

1. *Takes note* of the request to the Secretary-General to submit the next report on the world social situation in 1970;

2. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2436 (XXIII) to discuss the question of the periodicity of the reports on the world social situation at its twenty-first session.

*1600th plenary meeting,
5 June 1969.*

1411 (XLVI). Report of the Commission for Social Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twentieth session.²⁶

*1600th plenary meeting,
5 June 1969.*

²⁶ *Ibid.*, document E/4620 and Corr.1.

OTHER DECISIONS

Land reform

At its 1602nd meeting, on 6 June 1969, the Council approved the decision of its Economic Committee²⁷ by which the Committee took note with appreciation of the Secretary-General's summary of the fifth report on progress in land reform,²⁸ and decided, after discussion, to ask the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, and other specialized agencies concerned, to submit a sixth report on this subject to the Council in 1974 and, in preparation of this report, to put special emphasis on the financial aspects of land reform and the possibilities of international co-operation in this field, on aims, principles and concrete methods of land reform planning and implementation, as well as on specific aspects and use of regional experiences.

Social development

At its 1600th meeting, on 5 June 1969, the Council decided:

(a) To take into account its resolution 1407 (XLVI) when it considered item 13 of the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session,²⁹ entitled "Programmes

²⁷ *Ibid.*, *Forty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 6, document E/4700, para. 8.

²⁸ E/4617 and Corr.1 and 2.

²⁹ E/L.1246 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1.

of international action relating to youth", in order to achieve co-ordination of the activities of its forty-sixth and forty-seventh sessions in the treatment of the problems of youth.

(b) To include in the documentation for item 3 of the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session, entitled "Second United Nations Development Decade", chapters V and VI of the report of the Commission for Social Development³⁰ concerning the report of the Special Rapporteurs appointed to undertake a review of technical co-operation activities in social development and the Second United Nations Development Decade respectively.

(c) To endorse the work programme of the Commission for Social Development contained in chapter VII of the report of the Commission,³⁰ on the understanding that the observations and comments made by delegations during the Council's discussions would be taken into account in the implementation of the programme.

(d) To endorse the recommendation of the Commission for Social Development to increase from five to seven the number of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development to be elected by the Council, and to elect to membership of the Board the seven experts nominated by the Commission in paragraph 158 of its report.³⁰

³⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-sixth Session*, document E/4620 and Corr.1.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1426 (XLVI). Utilization of natural resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 523 (VI) of 12 January 1952, 626 (VII) of 21 December 1952, 1515 (XV) of 15 December 1960 and 1803 (XVII) of 14 December 1962,

Recalling also its resolutions 1113 (XL) of 7 March 1966 and 1127 (XLI) of 26 July 1966 concerning the utilization of non-agricultural resources,

Recalling further its resolution 1316 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968 concerning United Nations activities in the field of non-agricultural resources,

Taking note with approval of the report of the Secretary-General on water desalination³¹ and the note by the Secretary-General on data retrieval,³²

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General³³ and the oral statement of the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs³⁴ on the subject of the natural resources periodical,

Taking note of the comments of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,³⁵

Convinced that international co-operation through the United Nations should continue to play an important role in assisting the efforts of Governments in the fields of investigation and utilization of non-agricultural natural resources and the related developments in infrastructure,

Recognizing that the utilization of non-agricultural natural resources is an important factor in the economic development in general and the industrial progress of the developing countries in particular,

³¹ E/4625 and Corr.1.

³² E/4634.

³³ E/4636.

³⁴ See E/AC.6/SR.481.

³⁵ E/AC.6/L.400.