

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.

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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.

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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".

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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.