

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.

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2459 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1413 (XLVI) of 6 June 1969 concerning the role of the co-operative movement in economic and social development, which called for full account to be taken of the potential role of the co-operative movement in the preparatory work for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Taking note of recommendation No. 127 concerning the role of co-operatives in the economic and social development of developing countries adopted by the International Labour Conference at its fiftieth session at Geneva in 1966,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁶³ prepared in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1413 (XLVI),

Bearing in mind that an essential prerequisite of equitable sharing in the fruits of economic and social development by the people is their direct involvement at all stages in the development process,

Recognizing that co-operatives have an important role to play in the promotion of economic and social development, particularly by providing a suitable institutional framework for facilitating the mobilization of human, financial and other resources,

1. *Affirms* that the promotion of the co-operative movement should be an important element of the strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, as a means of broadening the basis for popular participation in the development effort and for the equitable sharing in the benefits of development;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to collaborate closely with the Directors-General of the International Labour Organisation and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, other organizations in the United Nations

system, the International Co-operative Alliance as well as other appropriate non-governmental organizations in their efforts in preparing and implementing a programme of concerted practical action in the field of co-operative development that would be of significant assistance to developing countries during the Second United Nations Development Decade in utilizing the full potentialities of the co-operative movement in economic and social development;

3. *Urges* developed countries to give their full support and assistance to developing countries in collaboration with the interested international organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and appropriate non-governmental organizations in order to foster the contribution which the co-operative movement can provide to the economic and social development process;

4. *Invites* developing countries which have experience and knowledge in the field of co-operatives to provide advisory assistance to other developing countries for the promotion of the co-operative movement;

5. *Invites* the Governments concerned, particularly those of the developing countries, to review, as appropriate, their co-operative policies and programmes in relation to national economic and social development policies and with a view to maximizing the participation of the people in the co-operative endeavour, and to intensify their efforts to develop the co-operative movement;

6. *Recommends* that the United Nations system should give special attention to requests from developing countries for assistance to develop co-operatives;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the organizations mentioned above and bearing in mind the comments made at the forty-eighth session, to report to the Council by 1972 on steps taken to implement the present resolution.

*1690th plenary meeting,
26 May 1970.*

⁶² E/4807 and Corr.1.

Other decision

Question of convening a United Nations meeting on containerization

(Item 10 (c))

At its 1688th meeting, on 22 May 1970, the Council decided that a conference on international container traffic should be convened jointly by the United Nations and the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, covering the topics and areas of action outlined in the report on the administrative, technical and legal problems in the field of international container transport requiring attention at the global level,⁶⁴ to be held in Geneva as early as practicable, preferably in 1972.

The Council further requested the Secretary-General to undertake the necessary preparations in collaboration with the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization and in co-operation with other appropriate intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

⁶⁴ See E/4796, annex I.