

(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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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.

2. *Requests*:

(a) The Committee on Science and Technology for Development and the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to keep the World Plan of Action under continuing review and bring before the Council, from time to time, proposals for action as appropriate to implement the policy objectives of and the programmes in the World Plan of Action;

(b) The regional economic commissions, in consultation with the specialized agencies concerned, to consider the specific plans of action being prepared for each region, with a view to commending them to the attention of the Governments of their member and associate member States in formulating national science and technology policies, establishing science and technology institutions, promoting research and science and technology education, and in formulating requests for aid;

(c) The Governing Council and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to consider increasing the percentage of the resources of the Programme devoted to global projects beyond the present 1 per cent and to determine what further resources might be made available from the 18 per cent allocation for inter-country programming, for the implementation of the World Plan of Action in the form of regional and global projects;

(d) The Committee for Review and Appraisal, after receiving advice from the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, to take account of the targets suggested in the World Plan of Action for developed and for developing countries in its review and appraisal of progress towards the implementation of those parts of the International Development Strategy dealing with science and technology;

3. *Refers* the World Plan of Action to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session for the Assembly to consider in depth the recommendations made thereon to the Economic and Social Council by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development and the Council's comments thereon, in conjunction with the first review and appraisal of the Second United Nations Development Decade and the Secretary-General's report to be prepared in response to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 2658 (XXV).

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1718 (LIII). Programme of work 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 the Committee on Science and Technology for Development and its resolution 1715 (LIII) of 28 July 1972 establishing its terms of reference,

1. *Requests* the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its first session:

(a) To recommend goals and targets for the achievement of the policy measures relating to science and technology contained in paragraphs (60)-(64) of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

(b) To examine in detail the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development proposed by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development;

(c) To recommend, on the basis of the World Plan of Action, appropriate policy measures and objectives for inclusion in the International Development Strategy in the course of its review and appraisal;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with members of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development and in the light of its terms of reference, to propose the inclusion of three or four other substantive items in the provisional agenda, which could be considered by the Committee at its first session, without prejudice to its action on the matters referred to in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Decides* that henceforth matters relating to science and technology within the Council's competence shall, as a general rule, be examined in the first instance by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development.

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1719 (LIII). Question of the establishment of a special protein fund

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the Secretary-General's report on the problem of protein malnutrition confronting the developing countries⁶³ and the relevant paragraphs of the ninth report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,⁶⁴

Recalling Council resolution 1675 (LII) of 2 June 1972 on the question of United Nations sponsorship of the FAO/WHO/UNICEF Protein Advisory Group,

1. *Decides* to return to the matter at its fifty-fifth session, by which time the views of more Member States should have been obtained;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the specialized agencies concerned and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to work out in the meantime proposals for the operation and the administration of a possible special protein fund.

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⁶³ E/5156

⁶⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/5131 and Corr. 1), paras. 44-48.*