

sultative status with the Council or having such status or special working arrangements with the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization shall be invited to the Conference.

*1760th plenary meeting,
12 May 1971.*

1570 (L). International co-operation in cartography

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Sixth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East,¹² which was held at Teheran from 24 October to 7 November 1970,

Appreciating the valuable contributions of the Conference to economic and social development in furthering cartographic work in the countries of the region,

Noting the recommendation of the Conference that a Seventh United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East be convened during October/November 1973,

Noting also with appreciation that the Government of Japan has offered to act as host to the conference and to extend full co-operation in this regard,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, and to convene in Japan in the second half of 1973 the Seventh United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East, including the sending of invitations to Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies and to the specialized agencies concerned and other interested international organizations;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take practical measures for the implementation, as appropriate, of the recommendations of the Sixth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East.

*1762nd plenary meeting,
13 May 1971.*

1571 (L). International co-operation with a view to the use of computers and computation techniques for development

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering General Assembly resolution 2458 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 concerning the role of computer technology in development,

Recalling that during the Second United Nations Development Decade the application of science and technology should make a vital contribution to the economic and social advancement of all countries, particularly the developing countries, and that computer technology is destined to play a leading role in this process,

Noting with satisfaction the result of the action taken by the organizations in the United Nations system to strengthen co-operation among Member States as regards the application of science and technology to development,

¹²E/4943 and Add.1.

Realizing, however, that the application of computer technology to development for which there is still very wide scope for international co-operation, requires considerable efforts by all Member States and particularly by the developing countries,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled *The Application of Computer Technology for Development*,¹³ prepared in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2458 (XXIII),

Noting that the report, which is the first comprehensive study of this important question in the United Nations, still does not cover all aspects of the question, particularly as regards data concerning the developing countries,

1. *Takes note* with interest of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate the report widely to the Governments of Member States and to international governmental and non-governmental organizations interested in the application of computer technology to development, so as to elicit their comments on the conclusions and recommendations in the report;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and with the assistance of the specialized agencies concerned, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization aided by the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics, to prepare for the fifty-third session of the Council another report on this subject, which should take into account the discussion of the current report in the Council and in the General Assembly and the comments made on it by the Governments and organizations consulted;

4. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme to consider granting to developing countries, at their request and with the help of the specialized agencies concerned, suitable assistance for the application of computer technology to development;

5. *Urges* the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and the other international organizations concerned to help the Secretary-General to promote international co-operation among Member States in the application of computer technology to development.

*1763rd plenary meeting,
14 May 1971.*

1572 (L). Report of the Committee on Natural Resources

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The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1535 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970 by which it established the Committee on Natural Resources,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its first session,¹⁴

¹³E/4800 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.II.A.1).

¹⁴*Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fiftieth Session. Supplement No. 6 (E/4969).*