

778 (XXX). Strengthening and development of the world market and improvement of the trade conditions of the economically less developed countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 1421 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 of the General Assembly entitled "Strengthening and development of the world market and improvement of the trade conditions of the economically less developed countries",

Recalling further resolution 6 (XV) of 5 May 1960, of the Economic Commission for Europe, entitled "Improvement of techniques of foreign trade",¹⁷

Believing that the expansion of international trade would stimulate economic and social progress and development,

Recognizing that international trade is one of the important forms of international economic co-operation and that it is important to promote conditions conducive to the development of such trade,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the preliminary report by the Secretary-General on ways and means of promoting wider trade co-operation among States;¹⁸

2. Looks forward to the further report envisaged therein, as well as to the report of the Economic Commission for Europe concerning the studies called for in resolution 6 (XV) of that Commission.

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779 (XXX). United Nations conference on new sources of energy (solar energy, wind power, geothermic energy)

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the importance of harnessing new forms of energy, with a view to their application especially in the less developed countries lacking conventional energy resources for their economic development,

Bearing in mind that considerable progress has been made in the application of solar energy, wind power and geothermic energy,

Recalling its resolutions 653 III (XXIV) of 26 July 1957 and 710 A (XXVII) of 17 April 1959, including its decision to convene a United Nations Conference on Solar Energy, Wind Power and Geothermic Energy,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on preparatory action for the holding of a United Nations Conference on New Sources of Energy,¹⁹

Having heard the offer of the Government of Italy to provide host facilities for the conference,

1. Commends the Secretary-General for his report and notes with satisfaction the results of the meetings

¹⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/3349), part III.*

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, Thirtieth Session, Annexes, agenda items 2 and 4, document E/3389.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, documents E/3371 and Add.2.

of experts on solar energy, wind power and geothermic energy;²⁰

2. Approves the arrangements proposed by the Secretary-General for a United Nations Conference on these forms of energy, to be held from 21-31 August 1961;

3. Accepts, with appreciation, the offer of the Government of Italy to provide host facilities;

4. Draws the attention of Governments of Member States, especially those of the less developed countries, to the facilities under the United Nations Technical Assistance Programme for the granting of fellowships and other assistance enabling them to benefit from the Conference;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its thirty-third session on the proceedings and results of the Conference.

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780 (XXX). International flow of capital

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note with appreciation of the reports on the international flow of private capital, 1958-1959,²¹ and on international economic assistance to the less developed countries,²²

Cognizant of the replies which have been received in response to General Assembly resolution 1316 (XIII) of 12 December 1958,

Aware of the importance, for the future work of the Council, of adequate information regarding the flow of international private and public capital, particularly to the under-developed countries, and also of actions and measures being taken to advance the development of the less developed countries,

Believing that a further improvement of the statistical and economic analysis of such capital flow, particularly along lines which will facilitate the study of trends in the volume, direction and composition of capital movements as a whole, will contribute to a better understanding of their nature and significance,

1. Requests the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the discussion at the thirtieth session of the Council, to continue his efforts to facilitate, in consultation with States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, and with the appropriate specialized agencies and inter-governmental organizations, the availability, collection and analysis of data relating to the international flow of public and private capital, including, to the extent practicable, data on the volume, distribution, reinvestment and repatriation of profits;

2. Invites the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to co-operate with the Secretary-General by continuing to meet his

²⁰ E/3371/Add.1.

²¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirtieth Session, Annexes, agenda items 2 and 4, document E/3369.*

²² *Ibid.*, documents E/3395 and Add.1.