

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

³¹ E/4625 and Corr.1.

³² E/4634.

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.

³³ E/4636.

³⁴ See E/AC.6/SR.481.

³⁵ E/AC.6/L.400.

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the progress accomplished in the discovery and utilization of important non-agricultural natural resources in the developing countries through the activities of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* substantially increased resources for the consultative and technical services related to the exploration and utilization of natural resources, taking into account the increasing needs of the developing countries, in the technical assistance and pre-investment programmes of the United Nations;

3. *Recommends* the United Nations Development Programme to continue to give high priority to requests made by developing countries for financing projects for the investigation and utilization of their natural resources on the national as well as on the regional level;

4. *Requests* that, in the implementation of projects related to the investigation and the rational utilization of the natural resources of the developing countries, adequate provisions should be made for the appropriate training of counterpart personnel at all levels;

5. *Approves* the proposed publication of the *Natural Resources Forum*, devoted to the problems encountered in the developing countries in the investigation and utilization of their natural resources.

*1602nd plenary meeting,
6 June 1969.*

1427 (XLVI). Natural resources

The Economic and Social Council.

Taking note of the report prepared by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development entitled "Natural resources of developing countries: investigation, development and rational utilization",³⁶

1. *Commends* the report and its recommendations³⁷ to the attention of Governments of all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, particularly to Governments of developing countries and also to the attention of appropriate national and international organizations concerned with the application of science and technology to the investigation, development and utilization of natural resources;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the separate publication of the report and to take all necessary measures to promote its widest distribution and consideration;

3. *Invites* the regional economic commissions, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to lend every assistance in disseminating the report and in promoting consideration of its recommendations with a view to appropriate action;

4. *Invites* the Advisory Committee to keep under review action taken in accordance with the recommendations in the report and to report further to the Council in due course on other steps that should be taken to render more effective the investigation, development and rational utilization of natural resources in the developing countries.

*1602nd plenary meeting,
6 June 1969.*

³⁶ E/4608.

³⁷ For a summary of the principal recommendations, see E/4608/Add.1.

1428 (XLVI). Sixth report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development

The Economic and Social Council.

Noting with appreciation the sixth report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development³⁸ and the note by the Secretary-General relating to it,³⁹

Taking note of the excerpts from the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination concerning science and technology,⁴⁰

1. *Notes with appreciation* the statement adopted by the Advisory Committee at its eleventh session concerning the progress being made on the protein problem;⁴¹

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction should give further consideration to the comments of the Advisory Committee⁴² on the report of the Secretary-General on marine science and technology;

3. *Notes* that, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2318 (XXII) of 15 December 1967, the time period of the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development has been so arranged as to coincide with the Second United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Approves and transmits* the progress report on the World Plan of Action⁴³ to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

5. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Advisory Committee has taken steps to ensure close co-ordination between its work and the plans being elaborated for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

6. *Further requests* the Advisory Committee to devote particular attention to the needs of the developing countries in its study of the subject "Research and design for industrial development".

*1602nd plenary meeting,
6 June 1969.*

1429 (XLVI). Arrangements for the transfer of operative technology to developing countries

The Economic and Social Council.

Taking into account the views of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development on the future arrangements for the Advisory Committee,⁴⁴

Taking into account also the report of the Secretary-General on the arrangements for the transfer of operative technology to developing countries,⁴⁵

Noting that the United Nations is called upon to devote itself increasingly to the question of science and

³⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-sixth Session*, document E/4611.

³⁹ E/4611/Add.2.

⁴⁰ E/AC.6/L.399.

⁴¹ See E/4611/Add.2, para. 2.

⁴² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-sixth Session*, document E/4611, annex VI.

⁴³ E/4644.

⁴⁴ E/4611/Add.1.

⁴⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 8, document E/4633.