

OTHER DECISIONS

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

(Agenda item 8 b)

At its 1836th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council noted with satisfaction that the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization⁴⁸ had been endorsed by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its fourteenth session⁴⁹ and by the Industrial Development Board at its sixth session,⁵⁰ and decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it approve these conclusions and recommendations at its twenty-seventh session.

United Nations Volunteers programme

(Agenda item 9 a)

At its 1836th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council:

(a) Took note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Volunteers⁵¹ and of the statement made at the Council's fifty-third session by the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Volunteers;⁵²

(b) Expressed its satisfaction at the progress achieved in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970;

⁴⁸ A/8646.

⁴⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 2A* (E/5185), para. 199 (b).

⁵⁰ See ID/B/113 (transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5171)), annex I, resolution 34 (VI).

⁵¹ E/5146.

⁵² See E/AC.6/SR.572.

(c) Requested the United Nations Development Programme to give appropriate financial assistance to the United Nations Volunteers programme and to take the necessary steps for its successful promotion.

World Food Programme

(Agenda item 9 e)

At its 1836th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council took note with satisfaction of the tenth annual report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme, submitted by the Committee to the Economic and Social Council and to the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, communicated to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General,⁵³ and transmitted the report to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session.

United Nations Fund for Population Activities

(Agenda item 9 f)

At its 1836th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council:

(a) Took note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2815 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,⁵⁴ taking into account the views expressed in the course of the debate in the Economic Committee on the United Nations Fund for Population Activities;⁵⁵

(b) Requested the Secretary-General, in preparing his report to the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly, to take into account the views expressed on his progress report by members of the Economic Committee during the discussion of this question.

⁵³ E/5129.

⁵⁴ E/5130.

⁵⁵ See E/AC.6/SR.569-572.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1715 (LIII). Terms of reference of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1621 B (LI) of 30 July 1971, establishing a Committee on Science and Technology for Development to provide policy guidance and make

recommendations on matters relating to the application of science and technology to development,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the terms of reference of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development⁵⁶ and the differing

⁵⁶ E/5116.

views expressed thereon at the Council's fifty-third session,⁵⁷

Concerned that the technological gap between the developed and the developing countries is widening further and that progress in science and technology has not yet been adequately reflected in benefits accruing to the developing countries and thus, in many cases, has increased their position of disadvantage in relation to the advanced countries,

Aware of the continuing need for global evaluation, analysis, planning and policy-guidance for action to orient the progress in and application of science and technology in favour of development,

Convinced of the need to provide an adequate response to the requirements of development and give a new impetus to scientific and technological progress in favour of the developing countries,

Noting with satisfaction the increasing involvement of the organizations of the United Nations system in the problems of the application of science and technology to development,

Affirming that the work of the Committee, whilst taking into account the interests of all countries in the progress of science and technology and their application to development, should place particular emphasis on the development needs of the developing countries,

1. *Affirms* that the Committee on Science and Technology for Development is the main body among the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council to assist the Council in the definition of guidelines in the field of science and technology for development in the interest of all mankind, and particularly of the peoples of the developing countries;

2. *Decides* that the Committee's functions shall consist of the following:

(a) Promoting international co-operation in the field of science and technology, including education, training and exchange of experience and information;

(b) Reviewing and analysing, on a continuing basis, the policy aspects of science and technology for development, with a view to:

- (i) Identifying restrictive factors affecting indigenous scientific and technological development and recommending policies as appropriate on their removal;
- (ii) Promoting policies geared to the establishment of a viable and adequate scientific and technological infrastructure capable of generating a self-supporting process of economic and social development;
- (iii) Encouraging the development of science and technology in the developing countries themselves;

(c) Encouraging the formulation of over-all scientific and technological policies and the development of scientific and technological processes which are compatible with the endowments of the developing countries and their national development plans and priorities;

(d) Suggesting, in accordance with national development plans and priorities, scientific and technological policies to promote development with such objectives as the maximization of productivity in developing countries, the promotion of their industrialization, the reduction of their dependency on imports of capital equipment, the stimulation of their exports and the improvement of their balance-of-payments position;

(e) Assisting the Economic and Social Council to help the appropriate intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations system to plan programmes and activities within the sphere of their respective competence in the field of science and technology for development;

(f) Assisting and evaluating policies designed to employ existing scientific and technological methods and processes to accelerate the rate of economic and social progress, both quantitatively and qualitatively, of the developing countries;

(g) Keeping under review, taking into account as appropriate the views of expert bodies concerned, new developments in science and technology, evaluating their implications and making recommendations to the Council on practical measures to maximize their contribution to development;

(h) Studying and suggesting:

- (i) Ways and means of integrating scientific and technological planning and activities related to development;
- (ii) Measures required to make foreign scientific and technological participation fully compatible with the national plans and priorities of the host countries;

(i) Stimulating, encouraging and suggesting scientific and technological research and application required to cope with new or changing problems in the field of development;

(j) Identifying those multi-sectoral and multi-disciplinary problems in the field of science and technology for development which are not at present being dealt with in the United Nations system, and recommending measures, as appropriate, for dealing with them;

(k) Suggesting measures required to generate the internal and external resources necessary to implement the policies and programmes recommended by the Committee;

(l) Making recommendations to the appropriate bodies in the United Nations system on the mobilization of public opinion, especially with regard to the world scientific community, in favour of policies and programmes recommended by the Committee and by other United Nations organs working in this field;

(m) Maintaining liaison with other organizations doing relevant work in the field of science and technology for development;

(n) Assisting the Economic and Social Council in co-ordinating the activities within the United Nations system in the field of science and technology for development, with a view to ensuring the utmost efficiency and co-operation and avoiding duplication;

⁵⁷ See E/AC.24/SR.452.

(o) Making recommendations, through the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, to the United Nations Development Programme on the policy questions arising in the field of science and technology, including projects which could be financed by the Programme out of funds allocated for global projects;

(p) Assessing and making appropriate recommendations on the conclusions of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, and giving the Advisory Committee such guidance as may be necessary for the implementation of the functions of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development;

3. *Requests* the Committee to assist in the process of review and appraisal of the progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade in the field of science and technology for development;

4. *Invites* the Committee to utilize fully, in the performance of its functions, the expertise available to it in the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and decides that in future the Advisory Committee's reports will be referred to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development;

5. *Further invites* the Committee to co-operate closely with the intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and with other intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations system working in the field of the application of science and technology to development;

6. *Decides* that the Committee shall convene its first session early in 1973 and thereafter biennially unless otherwise decided by the Council.

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28 July 1972*

1716 (LIII). Report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note with appreciation of the ninth report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,⁵⁸

1. *Appreciates fully* the readiness of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to co-operate and co-ordinate its work with that of the Council's Committee on Science and Technology for Development;⁵⁹

⁵⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/5131 and Corr. 1).*

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, para. 7.

2. *Notes* the view of the Advisory Committee that the Committee on Science and Technology for Development should include in its programme of work a continuing review of the major issues on the application of science and technology to development⁶⁰ to which the Advisory Committee has drawn attention in the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development and in its reports to the Council;

3. *Invites* the Advisory Committee to take into account for its future activities the views expressed during the fifty-third session of the Council.⁶¹

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1717 (LIII). World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, and General Assembly resolution 2658 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 on the role of modern science and technology in the development of nations and the need to strengthen economic and technico-scientific co-operation among States,

Welcoming with appreciation the report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development entitled *World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development*,⁶²

Having further considered that report,

Convinced of the need for international co-operation for the strengthening and promotion of the application of science and technology to development,

Recognizing the interest of all countries in benefiting from the achievements of modern science and technology for the acceleration of their economic and social development, and in having access to the world's intellectual and technical resources,

Conscious of the valuable continuing role played by the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in assisting this process,

Emphasizing the need to attain the science and technology policy objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, as laid down in paragraphs (60) to (64) of the Strategy,

1. *Reiterates* that the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development is an important contribution to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*

⁶¹ See E/AC.24/SR.449, E/AC.24/SR. 450 and E/AC.24/SR.452.

⁶² United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.II.A.18.