

(a) To amend the revised version of the recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods,¹⁰ in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of Experts;

(b) To circulate the amendments referred to in subparagraph (a) above to Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other interested international organizations;

(c) To convene meetings of the Committee of Experts and its subsidiary bodies, taking into account, on the one hand, the programme of work recommended by the experts and, on the other, the calendar of conferences and availability of resources to service meetings.

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7 March 1966.

1111 (XL). Co-ordinated action in the field of water resources

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note with appreciation of the fourth biennial report on water resources development,¹¹

2. Requests the continued publication of such reports.

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1112 (XL). Non-agricultural resources

The Economic and Social Council.

Considering that the mineral and food resources of the sea beyond the continental shelf, excluding fish, constitute reserves of raw materials which are as yet not fully being utilized, and that the rational use of these resources to ensure optimum yield and minimum waste is of vital importance to all countries,

Being aware that the effective development of those resources can raise the economic level of peoples throughout the world, and especially in the developing countries,

Taking into account the studies that have been or are being made by the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other specialized agencies, the various national Governments and private organizations,

Considering further that a compilation of available knowledge on known resources and techniques for exploiting them would be an indispensable tool for developing countries to improve their programmes to extract the riches of the sea, or to initiate such programmes,

Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, the specialized agencies—particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization—and the Governments of interested Member States, avoiding any overlapping or duplication with the existing programmes of United Nations bodies in this field, and utilizing *inter alia* such voluntary services as may be offered:

¹⁰ *Transport of Dangerous Goods (1964)* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 64.VIII.1).

¹¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/4138)*.

(a) To make a survey of the present state of knowledge of these resources of the sea, beyond the continental shelf, and of the techniques for exploiting these resources, in co-ordination with those already made by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other specialized agencies and those being prepared;

(b) As part of that survey, to attempt to identify those resources now considered to be capable of economic exploitation, especially for the benefit of developing countries;

(c) To identify any gaps in available knowledge which merit early attention by virtue of their importance to the development of ocean resources, and of the practicality of their early exploitation;

(d) To report on the progress of the survey at an early session of the Council.

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1113 (XL). Development of non-agricultural resources

The Economic and Social Council.

Recalling its resolution 1033 C (XXXVII), of 14 August 1964, which stresses the importance of the development and utilization of natural resources for the over-all economic advancement of developing countries and recommends that due priority be given to programmes having direct impact on the economic development of the developing countries,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 523 (VI), of 12 January 1952, 626 (VII) of 21 December 1952, 1314 (XIII), of 12 December 1958, 1515 (XV), of 15 December 1960 and 1803 (XVII), of 14 December 1962, which confirm the inherent sovereign right of countries and peoples over their natural resources,

Taking account of its resolution 877 (XXXIII), of 16 April 1962, which requests the Secretary-General to submit biennial reports on development of non-agricultural resources,

Recalling its resolutions 1083 (XXXIX), of 30 July 1965, 1089 (XXXIX) and 1090 (XXXIX), of 31 July 1965,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 2082 (XX), 2083 (XX) and 2084 (XX), of 20 December 1965, concerning the United Nations Development Decade and stressing the role and the importance of the utilization of science and technology and qualified personnel in economic development,

Considering it necessary, in the second half of the United Nations Development Decade, to intensify international co-operation in developing the natural resources of the developing countries,

Considering the fundamental importance of the utilization of the natural resources of each country in the process of economic, and particularly, industrial development,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on work being done in the field of non-agricultural resources,¹²

1. Notes with satisfaction the results obtained through the research, training and operational activities performed by the Department of Economic and

¹² *Ibid.*, Fortieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 7, document E/4132.

Social Affairs in the field of non-agricultural resources development, including the acceleration of the transfer and adaptation of appropriate technology to development of resources in developing countries;

2. *Approves* the direction and priorities of continuing activities indicated in the report of the Secretary-General in the fields of surveying and mapping, mineral resources development, energy resources and water resources development;¹³

3. *Welcomes* the initiative taken by the Secretary-General in submitting to the Council a long-range programme designed as an important contribution to the second half of the United Nations Development Decade through the development of non-agricultural resources, with a view to strengthening the economic basis and economic independence of the developing countries;

4. *Recommends* that, taking into account relevant work of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Secretary-General may consult outside experts specially qualified in the various fields of non-agricultural resources development, on the various proposed surveys and projects and the priorities that should be assigned to them within the proposed programme, with a view to achieving the targets of the Decade;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, at its fifth session, on the proposed programme, in accordance with Council resolution 1083 (XXXIX);

6. *Requests also* the Secretary-General to invite Governments to communicate their views and comments on this programme and the possibilities of financing it, including, as appropriate, an approach to Governments and organizations which are in a position to make available at their expense, experts, consultants and other resources;

7. *Requests further* the Secretary-General to report to the forty-first session on the results of the above consultations and to include detailed information about the costs of individual surveys and projects and possible methods of financing;

8. *Decides* to undertake, at its forty-first session, a

¹³ *Ibid.*, chap. I-IV.

general review for the purpose of rapidly defining the means and feasibility of implementing this programme.

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1114 (XL). Water desalination

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling and reaffirming its resolutions 1033 A (XXXVII), of 14 August 1964 and 1069 (XXXIX), of 16 July 1965,

Having considered the Secretary-General's report on water desalination with special reference to developments in 1965,¹⁴

Noting the progress made in international co-operation through the United Nations family of organizations, in particular the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as on a bilateral basis,

Noting further the intensification of assistance under the United Nations Development Programme, and the further exchange of information through the First International Symposium on Water Desalination and the United Nations Seminar on the Economic Application of Water Desalination,

Believing that further expansion of activities in this field is desirable to meet the needs of the developing countries that are short of water and the world at large and that commensurate resources should be made available,

1. *Approves* the work programme proposed in the Secretary-General's report;¹⁵

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take steps to marshal the resources necessary for implementing this work programme, including, as appropriate, an approach to Governments and organizations that might make the services of experts and consultants, as well as other resources, available at their expense;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report periodically on developments in the field of desalination.

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7 March 1966.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda item 7, document E/4142.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, paras. 27-30.

SOCIAL QUESTIONS

1104 (XL). Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (twentieth session);¹⁶

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at each annual session, with the best available information on future project proposals for technical co-operation in the field of narcotic drugs control so that the Commission's comments and recommendations can be taken into account in the formulation of annual programme submissions;

3. *Approves* the recommendation outlined in the report of the Commission¹⁷ concerning the convening

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/4140).

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, paras. 373-376.

of a committee of the Commission to study the question of substances not under international control, such as barbiturates, amphetamines and tranquillizers, and to report thereon to the Commission at its twenty-first session in December 1966;

4. *Recommends* that, if possible, the Committee's meetings should be limited to one week and be held with the minimum financial obligation to the United Nations.

1416th plenary meeting,
4 March 1966.

1105 (XL). The question of the coca leaf

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that in the highlands of the Andean region, coca-leaf chewing constitutes a grave human