

1349 (XLV). Report of the Industrial Development Board

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its second session¹⁵ and transmits it to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session;

2. *Notes with interest* the creation of a Working Group on programme and co-ordination, one of the functions of which is to identify and comment on problems of co-ordination in the industrial development field;

3. *Expresses* the hope that the Working Group will facilitate the task of the Industrial Development Board with regard to its co-ordination functions.

*1558th plenary meeting,
31 July 1968.*

1351 (XLV). Request for an annual report on the activities of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the statement made by the Director of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut at the 1544th meeting of the Council;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a brief annual report on the activities of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut for consideration by the Council at its summer session.

*1559th plenary meeting,
2 August 1968.*

1356 (XLV). United Nations Development Decade

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1260 (XLII) of 3 August 1967 which requested the Committee for Development Planning to continue its work on the guidelines and proposals for the period after the present United Nations Development Decade;

Recognizing that planning on a long-term continuing basis would contribute towards the realization of the goals and objectives of the next Decade,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 2305 (XXII) of 13 December 1967, which urged Member States to consider taking appropriate steps to intensify national and international efforts to formulate and implement a dynamic international policy for the economic and social development of the developing countries to be pursued in the next Decade,

Recognizing further that the primary responsibility for the economic development of developing countries rests on them, and also that a fuller mobilization and more

¹⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/7215/Rev.1)*, transmitted to the Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/4517).

effective utilization of domestic resources of these countries is possible only with concomitant and effective international action,

Recognizing also that the establishment of goals and objectives for the next Decade will necessitate reaching agreement on parallel steps to improve measurably the conditions in which development can take place,

Noting the comments of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination at the joint meetings held from 3 to 5 July 1968, that it is important to associate Governments with the preparations of the guidelines and objectives of the next Decade as well as their implementation,¹⁶

Noting further that the Committee for Development Planning has requested the organizations of the United Nations system to offer comments on the preliminary outline of the international development strategy for the 1970s as well as on the quantitative implications of alternative rates of economic growth of the developing countries in the coming Decade,¹⁷

Noting with satisfaction that many of the agencies are in the process of preparing long-term sectoral plans, and *expressing the hope* that these will be brought into phase with the framework of the Decade and will thus make the maximum contribution to its objectives,

Recognizing that the hope and confidence with which the task of the next Decade can be approached will depend, to a considerable extent, on the achievements during the transitional period, before the commencement of the next Decade,

1. *Takes note* of the Secretary-General's note¹⁸ and of chapter II of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its third session,¹⁷

2. *Takes note* that, in line with General Assembly resolution 2305 (XXII), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its second session considered issues relating to the formulation of an international development policy and that the subject of the second United Nations Development Decade is on the agenda of the seventh session of the Trade and Development Board scheduled to meet in September 1968,

3. *Notes with appreciation* the fact that the Committee for Development Planning, at its third session, discussed the tentative outline of an international strategy for development and set up a working group to prepare a draft document on the subject;

4. *Stresses* the need to agree on goals and objectives of the next Decade as well as on the practical steps to be taken to realize them, taking into account the specific agreements already reached or likely to be reached in the field of development;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit for consideration by the Economic Committee the preliminary

¹⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 23, document E/4557, paras. 7-20.

¹⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/4515)*, chap. II.

¹⁸ E/4525.