

environment, and new technological developments in the field of natural resources;

(b) The establishment of guidelines for the provision and for the improvement and strengthening of advisory services to the Governments of Member States, to be made available at their request, for the planning, development and utilization of their natural resources within the framework of their over-all development plans;

(c) The substantive review and reformulation of the survey programme as originally planned;<sup>14</sup>

(d) The analysis of existing resolutions in the field of natural resources, with a view to recommending the consolidation and streamlining of their legislative basis;

(e) The selection and follow-up of priority questions concerning long-term problems and trends of world-wide significance in the field of natural resources;

(f) The examination of reports concerning operational and research activities in connexion with natural resources, including reports from relevant panels and seminars already in the programme and from such as may develop;

(g) Appropriate attention to the problems of research promotion and of the exchange and dissemination of experience and information in the fields of the development, utilization and conservation of natural resources;

(h) Recommendations to the Economic and Social Council and, through the Council, to Governments and also to other bodies, such as the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, on appropriate priorities, programme emphasis and other relevant matters concerning the exploration and exploitation of natural resources;

(i) Assistance to the Council and the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in maintaining the necessary liaison between the activities in the field of natural resources of the regional economic commissions, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other bodies doing relevant work, with a view to ensuring the utmost efficiency and co-operation;

(j) Such other relevant functions as the Council may assign to the Committee from time to time;

5. *Decides also* that the Committee on Natural Resources is to meet and report to the Council at least every other year;

6. *Decides moreover* that the Committee on Natural Resources is to give high priority in its initial work programme to the formulation and submission of appropriate recommendations to the Council in regard to operative paragraph 4 (d) above;

7. *Authorizes* the Committee to maintain and circulate summary records of its proceedings;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make arrangements, including the preparation of adequate documentation with reviews and proposals, for convening the Com-

mittee on Natural Resources so as to enable it to submit its initial report to the Council at its fiftieth session.

*1718th plenary meeting,  
27 July 1970.*

#### **1540 (XLIX). Development of tourism**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2529 (XXIV) of 5 December 1969,

*Having in mind* that the Extraordinary General Assembly of the International Union of Official Travel Organizations will meet from 17 to 25 September 1970 in Mexico City in order to revise the statutes of the Union, thus enabling it to acquire an intergovernmental character,

*Considering* that the United Nations can conclude an agreement with the transformed Union establishing an operational link only after the statutes of the Union have been revised,

1. *Invites*, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2529 (XXIV), the Governments of States whose national tourist organizations are members of the Union to give the necessary instructions and powers to their representatives at the forthcoming Extraordinary General Assembly of the Union so that the statutes by which the Union shall be transformed into an international tourism organization of intergovernmental character may be duly approved and adopted;

2. *Recognizes* that consideration by the Council of proposals on co-operation and relations between the United Nations and the transformed Union must await the revision of the statutes of the Union;

3. *Decides* to postpone until its fiftieth session consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation and relations between the United Nations and the Union.<sup>15</sup>

*1720th plenary meeting,  
28 July 1970.*

#### **1541 (XLIX). Tax treaties between developed and developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1273 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967 and 1430 (XLVI) of 6 June 1969 on tax treaties between developed and developing countries,

*Having considered with satisfaction* the progress report of the Secretary-General<sup>16</sup> and the second report of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries,<sup>17</sup>

*Noting* the Group's unanimous view endorsed by the Secretary-General that substantial progress has been made

<sup>14</sup> Council resolution 1218 (XLII) dated 1 June 1967; see also *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/4302.

<sup>15</sup> E/4861 and Corr.1.

<sup>16</sup> E/4858; see also E/4858/Add.1.

<sup>17</sup> ST/SG/AC.8/R.10/Rev.1 and Add.1.