

Noting the programme of work for 1970-1971 proposed by the Committee of Experts⁵⁷

1. *Commends* the experts and rapporteurs on their valuable work;

2. *Decides*:

(a) That the Group of Experts on Explosives shall continue to function as a subsidiary body of the Committee of Experts and that the Committee may alter, as required, the composition of its subsidiary bodies;

(b) That the membership of the Committee of Experts may be raised to ten should further Governments of Member States wish to make available, at the request of the Secretary-General and at their own expense, experts to serve on the Committee;

(c) That the Committee of Experts shall study the questions concerning the construction, testing and use of tanks other than those permanently fixed to, or forming part of, the structure of sea-going vessels or inland waterway craft;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General in the light of the contents of the reports of the Committee of Experts on its fifth⁵⁸ and sixth⁵⁹ sessions:

(a) To amend the recommendations of the Committee in accordance with the proposals contained in the reports of the Committee on its fifth and sixth sessions and to issue a revised version of the recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods;

(b) To circulate the revised version of the recommendations to Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other interested international organizations;

(c) To convene meetings of the Committee of Experts and its subsidiary bodies, taking into account, on the one hand, the programme of work proposed by the Committee and, on the other, the calendar of conferences and availability of resources to service meetings;

4. *Invites* Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other interested international organizations to send to the Secretary-General such comments as they may wish to make on the revised version of the recommendations and to inform him, if possible within six months following the receipt of the said revised version, of the extent to which the recommendations are, or will be, applied within the framework of national or international regulations, as the case may be;

5. *Suggests* that the Committee of Experts consider:

(a) In view of the appearance of new dangerous goods, enlarging the list of dangerous goods by including there new dangerous goods;

(b) Grouping dangerous goods within classes by the type and degree of the danger of their transportation, with due regard to the specific conditions of their transportation such as their compatibility;

(c) Giving each of the dangerous goods a numerical designation, which, in addition to the "dangerous goods" label would indicate the group of compatibility, which could be instrumental in the solution of the problems of the joint transportation of dangerous goods;

(d) Supplementing the enlarged list of dangerous goods with indications of the properties and the category of danger of such goods, the fire-fighting means, other safety measures regarding such goods and their packing.

1688th plenary meeting,
22 May 1970.

1490 (XLVIII). Review of the activities of the United Nations system of organizations in the transport field

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1082 A (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965, 1202 (XLII) of 26 May 1967 and 1372 (XLV) of 2 August 1968,

Having considered the Secretary-General's reports on the work of the United Nations Secretariat in the transport field⁶⁰ and on the major transport problems of developing countries,⁶¹ and the report dealing with transport questions of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its fifth session,⁶²

Recognizing that transport development plays a vital role in the economic and social conditions of developing countries,

Bearing in mind that the devising of sound solutions for the transport problems of developing countries should be based on the appraisal of the possibilities offered by the new advances in transport technology as well as on economic research and exchange of information and experience,

Believing that the activities of the United Nations system in the transport field should be intensified and increased, particularly as part of the efforts to be made towards the achieving of the goals of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the above-mentioned reports;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Economic and Social Council at its fiftieth session, after taking into account the views expressed at its forty-eighth session, additional and detailed information on the precise role, functions, responsibilities, terms of reference and organization of the proposed Centre;

3. *Decides further* to postpone a decision on the proposed meeting of ministers responsible for transport until developments relating to the programming of the regional economic commissions in the field of inland transport make possible further consideration of the matter.

4. *Decides* to defer the consideration of the question of the proposed Centre to its fiftieth session.

1690th plenary meeting,
26 May 1970.

1491 (XLVIII). The role of the co-operative movement in economic and social development

The Economic and Social Council,

⁶⁰ E/4794 and Add.1.

⁶¹ E/4795 and Add.1-4.

⁶² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/4846/Rev.1), chap. V.*

⁵⁷ See E/4783.

⁵⁸ E/CN.2/CONF.5/28.

⁵⁹ E/CN.2/CONF.5/41.