

1380 (XLV). Resources of the sea

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report on "Resources of the sea beyond the continental shelf"³⁷ prepared by the Secretary-General under Council resolution 1112 (XL) of 7 March 1966,

Realizing fully the importance of the development of the mineral and biological resources of the high seas beyond the continental shelf for the benefit of all mankind and especially of the developing countries,

Being aware of the growing interest of the world community in the problems related to the oceans and their resources as recently illustrated by the adoption of General Assembly resolutions 2172 (XXI) of 6 December 1966 and 2340 (XXII) of 18 December 1967;

Recognizing that further progress in the development and utilization of the marine resources will depend greatly on more specific knowledge being gained on the various characteristics of marine environmental conditions,

Taking into account the view expressed by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,³⁸

1. *Takes note* with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General, which gives a preliminary picture of the present available knowledge of marine resources beyond the continental shelf, of the techniques used for their development and of related problems;

2. *Recommends* that the report be supplemented by information from other Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies which have a valuable experience in this field, and that thereafter the desirability should be envisaged of issuing it as a United Nations publication;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the various organizations of the United Nations family concerned and in particular with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and its Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and its Committee on Fisheries, and the World Meteorological Organization and its Panel on Meteorological Aspects of Ocean Affairs, to continue to promote further systematic investigation aiming at improving the present knowledge of marine environmental conditions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow closely new developments which may occur in fields of marine mineral resources exploration, evaluation and exploitation beyond the continental shelf and the possible implications thereof, and to report when appropriate to the Council;

5. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to keep under review developments which may occur in the field of food resources of the sea beyond the continental shelf.

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2 August 1968.*

³⁷ E/4449 and Add.1 and 2.

³⁸ E/4492.

1381 (XLV). Long-range programme for the exploration of the sea

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that the ocean holds promise of becoming a more important source of food and minerals for a rapidly developing world, and that man's knowledge of the ocean and its resources is exceedingly limited,

Having considered the report entitled "Resources of the sea beyond the continental shelf"³⁹ prepared by the Secretary-General under Council resolution 1112 (XL) and the report entitled "Marine Science and Technology"⁴⁰ prepared by him under General Assembly resolution 2172 (XXI) of 6 December 1966,

Taking into account the activities in the fields of research, exploration and description of the oceans at present being undertaken by the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and its Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and its Committee on Fisheries, the World Meteorological Organization and its Panel on Meteorological Aspects of Ocean Affairs, other specialized agencies and inter-governmental organizations concerned, various governments, universities, scientific and technological institutions, and other non-governmental organizations,

Being aware of the complexity and variability of the marine environment and that scientific investigations of vast scope will be necessary if knowledge of this environment is to increase substantially within a reasonably short period,

Convinced that the nations of the world should join together, with due respect for existing national jurisdictions, in a common long-term programme of exploration of the ocean as a potential source of resources, which could eventually be used for meeting the needs of all mankind, with due recognition of those developing countries,

Noting the endorsement by the Bureau and Consultative Council of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission at its eighth meeting, held in London from 10 to 13 June 1968, of the concept of an expanded, accelerated, long-term and sustained programme of exploration of the oceans and their resources, including international programmes, planned and co-ordinated on a world-wide basis, expanded international exchange of data from national programmes, and international efforts to strengthen the research capabilities of all interested nations,

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the Secretary-General's report entitled "Marine Science and Technology", and of annex V, relating to marine science and its application, to the thirty-fourth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;⁴¹

2. *Takes note further* of the steps which are being taken under the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to give consideration to the future

³⁹ E/4449 and Add.1 and 2.

⁴⁰ E/4487 and Corr.1 and 2.

⁴¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 23, document E/4486/Add.1.*

administrative and financial structure of the Commission, as well as to the content of an expanded programme of exploration of the oceans and their resources;

3. *Transmits* the Secretary-General's report entitled "Marine Science and Technology" to the General Assembly for further consideration at its twenty-third session;

4. *Invites* the General Assembly to endorse the concept of a co-ordinated long-term programme of oceanographic research designed to increase, in the interests of world economic development, the resources available to all people of the world, taking also into account such initiatives as the proposal for an international decade of Ocean Exploration and several international programmes already considered, approved and adopted by the International Oceanographic Commission for implementation, in certain cases in co-operation with other specialized agencies.

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2 August 1968.*

1382 (XLV). Marine science and technology

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the importance of marine science and technology for optimum utilization of the world's natural resources,

Bearing in mind that one of the main obstacles to the development of marine science and technology is the shortage of experts and qualified personnel, particularly in the developing countries,

Being convinced that, in order to bring about a better understanding of this subject, knowledge of it must be promoted among the public in general and particularly among young people, who will constitute the technicians and research workers of the future,

Believing that for this purpose it is necessary for the fundamentals of marine science to be inculcated at a pre-university level of education,

Noting with satisfaction the proposals concerning education and training in marine science and technology contained in the report of the Secretary-General,⁴²

Requests the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to study appropriate means of imparting a wider knowledge of the sea and its resources as part of secondary education programmes.

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2 August 1968.*

⁴² E/4487 and Corr.1 and 2.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

1344 (XLV). Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Takes note of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (fifth and sixth sessions).⁴³

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24 July 1968.*

1350 (XLV). Report on the United Nations Capital Development Fund

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2186 (XXI) of 13 December 1966 and 2321 (XXII) of 15 December 1967,

Bearing in mind the comments made on this subject at the fifth and sixth sessions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,⁴⁴

⁴³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Supplements Nos. 6 and 6A (E/4451 and E/4545).*

⁴⁴ *See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4451), paras. 271-275 and Supplement No. 6A (E/4545), paras. 249-268.*

1. *Endorses* the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its sixth session,⁴⁵ requesting the Administrator, in consultation with Member States concerned, to continue his efforts with a view to beginning the operation of the United Nations Capital Development Fund including the identification of specific projects in the programme of work of different organizations of the United Nations system which can benefit from investment within the scope of the existing resources of the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

2. *Expresses* the hope that, as a matter of urgency, the Administrator will be in a position to report to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, not later than at its seventh session, subject to decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its twenty-third session under operative paragraph 2 of resolution 2321 (XXII);

3. *Expresses also* the hope that Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency will take the necessary measures to

⁴⁵ *See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6A (E/4545), para. 267.*