

to convene at Teheran from 24 October to 7 November 1970 the Sixth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East, including the sending of invitations to Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies, and to the specialized agencies concerned and other interested international organizations;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to undertake practical measures in implementing, as appropriate, the recommendations of the Fifth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East.

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1314 (XLIV). Standardization of geographical names

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on International Co-operation in Cartography¹⁶ and the report of the United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names,¹⁷

Noting the progress achieved in international co-operation, especially the development at the Conference of agreement on the nature of the problems, requirements for solutions and productive avenues for co-operative activity,

Recognizing that the international co-operation programme is based on every country exercising its prerogative for standardizing its own geographical names,

Recognizing further the need for co-ordination by a body such as the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on Geographical Names established at the Conference,¹⁸

1. *Notes* the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names;

2. *Invites* the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on Geographical Names to provide the necessary co-ordination of national activities in this field;

3. *Approves* as terms of reference for the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts the specific matters referred to it by the Conference and directs that the programme of co-operative activity agreed to at the Conference be carried forward;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts, to consider the desirability of a second United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names and to report thereon at an appropriate session of the Council, bearing in mind his suggestion that the Conference should be held no earlier than 1971.

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1315 (XLIV). Aerial photography and photogrammetry

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the Fifth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East

¹⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 17, document E/4477.*

¹⁷ United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.I.9.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 7.

recommended that a second seminar on aerial survey methods and equipment should be convened as soon as possible,

Considering that the potential contribution of aerial photography to modern cartography is decisive,

Bearing in mind the value of modern aerial photogrammetry for the work of any technician, group or body active in this field, whether at the local, regional or world level,

Recognizing the importance for all countries, and principally for the developing countries, of the availability of the most accurate data on their own geography as a stimulus to the more rapid, economical and effective development of their natural resources and communications systems,

Recalling the willingness reiterated on various occasions by the developed countries to co-operate in and promote, by all possible means, the economic development of the developing countries,

Recognizing that in some cases co-operation has already been extended by developed countries to developing countries in this field,

1. *Invites* Member States possessing advanced aerial photographic and photogrammetric technology to co-operate in these fields with developing countries to the utmost extent, at the request of the latter and by mutual agreement, so that all available data on the territory of developing countries shall be placed at their disposal for assisting them in solving problems relating to the exploration of their natural resources and the formulation of programmes for the improvement of their communications and transport systems;

2. *Requests* future conferences, seminars and meetings devoted to cartography, including the Sixth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East, to include in their agenda the question of the co-operation referred to in paragraph 1 above.

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1316 (XLIV). Non-agricultural resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1033 C (XXXVII) of 14 August 1964 and 1113 (XL) of 7 March 1966,

Recognizing that the development of non-agricultural natural resources has become significant as an important source of foreign exchange earnings in many developing countries and hence a potent means for domestic capital formation, and as an essential instrument for the development of agriculture, industry, transportation and communication and construction activities,

Noting with interest that United Nations activities have resulted in the discovery of new and additional mineral, water and energy resources in developing countries, thus enhancing the growth prospects of those countries,

Believing that the United Nations should continue to play an important role in supporting national government efforts in the discovery, exploration and development of non-agricultural resources, along with the associated infra-structure development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2158 (XXI) of 25 November 1966 reaffirming the inalienable

right of all countries to exercise permanent sovereignty over their natural resources,

Having considered with interest the report of the Secretary-General¹⁹ on the work in progress in the field of the development of non-agricultural resources and noting in particular the proposals contained therein,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for the progress achieved, through the efforts of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in the discovery and development of important non-agricultural resources;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to prepare, in the light of the experience of countries with different socio-economic systems, a general study of the methods and scope of planning for the development of non-agricultural resources as an integral part of their national development plans;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its forty-sixth session a report on the desirability of adopting a new system for the most efficient and rational manner of collection, retrieval, processing and utilization of information on natural resources which is accumulating in the United Nations Headquarters as a result of technical and operational activities, with a view to assisting the execution of future projects and of the Survey Programme for the Development of Natural Resources;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its resumed forty-fifth session a report containing fuller information on the proposal to publish a journal dealing, *inter alia*, with practical problems in the development of non-agricultural resources, in the light of the comments made in the Economic Committee of the Council on the subject;

¹⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fourth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, documents E/4478 and Add.1.

5. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to offer, at the second part of its second session, such comments as it may wish to make, for incorporation in the reports referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 above;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen, both within the regular budget of the United Nations and within the technical assistance and pre-investment programmes, advisory and technical services in the development of non-agricultural resources.

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1317 (XLIV). Water resources development

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the fifth biennial report on water resources development;²⁰

2. *Stresses* the importance of co-ordinated action in the field of water resources;

3. *Requests* the continued publication of such reports on a triennial basis, in accordance with Council resolution 1154 (XLI) of 4 August 1966.

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1318 (XLIV). Petroleum and natural gas resources

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on petroleum and natural gas resources.²¹

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²⁰ *Ibid.*, *Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/4447)*.

²¹ *Ibid.*, *Forty-fourth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/4465.

OTHER DECISIONS

Question of a meeting of specialists in economic development

At its 1529th meeting held on 31 May 1968, the Economic and Social Council took note of the note by the Secretary-General entitled "Question of a meeting of specialists in economic development".²²

Transport development

At its 1529th meeting held on 31 May 1968, the Council took note of the Secretary-General's report on the application of the latest scientific and technological advances to the transport development of developing countries²³ and decided to consider further, as appropriate, specific recommendations in that report.

²² *Ibid.*, agenda item 7, document E/4484.

²³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 4, documents E/4464 and Add.1; E/4464/Add.2.