

would need to be resolved by the General Assembly at its twenty-third session after its consideration of the recommendations emanating from the Industrial Development Board, the Governing Council at the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council;

- (ii) That the Secretary-General, in the interim, limit, as appropriate, commitments against anticipated regular

programme resources under all sections of part V to the current levels.

Multilateral food aid

At its 1559th meeting, on 2 August 1968, the Council decided not to discuss item 19 of its agenda (Multilateral food aid) at the forty-fifth session, but to postpone it until the resumed forty-fifth session.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AND RELATED FIELDS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AND ALL OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES RELATED TO THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

1352 (XLV). The role of the regional economic commissions and of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut in the follow-up activities of the second session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, which *inter alia* directed the Trade and Development Board to "establish close and continuous links" with the regional economic commissions of the United Nations,

Expressing its appreciation of the important contribution made by the regional economic commissions and their secretariats and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to the work of the second session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and in general to the fulfilment of the objectives of the Conference in the field of trade and development, including the expansion of trade and regional economic integration among developing countries, as well as in other fields with which the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development is concerned, such as shipping, tourism and other invisibles,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions and the Director of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut⁵³ and in particular their conclusion⁵⁴ that, as a result of the second session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, there is an opportunity for an intensification of efforts on the part of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut in the field of trade expansion among developing countries and regional economic integration efforts;

⁵³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 14, document E/4560.

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, para. 35.

2. *Requests* the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut:

(a) To continue their co-operation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

(b) To take into account, in pursuing their regional activities or programmes of action, the relevant resolutions or decisions of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, and as part of their regular annual reports, reports of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut on the measures taken by them under the present resolution, and also to transmit this material to the Trade and Development Board.

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1361 (XLV). Arrangements for the transfer of operative technology to developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the draft resolution on the transfer of technology, including know-how and patents, submitted to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its second session, and contained in annex VIII to the report of the Conference,⁵⁵ requested the Trade and Development Board to take into account the views of the Council,

Convinced of the vital importance of facilitating the transfer of technology from developed countries to developing countries as a component of the general objective of applying science and technology to development,

⁵⁵ *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Second Session*, vol. I (TD/97), *Report* (to be issued as a United Nations publication).

Recognizing the importance of the commercial, financial and economic aspects of such transfer,

Noting the recommendations in the various reports of the Advisory Committee for the Application of Science and Technology to Development, particularly the statement adopted at the ninth session,⁵⁶ the studies by the Fiscal and Financial Branch of the Secretariat and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the work of the United International Bureaux for the Protection of Intellectual Property, the interest of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and the operational activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Development Programme, as well as the work in this field of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency,

Having considered the Secretary-General's report: "Arrangements for the transfer of operative technology to developing countries",⁵⁷

Convinced of the value and importance of the work at present being undertaken by the various international organizations and of the need for its further intensification,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and with the appropriate organizations in the United Nations system and other appropriate international organizations to submit a further report to the Council at its forty-sixth session, outlining the means by which the scope of present and contemplated activities in the field of transfer of science and technology could be more clearly defined, strengthened and co-ordinated;

2. *Decides* to transmit to the Trade and Development Board the summary records of the relevant meetings of the Council and its Co-ordination Committee on this matter;⁵⁸

3. *Requests* that the Trade and Development Board, while considering this subject in accordance with paragraph 1 of the draft resolution submitted to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its second session, should take into account the views expressed by the Council, including the desirability of deferring any final action until it has had an opportunity to consider the further report and the comments made thereon by the Council at its forty-sixth session.

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1365 (XLV). Application of electronic techniques for automatic data storage, processing and retrieval

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind that the possibility of introducing modern methods for data collection is being considered both in the United Nations and in specialized organs and agencies,

⁵⁶ See E/4552, annex III B.

⁵⁷ E/4552.

⁵⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth session, 1560th meeting; E/AC. 24/SR. 352, 353 and 358.*

Noting that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in its thirty-fourth report expresses its interest and views on measures likely to bring about even more effective co-operation and avoid wasteful duplication of services and equipment,⁵⁹

Recognizing the importance of a review of the various initiatives, plans and arrangements existing in many international organizations and programmes for the employment of electronic data storage and retrieval techniques,

Noting with satisfaction the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its sixth session,⁶⁰ requesting the Administrator of the Programme to prepare a study for the Governing Council's eighth session, in close co-operation with appropriate sections of the United Nations Secretariat and, in particular, the United Nations Centre for Development Planning, Projections and Policies, on the feasibility of setting up and operating a system of automatic data storage, processing and retrieval,

Recognizing the potential value of this proposal, from the point of view of co-ordination within the United Nations family,

1. *Emphasizes* that the first principle of the storage, retrieval and dissemination of project information must be the rigorous selection of material that seems likely to be of future use;

2. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to co-operate fully with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in carrying out the feasibility study requested by the Governing Council and invites the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to consult that Committee concerning this study;

3. *Expresses* the hope that the views of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination will be obtained before the feasibility study is submitted to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its eighth session;

4. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to submit the findings on the subject separately to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session, so that the Council can suggest to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session the action that should be taken in the matter.

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1367 (XLV). Enhancement of the co-ordinating role of the Economic and Social Council in the economic, social and related fields of activity of the organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the importance of strengthening the co-ordination and co-operation between the organizations

⁵⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 23, document E/4486/Add.1, annex VII.

⁶⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6A (E/4545) para. 331.*