

3. *Requests therefore* that the General Assembly defer its consideration of this question from its twenty-fifth to its twenty-sixth session;

4. *Recommends* that the regional economic commissions, the United Nations Development Programme, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, and also other interested international organizations, continue to assist the Secretary-General in the study of the question, and particularly in the formulation of any suggestions he may wish to make when his report is discussed, with a view to ensuring wide co-operation in this field.

*1720th plenary meeting,
28 July 1970.*

1543 (XLIX). Report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Notes with appreciation* the seventh report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development;⁵³

2. *Draws the attention* of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Development Programme to the relevant sections of the Committee's report, particularly to its recommendations;⁵⁴

3. *Approves* the Advisory Committee's programme of meetings for 1970 and 1971;⁵⁵

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to ensure that those of the Advisory Committee's reports that are intended for publication be printed most expeditiously, within existing budgetary provisions;

5. *Further draws the attention* of the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Development Programme to the fact that shortage of adequately trained manpower constitutes one of the major constraints on the application of science and technology to the development of African countries and *calls upon* them to take action aimed at overcoming this problem;

6. *Invites* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to consider the help which the members of the Advisory Committee could give to his proposed long-term planning staff, in accordance with the suggestion contained in paragraph 23 (c) of the report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development on future institutional arrangements for science and technology;⁵⁶

⁵³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/4780).*

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, para. 57.

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, paras. 7-9.

⁵⁶ E/4827.

7. *Commends* to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme the idea of supporting as appropriate, at the request of Governments, the establishment of bilateral links between research and educational institutions in developed and developing countries;

8. *Invites* the Advisory Committee to continue to keep the Council fully informed through its annual reports of plans for major studies in its work programme;

9. *Invites* all bodies and organizations of the United Nations system to make use, if and where appropriate, both individually and collectively through the inter-agency machinery, of the Advisory Committee as a source of advice on scientific and technological matters;

10. *Takes note* of the general view regarding the continuing need for expert advice on the question of the application of science and technology to development, which the Advisory Committee has provided.

*1721st plenary meeting,
30 July 1970.*

1544 (XLIX). Future institutional arrangements for science and technology

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1454 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969 on future institutional arrangements for science and technology,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the matter,⁵⁷

Having also considered the report on the same subject of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,⁵⁸

Taking note of the relevant part of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its sixth session,⁵⁹

Noting further the relevant section of the thirty-sixth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,⁶⁰

1. *Attaches the highest importance* to the strengthening of the activities, including the elimination of any prevailing institutional gaps, of the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system dealing with specific problems of the application of science and technology to development and with the question of the transfer of operative technology to developing countries;

2. *Recalls* operative paragraph 5 of its resolution 1454 (XLVII);

3. *Notes* that the Trade and Development Board has decided to consider at its tenth session, as a matter of high

⁵⁷ E/4845.

⁵⁸ E/4827.

⁵⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/4877)*, chap. VIII, sect. C.

⁶⁰ See E/4840, chap. III, sect. B.