

- (i) Their experience of and attitude to the various problems discussed in the report;
- (ii) The opportunities for and means of applying, if appropriate, the specific recommendations contained in the report;

(b) To provide assistance, in co-operation with the international organizations concerned and making full use of the facilities of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, to Governments which request his assistance in the application of measures to increase the flow of productive foreign investments under conditions acceptable to all parties concerned;

3. *Invites* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to give sympathetic consideration, where appropriate, to requests for support in the implementation of the programme of action recommended by the Secretary-General and referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above;

4. *Looks forward* to receiving periodic reports by the Secretary-General on the actions taken and results achieved in accordance with the present resolution.

*1513th plenary meeting,
14 November 1967.*

1287 (XLIII). Survey programme for the development of natural resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1113 (XL) of 7 March 1966 and 1127 (XLI) of 26 July 1966 and General Assembly resolution 2173 (XXI) of 6 December 1966 on the Secretary-General's proposal for a survey programme for the development of natural resources, and also his report on this programme,¹²

Recalling further its resolution 1218 (XLII) of 1 June 1967 in which it approved the broad outlines of the survey programme as formulated by the three groups of consultants as a basis for a long-term survey programme in the field of natural resources,

Noting the useful contributions made by the United Nations Development Programme in the field of natural resources,

Having considered the first report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Survey Programme for the Development of Natural Resources,¹³

Recognizing that there are major areas of the world for which the existing information on mineral, water and energy resources has not been organized in a form that permits analysis of Member States' needs and potentials, particularly in the light of technologies which have increased the possibility of utilizing resources,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the desirability of the co-ordination of the three related sectors of the programme where feasible, to proceed with the preparatory work, consisting for the present of the following elements:

(a) The definition of the scope of the preparatory work and the development of a general methodology,

¹² *Ibid.*, *Forty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/4302.

¹³ *Ibid.*, *Forty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/4443.

to be used for the assessment of mineral, water and energy resources and requirements in the developing countries, bearing in mind the national institutional arrangements for maintaining, extending and utilizing such measurements and assessments;

(b) The setting up of general standards to be followed in the collection and evaluation of data;

(c) Consultations and co-operation with countries, the various organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the regional economic commissions, in order to secure information on the availability of bibliographic material regarding the resources under review and on the institutional arrangements for organizing and assessing resource data, bearing in mind the need to relate the development of natural resources to the promotion of industrial development in developing countries;

(d) The establishment, on the basis of the foregoing, of:

(i) A preliminary estimate of the geologic and mineral potential of interested developing countries, based on an analysis of the existing data;

(ii) A preliminary selection of water-short areas in interested developing countries, bearing in mind the criteria established by the group of consultants on water resources and preliminary estimates of available data on the water needs and resources of these areas;

(iii) A preliminary selection of international rivers, based on an analysis of the existing data, with a potential for development for which their riparian States are interested in co-operation;

(iv) A preliminary estimate of the energy needs and resources in interested developing countries, based on an analysis of the existing data;

(e) Assistance to interested Governments in the development of field investigation projects, national or regional, on the collection, collation and analysis of existing data in each of the fields of activity based upon the above preliminary analyses, as well as consultations with the Governments concerned with such resource assessment and development;

2. *Invites* Member States to co-operate in this preparatory work, which should be so conducted that its results lead to feasible plans of action, including projects meeting United Nations Development Programme criteria, valuable to all developing countries where adequate information on needs and resources and the means for their analysis is lacking;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the voluntary contributions in cash or in kind from Member States which have been pledged for facilitating the conduct of the programme;

4. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee to consider the further steps that would be desirable with a view to implementing the survey programme in the light of the preparatory work undertaken in pursuance of paragraph 1 above, to continue its efforts in accordance with resolution 1218 (XLII) and to submit reports to the Council as necessary.

*1514th plenary meeting,
18 December 1967.*