within a reasonable time, and to present, if possible, to the thirty-sixth session of the Council his observations on this matter.

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2 August 1962.*

⁷⁰ Published by the United Nations, New York, and by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Paris, 1961.