

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.

Resources, established under paragraph 3 of the above resolution.

The Ad Hoc Committee will be composed of the following Member States: ALGERIA, BULGARIA, CAMEROON, CANADA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE, GUATEMALA, INDIA, IRAQ, ITALY, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, SIERRA LEONE, TOGO, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VENEZUELA.

1214 (XLII). Statistical co-ordination

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the proposal to establish an interagency co-ordinating committee on statistical activities under the auspices of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,¹⁴

Taking account of the principle by which each agency of the United Nations family specializes in the fields of statistics appropriate to its functions,

Recognizing that certain world statistical standards have relevance beyond the specialized fields in which they originate and that it is therefore desirable—for technical statistical reasons or in order to extend the application of those standards to a wider range of economic and social analysis, both nationally and internationally—that they should be reviewed by the Statistical Commission prior to their recognition as world standards,

Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the specialized agencies, to prepare a report for consideration by the proposed interagency co-ordinating committee on statistical activities, and thereafter by the Statistical Commission at its fifteenth session, on the important interrelated fields of statistics for which world standards are desirable and on the practical methods by which the Statistical Commission could review and make recommendations on proposed statistical standards in these interrelated fields prior to their recognition as world standards.

*1473rd plenary meeting,
1 June 1967.*

1215 (XLII). Principles and recommendations for the 1970 population and housing censuses

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its fourteenth session¹⁵ and the adoption by the Commission of principles and recommendations for population censuses and housing censuses to be taken around 1970,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1710 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 on the United Nations Develop-

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/4283), paras. 7-13.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (E/4283).

ment Decade, which requested the Secretary-General to develop proposals for the intensification of action in the fields of economic and social development with particular reference to the need to review facilities for the collection, collation, analysis and dissemination of statistical and other information required for charting economic and social development and for providing a constant measurement of progress towards the objectives of the Decade,

Recognizing the important role of population censuses and housing censuses as primary sources of basic national data for achieving the above-mentioned purposes,

Further recalling its resolution 1054 B (XXXIX) of 16 July 1965, which requested the Secretary-General to proceed with the development of 1970 world population and housing census programmes and recommended that Member States undertake to carry out population and housing censuses during the period 1965-1974 and that they take into account the international recommendations in order that the censuses might meet national requirements and facilitate the study of population and housing problems on a world-wide basis,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to publish his reports entitled "Principles and Recommendations for a Population Census"¹⁶ and "Principles and Recommendations for a Housing Census",¹⁷ as modified, and to distribute copies to States Members of the United Nations, to States members of the specialized agencies, to appropriate regional bodies and to specialized agencies;

2. Further requests the Secretary-General to give assistance to Governments in the implementation of these principles and recommendations by mobilizing all available resources to help in the very large task of meeting the needs of countries in this area, and by the revision of the Handbook of Population Census Methods, the preparation of a handbook of housing census methods, the preparation of a technical manual on methods of evaluating population and housing census results, and the provision of technical advice and fellowships under the United Nations Development Programme.

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1242 (XLII). Report of the Statistical Commission

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report of the report of the Statistical Commission on its fourteenth session.¹⁸

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1 June 1967.*

¹⁶ E/CN.3/342.

¹⁷ E/CN.3/343.

¹⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/4283).*