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 session ¹⁵ 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 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 note ¹⁸ 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

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).

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.

outline of the international development strategy for the 1970s and other relevant documents;

- 6. Further requests the Secretary-General to forward the preliminary outline of the international strategy for development as well as the paper on quantitative implications of alternative rates of economic growth of developing countries in the coming Decade, to Member States for their comments:
- 7. Instructs its Economic Committee to discuss the comments by Governments and by organizations in the United Nations system on the documents referred to in paragraph 6 above, to offer any appropriate advice on the further work of the Committee for Development Planning, to formulate an outline of an international development policy, incorporating concerted action by Member States and to make suggestions on the method and means for its evaluation and implementation, as a part of the preparation for the next Decade;
- 8. Decides that for the purposes of the preceding paragraph the Economic Committee shall meet intersessionally before the end of 1968 and as often thereafter as necessary and submit a progress report to the Council at its forty-sixth session;
- 9. Requests the Committee for Programme and Coordination to assist the Economic Committee in the performance of its task as appropriate;
- 10. Requests the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate with the Economic Committee in the fulfilment of its task;
- 11. Decides to consider, at its forty-seventh session, with a view to facilitating the task of the Secretary-General as defined in paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 2305 (XXII), the document on the international strategy for development being prepared by the Committee for Development Planning, as well as the one on international development policy to be prepared by the Economic Committee, both in as advanced a form as possible.

1560th plenary meeting, 2 August 1968.

1357 (XLV). Mobilization of public opinion in developed and developing countries regarding the United Nations Development Decade

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1356 (XLV) of 2 August 1968, Convinced of the need for the widest possible dissemination of the principles, directives and guidelines for action to be adopted in pursuance of the said resolution during

the second United Nations Development Decade,

Realizing that the peoples and policy-makers of developed and developing countries must be involved in the task of economic and social development and made

Mindful that the principle of international co-operation for economic and social development must be translated in terms of the political will to carry out that principle,

to feel a sense of participation in that undertaking,

Recognizing that the participation of all peoples and agencies will contribute in large measure to the success of the second Development Decade,

- 1. Draws the attention of Governments of States Members of the United Nations to the need for the mobilization of public opinion in developed and developing countries that would ensure the greatest measure of participation of their policy-makers and peoples through their respective national organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, in the attainment of the goals and targets of the second Development Decade;
 - 2. Requests the Secretary-General:
- (a) To extend appropriate assistance to Governments of Member States along the lines indicated above;
- (b) To give particular attention, in collaboration with the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned within the United Nations system, to the formulation of a programme of action, as part of the international development strategy for the next development decade, by which such mobilization of public opinion could be achieved;
- (c) To make a progress report on the action taken as envisaged in this resolution during the forty-eighth session of the Council, which shall recommend the report for appropriate consideration by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session:
- 3. Endorses the importance attached by the Secretary-General to the establishment of a Centre for Economic and Social Information.

1560th plenary meeting, 2 August 1968.

1358 (XLV). Export credits and export promotion in developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1270 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967, and decision 29 (II) taken by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at New Delhi,

Noting with satisfaction the progress report of the Secretary-General on export credits and export promotion in developing countries ¹⁹ prepared in pursuance of its resolution 1270 (XLIII),

Recognizing the need to adopt adequate measures to promote exports from developing countries,

Realizing the part which national, sub-regional or regional export credit insurance and export credit financing schemes, properly adapted to conditions in the developing countries, might well play in promoting their exports,

- 1. Approves the work programme presented in the above-mentioned progress report of the Secretary-General, including in particular, the proposal for a Round Table; ²⁰
- 2. Requests the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies and the members of the International

¹⁹ E/4481 and Add.1-2.

²⁰ E/4481, paras. 14-15.