

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL DURING ITS FORTY-SECOND SESSION

ECONOMIC QUESTIONS

1200 (XLII). Report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development

The Economic and Social Council

*Takes note with appreciation of the fourth report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development.*¹

*1468th plenary meeting,
26 May 1967.*

1201 (XLII). Arrangements for the transfer of operative technology to developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2091 (XX) of 20 December 1965 on the transfer of technology to developing countries,

Recognizing the vital importance for the developing countries of securing effective access to useful operative technology and of expanding the range of supply of such technology under the conditions appropriate to the needs of the recipient developing countries,

Noting the proposal of the Secretary-General, contained in his progress report,² for the undertaking of country case studies on arrangements for the transfer of technology to developing countries,

Requests the Secretary-General to expedite the country case studies on arrangements for the transfer of technology to developing countries, to strengthen the related technical assistance activities and to submit a report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-fourth session.

*1468th plenary meeting,
26 May 1967.*

1204 (XLII). Water desalination

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling and reaffirming its resolutions 1033 A (XXXVII) of 14 August 1964, 1069 (XXXIX) of 16 July 1965, and 1114 (XL) of 7 March 1966,

Having considered the Secretary-General's report on water desalination with special reference to major developments in 1966,³

Noting the continuing progress in international co-operation and in the application of water desalination,

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/4300).*

² *Ibid., Forty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 5, document E/4319.*

³ *Ibid., agenda item 3, document E/4307.*

Recognizing the need for the further studies outlined by the Secretary-General in his report and for intensified efforts of direct assistance as well as of co-ordination through the United Nations,

1. *Notes with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the field of water desalination,³*

2. *Approves the additions to the work programme which are proposed in the report;⁴*

3. *Invites Member States to join those which have already provided support, including the services of experts, for that programme of work,⁵ and also to consider the need for co-operation by all concerned in exchanging information through the United Nations as a focal point and to explore the applicability of desalination in specific cases of water need through the United Nations Development Programme (Special Fund component) projects and through direct assistance;*

4. *Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, to intensify the work of the United Nations on water desalination, with special regard to the problems facing the developing countries in the application of water desalination techniques;*

5. *Invites Member States possessing the necessary technology in the field of water desalination to make all practicable use of the machinery of the United Nations in channelling their assistance to developing countries.*

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26 May 1967.*

1205 (XLII). New sources of energy

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1033 B (XXXVII) of 14 August 1964,

Having considered the Secretary-General's progress report on new sources of energy,⁶

Appreciating the significant role of the Secretariat in promoting the development of new sources of energy, particularly for the benefit of the developing countries, alongside its activities concerned with conventional sources of energy,

Bearing in mind the desirability of the United Nations taking an active co-ordinating role in this field,

⁴ *Ibid., para. 49.*

⁵ *Ibid., Fortieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 7, document E/4142, paras. 27-30.*

⁶ *Ibid., Forty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document E/4303.*

Bearing in mind also the Secretary-General's explanatory note⁷ regarding the implementation of his recommendations,

Noting further that a Solar Energy Experimental Centre has been established at Niamey, the Niger,

Appreciating the importance of that Centre for the arid zone countries,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the Secretary-General's progress report of new sources of energy;

2. Endorses his recommendations to the extent that the necessary funds will be made available;

3. Recommends that States Members of the United Nations do what they can to facilitate the exchange of information and the provision of symposium facilities in this field;

4. Suggests that the appropriate authorities of the United Nations Development Programme give consideration to the possibility of further strengthening the Solar Energy Experimental Centre at Niamey if so requested by the Governments concerned.

1469th plenary meeting,
26 May 1967.

1218 (XLII). Survey programme for the development of natural resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1113 (XL) of 7 March 1966 and 1127 (XLI) of 26 July 1966 and General Assembly resolution 2173 (XXI) of 6 December 1966 on the Secretary-General's proposals for a five-year survey programme for the development of natural resources, and also his reports on this programme,⁸

Taking note with appreciation of the Secretary-General's report⁹ submitted in response to its resolution 1127 (XLI), in which, *inter alia*, it requested him to make a full and final report on the implementation of a long-term survey programme in the field of natural resources, and of the reports of the three groups of consultants in the field of minerals, water resources and energy,¹⁰

Taking note also of the consultations that have been undertaken so far with Governments¹¹ and with the regional economic commissions, the specialized agencies concerned and the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,¹²

Noting with interest the improvements suggested by the three groups of consultants in their reformulation of the survey programme,¹³

Bearing in mind the need for further consultations with the United Nations Development Programme, the regional economic commissions, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency with a view to taking full advantage of their specialized knowledge and existing facilities in the implementation of the survey programme,

Believing that the proposed survey programme will make a significant contribution to the economic de-

velopment and independence of the developing countries by laying a sound foundation for the development of mineral, water and energy resources in those countries and for programmes of assistance to them,

Expressing its appreciation of the generous offers of contributions already made by some Governments,

1. Approves the broad outlines of the survey programme as formulated by the three groups of consultants¹³ as a basis for a long-term survey programme in the field of natural resources;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to initiate preparatory work for the execution of the survey programme to the extent that funds from various sources, including the United Nations Development Programme, permit, drawing upon the data available from States Members of the United Nations and from the United Nations system of organizations;

3. Decides to establish an *ad hoc* committee of the Council composed of twenty-two members, to be known as the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Survey Programme for the Development of Natural Resources and to undertake the following tasks:

(a) Review of the preparatory work for the execution of the survey programme and related problems of co-ordination with the organizations concerned in the United Nations system, and particularly with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in order to relate the development of natural resources to the promotion of industrial development in developing countries;

(b) Analysis of the survey programme, including the different stages of the implementation of its three components;

(c) Assessment of the ways and means of financing the survey programme from all possible sources;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to examine the possibility of financing a part of the survey programme from United Nations Development Programme resources and to report thereon to the *Ad Hoc* Committee;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to extend all necessary assistance to the *Ad Hoc* Committee in the performance of its functions;

6. Requests the *Ad Hoc* Committee to report to the Council not later than at its forty-fourth session;

7. Invites Member States and private organizations which are in a position to do so to make voluntary contributions in cash or in kind to meet the cost of the survey programme;

8. Recommends that the General Assembly review at its twenty-second session the financing arrangements for initiating the preparatory work for the execution of the survey programme in the light of the voluntary contributions that may be made available or pledged, and provide funds, as appropriate, from the regular budget of the United Nations for 1968, to meet the administrative costs of initiating the preparatory work.

1474th plenary meeting,
1 June 1967.

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At its 1479th plenary meeting, on 6 June 1967, the Economic and Social Council, on the proposal of the President of the Council, appointed the members of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Survey Programme for the Development of Natural

⁷ *Ibid.*, document E/4303/Add.1.

⁸ *Ibid.*, Fortieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 7, document E/4132; *ibid.*, Forty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 11, document E/4186; *ibid.*, Resumed Forty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document E/4281.

⁹ *Ibid.*, Forty-second Session, Annexes, document E/4302.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, annexes I to III.

¹¹ See E/4186/Add.1 and 2.

¹² See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Resumed Forty-first Session, Annexes, document E/4281.

¹³ *Ibid.*, Forty-second Session, Annexes, document E/4302.