

and with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, means of strengthening the secretariat arrangements related to the work of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and to take appropriate action.

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1083 (XXXIX). Report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 980 A (XXXVI) of 1 August 1963 establishing an Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 1944 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 concerning international co-operation in the application of science and technology to economic and social development,

Noting with appreciation that pursuant to its resolution 1047 (XXXVII) of 15 August 1964, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency have assisted the Advisory Committee in its investigation of the complex problems involved in seeking more effective ways of applying science and technology to promote economic and social progress,

Considering that the terms of reference of the Advisory Committee respond *inter alia* to the need for a careful definition, having regard to available resources, of a programme of co-ordinated priority action in the application of science and technology to development,

Aware that greater interest should be promoted, in both the developing and the developed countries, among the competent authorities and the public, in the problems considered by the Advisory Committee and in the work of that Committee,

Considering the intensity, rapidity, and objectivity with which the Advisory Committee has dealt with its challenging assignment,

Believing that consideration of the report of the Advisory Committee by the Council might be more effective if the Advisory Committee were associated therewith in some manner,

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1. *Warmly commends* the Advisory Committee for its second report;¹⁵⁷

2. *Endorses* the views of the Advisory Committee that:

(a) The wider and more intensive application of existing knowledge, suitably adapted to local conditions, provides the best prospect of securing rapid advancement in the developing countries;

(b) The developing countries should be helped to build up as quickly as possible the policies, institutions, and supply of skilled personnel on which their capacity and readiness to assimilate science and technology will inevitably depend;

¹⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 14 (E/4026).

(c) A programme of education is needed to interest world opinion in its task;

3. *Transmits* the second report to the General Assembly as an exposition of the steps that must be taken to achieve the objectives envisaged in its resolution 1944 (XVIII);

4. *Approves* the plans of the Advisory Committee for the next phase of its work, noting that this entails a continuing review of progress in directions recommended in both its first and second reports, and expresses the hope that this will also include an examination of the application and adaptation of existing knowledge to development and of the means for its dissemination through the creation or improvement of national scientific information services and research centres;

5. *Invites* the Advisory Committee, in the interest of achieving the greatest possible concentration of effort and of available resources on problems of high priority, to consider whether it would be possible to reduce still further the list of priority problems on which the Advisory Committee has recommended a "concerted attack": the improvement of food supplies, the improvement of health, population problems, the development and use of natural resources, industrialization, housing and urban planning, transportation and education;

6. *Requests* the Advisory Committee, in close co-operation with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to examine periodically the existing programmes and, where possible, the proposed programmes of the United Nations family of organizations and invites it to submit recommendations aimed at stimulating, co-ordinating, or, if necessary, reorientating the activities of these organizations in the application of science and technology to development;

7. *Requests* the Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to consider whether the chairman of that Committee, or a member appointed by the chairman for that purpose, might in future present the report of the Committee to the Council and be present for the discussion of the report;

8. *Requests* the Advisory Committee to submit annual reports on its activities to the Council;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as a matter of priority, to provide within the regular budget of the United Nations the financial and staff support recommended by the Advisory Committee in its second report;

II

Requests the Secretary-General and invites the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency and, as appropriate, the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to:

(a) Give effect to the suggestions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee relating to the fields enumerated in operative paragraph 5 of part I above;

(b) Assign high priority to educational and training activities, including the development of improved teaching techniques *inter alia* those in the audio-visual

field, in connexion with programmes for the assistance of developing countries;

(c) Continue more actively their studies of the cost-benefits that are likely to be derived from the application of existing scientific and technological knowledge to the problems of the developing countries and their studies of methodologies that might lend themselves to inter-agency application;

(d) Continue in their regular reports, or by way of such special reports as may be necessary, to provide material describing new advances in science and technology of benefit to developing countries, promising lines of uncompleted research or application, and important scientific and technological knowledge available, but not applied, in the developing countries; and to include, where possible, an objective analysis of the results, failures as well as successes, actually achieved in the application of science and technology;

(e) Continue to provide the Advisory Committee with all the facilities necessary for the accomplishment of its mission;

III

Calls to the attention of Governments, especially those of the developing countries, the importance, if the application of science and technology is to be of real and long-term benefit to them, of their taking steps urgently

to develop an explicit policy, to establish appropriate machinery for its execution and for the co-ordination of internal activities related to the acquisition of technical assistance, and to promote regional co-operation in this field;

IV

Requests all Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, using as appropriate, the regional economic commissions, to:

(a) Assist the Advisory Committee by every possible means;

(b) Make every effort to give effect to the recommendations and suggestions in the second report of the Advisory Committee;

(c) Assist the developing countries in the establishment of national institutions and the training of personnel;

(d) Encourage, in co-operation with the United Nations family of organizations, as appropriate, the establishment of bilateral relationships between their universities, research institutes, and laboratories, particularly between those in the developing countries and those in the more advanced countries.

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OTHER QUESTIONS

1078 (XXXIX). Progress in land reform

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken note with appreciation of the fourth report on the progress of land reform prepared jointly by the Secretariats of the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the International Labour Organisation, and submitted by the Secretary-General in virtue of Council resolutions 370 (XIII) of 7 September 1951 and 712 (XXVII) of 17 April 1959 and of General Assembly resolution 1426 (XIV) of 5 December 1959, and of the Note of the Secretary-General,¹⁵⁸

Having taken note of resolution II on land reform recommended by the Social Commission at its sixteenth session,¹⁵⁹

Recognizing that land reform constitutes an essential and necessary factor for general economic and social development,

Recalling that progress has been made in a number of countries and that useful experience has been acquired within the framework of the United Nations and its

specialized agencies, particularly of the Food and Agriculture Organization,

Convinced that the exchange of experience in the field of land reform is of vital importance for a successful solution of the problems connected with land reform,

1. *Invites* participating Governments to contribute their utmost to the success of the World Land Reform Conference, to be convened in 1966 by the Secretary-General and by the Food and Agriculture Organization, with the participation of the International Labour Organisation, by preparing reports on the experience they have acquired in connexion with land reform programmes, and by sending highly experienced representatives and technicians to the Conference;

2. *Calls upon* all countries participating in the Conference, the specialized agencies concerned and the regional economic commissions, to co-operate actively with the Secretary-General and the Food and Agriculture Organization in the preparation and organization of the Conference;

3. *Recommends* that Governments:

(a) Take measures for rapid implementation of land reform in the interest of landless and small peasants and agricultural hired labourers, taking into account that effective and democratic changes in land tenure and use,

¹⁵⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 20, document E/4048.*

¹⁵⁹ *Ibid., Supplement No. 12 (E/4061), Chapter II.*