

**1311 (XLIV). Arrangements for the transfer of operative technology to developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2091 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and Council resolution 1201 (XLII) of 26 May 1967,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>12</sup> as well as the comments of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,<sup>13</sup>

Reaffirming the importance to developing countries of securing effective access to foreign technology and of promoting their own research and inventive capacity,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Decides that the Secretary-General should continue the comprehensive field studies on the transfer of operative technology;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in carrying out these studies, to take into consideration the views expressed during the debate on this subject in the Council, as well as the adaptability of these studies to the needs and problems of the developing countries on a regional basis;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to complete, in consultation with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and, as appropriate, with other United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, the study already undertaken on methodology and to report on this and on the progress of work on the field studies to the Council at its resumed forty-fifth session;

5. Agrees that, in order to further the development of principles and criteria for new and flexible arrangements which would permit a more effective transfer and application of operative technology and with a view to making recommendations on policy measures and practices relating thereto, the Secretary-General should convene an interregional meeting of experts to evaluate, in the light of the studies, the effectiveness and cost of arrangements for the transfer of technology between enterprises (public and private);

6. Decides that the studies, the convening of the interregional meeting of experts and any other activities necessary for the purpose shall be financed through the regular budget of the United Nations without precluding the possibility of obtaining finances from other sources, including voluntary contributions from the developed countries, if this proves to be feasible and does not hamper the successful completion of these activities.

*1529th plenary meeting,  
31 May 1968.*

**1312 (XLIV). Transfer of technology**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Noting that it was decided at the second session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to transmit to the Trade and Development Board

<sup>12</sup> E/4452 and Add.1 and 2, E/4452/Add.3 and Corr.1.

<sup>13</sup> See E/4461/Add.1.

a draft resolution<sup>14</sup> which recommends that the Board, after obtaining the views of the Economic and Social Council, consider at its seventh session the establishment of an intergovernmental committee to examine the over-all question of the transfer of technology to developing countries,

Further noting the view expressed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at the second session of the Conference and by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development at its ninth session, that the establishment of such a committee might involve duplication of work of existing bodies,

Considering that it is necessary to have adequate information relating to the terms of reference and current and planned work programmes of these bodies, so as to enable the Council to express its views on this proposal,

1. Decides to defer the substantive consideration of this subject until the forty-fifth session of the Council;

2. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to prepare, in consultation with the Governments of the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, the appropriate specialized agencies and other international organizations concerned, a study for submission to the Council at its forty-fifth session, designed, among other things, to determine to what extent all or part of the functions mentioned in the draft resolution are already included in the text defining the terms of reference, and in the current and planned programmes of work, of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other international organizations dealing with this topic.

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31 May 1968.*

**1313 (XLIV). The convening of a Sixth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having considered the report of the Fifth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East,<sup>15</sup> which was held at Canberra from 8 to 22 March 1967,

Appreciating the valuable contributions of the Conference in furthering the cartographic work in the countries of the region for their economic and social development projects,

Noting the recommendation of the Conference that a Sixth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East be convened not later than the fourth quarter of 1970,

Noting also with appreciation that the Government of Iran has offered to act as host to the Conference to be held at Teheran from 24 October to 7 November 1970, and to extend full co-operation in this regard,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2239 (XXI) of 20 December 1966,

<sup>14</sup> E/4452/Add.4, annex III.

<sup>15</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.I.2.