

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.

*1530th plenary meeting,
31 May 1968.*

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.

*1530th plenary meeting,
31 May 1968.*

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

*1530th plenary meeting,
31 May 1968.*

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.