

United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, to take account of the results of other international conferences such as the meeting of governmental experts on problems relating to environment, organized by the Economic Commission for Europe, to be held at Prague in 1971, and to draw on contributions from appropriate intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

“ 7. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency to participate actively in the preparations for the Conference;

“ 8. *Invites* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to collaborate closely with the Secretary-General in the preparations for the Conference and to assist, as appropriate, in the work of the Preparatory Committee;

“ 9. *Invites* the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to lend every possible assistance in the preparations for the Conference;

“ 10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Preparatory Committee, to take the necessary steps, as part of the preparations for the Conference, to bring to public attention the nature and importance of the problems of the human environment;

“ 11. *Invites* all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to participate in the Conference;

“ 12. *Expresses the belief* that it is essential that all invited countries should be enabled to take an active part in the preparations for the Conference and in the Conference itself, and *requests* the Secretary-General to investigate what concrete steps could be taken to that end;

“ 13. *Takes note* of the outline on the range of the possible financial implications for the United Nations of the holding of the Conference presented in the Secretary-General's report²⁷ and *requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of the views expressed during the debates of the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session and of the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, to make all efforts to reduce the costs of the Conference;

“ 14. *Decides* that the Conference should be of approximately two weeks' duration and *requests* the Secretary-General to take full account of that duration in preparing for the Conference;

“ 15. *Accepts with appreciation* the invitation of the Government of Sweden²⁸ to hold the Conference in Sweden in June 1972;

²⁷ See E/4667, paras. 139-143.

²⁸ A/7514.

“ 16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a brief progress report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its forty-ninth session.”

*1632nd plenary meeting,
6 August 1969.*

1454 (XLVII). Future institutional arrangements for science and technology

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the views of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development on the future arrangements for the Advisory Committee,²⁹

Having also considered the report of the Secretary-General on the arrangements for the transfer of operative technology to developing countries,³⁰ and the comments thereon of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,³¹

Noting Trade and Development Board resolution 48 (VII) of 21 September 1968,³²

Noting further the growing involvement of the organizations of the United Nations system in the problems of the application of science and technology to development,

Recognizing the need for a continuing effort towards an orderly intensification of activities, on the part of all organizations concerned, designed to promote economic and social development in developing countries,

Noting the particular concern of the developing countries with the arrangements for the transfer of patented and non-patented technology likely to promote the economic development of developing countries,

Recognizing that none of the existing United Nations bodies deals exclusively with the specific question of the transfer of operative technology to developing countries,

1. *Recognizes* the need for the reinforcement and co-ordination of present and contemplated activities, including the desirability of the establishment of an intergovernmental machinery in the field of the application of science and technology to development;

2. *Decides* to consider, after ascertaining the views of the Governments of Member States and those of the organizations concerned within the United Nations system and of other intergovernmental organizations concerned, how best to meet the needs for reinforcement and co-ordination and the place and role of any intergovernmental machinery that may be set up;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, in pursuance of paragraph 2 above, a comprehensive report to the Council at its forty-ninth session in the light of the

²⁹ E/4611/Add.1.

³⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 8, document E/4633.*

³¹ E/4722.

³² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214), part two, annex 1.*

views of Governments of Member States and the organizations concerned;

4. *Notes* the decision of the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to review future institutional arrangements in the field of science and technology at its third session³³ and *requests* the Committee, while considering this question, to take into account the views expressed and action taken by the Council at its forty-seventh session;³⁴

5. *Considers* that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development is competent to take any action, including appropriate institutional arrangements within its framework, in connexion with those aspects of the transfer of operative technology that fall within its jurisdiction;

³³ See E/AC.51/GR/22, para. 4(c).

³⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-seventh Session*, 1636th meeting; E/AC.24/SR.373-376, 379 and 383.

6. *Recognizes* that the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development has made an outstanding contribution to the general recognition of the role of science and technology in the development process;

7. *Decides* :

(a) To review future arrangements relating to the Advisory Committee, including its terms of reference, after a period of two years;

(b) To extend the term of the Advisory Committee until the end of 1971;

(c) To enlarge the membership of the Advisory Committee from the present number of eighteen to twenty-four.

*1636th plenary meeting,
8 August 1969.*

OTHER DECISIONS

Mineral resources of the sea

At its 1630th meeting, on 5 August 1969, the Council decided that the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Mineral resources of the sea" ³⁵ should be issued as a United Nations publication, after the last eleven paragraphs had been deleted and an annex had been added that presented a factual account of the decisions taken

³⁵ E/4680.

by the General Assembly during the previous two years on matters relating to the sea.

Marine science

At its 1630th meeting, on 5 August 1969, the Council decided to request the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the specialized agencies and organizations concerned, to report regularly to the Council on the progress achieved in the field of marine science.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

1431 (XLVII). Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its seventh and eighth sessions.³⁶

*1620th plenary meeting,
25 July 1969.*

1432 (XLVII). Procedures for implementation of new arrangements for regional and interregional projects under the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1250 (XLIII) of 26 July 1967 and General Assembly resolution 2279 (XXII) of 4 December 1967 concerning the introduction of revised programming

³⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-seventh Session*, documents E/4609 and E/4706.

procedures for the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme.

Recalling the decision taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its sixth session to eliminate the system of agency targets for regional and interregional projects,³⁷ and *believing* that this decision should facilitate the planning of assistance on a regional basis,

Taking into account the decision of the Governing Council at its eighth session concerning procedures for implementation of new arrangements for regional and interregional technical assistance projects,³⁸

1. *Decides* that the following procedures relating to regional and interregional projects under the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme should supersede those specified for this purpose in the annex to Council resolution 1250

³⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6A (E/4545)*, para. 83.

³⁸ *Ibid.*, *Forty-seventh Session*, document E/4706, para. 68.