

whether State-owned or with State participation, in developing countries, with a view to assisting them to improve their financial management practices and to play a greater role in the development process;

4. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme, within its inter-country and country programming procedures, to continue to support inter-regional seminars and technical assistance requests from developing countries in this area;

5. *Further invites* the Secretary-General to submit periodically to the Council progress reports on the work in this area.

*1799th plenary meeting,  
30 July 1971.*

#### **1634 (LI). Report of the Industrial Development Board**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the report of the Industrial Development Board on its fifth session<sup>43</sup> and transmits the report, together with the comments of delegations<sup>44</sup> to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session.

*1799th plenary meeting,  
30 July 1971.*

#### **1635 (LI). Report of the Special International Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the report of the Special International Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization<sup>45</sup> and transmits the report together with the comments of delegations<sup>46</sup> to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session.

*1799th plenary meeting,  
30 July 1971.*

#### **1640 (LI). Edible protein**

*The Economic and Social Council.*

*Feeling* that the Secretary-General's report on edible protein,<sup>47</sup> distributed too late to be the subject of detailed examination by the Council, deserves further and more comprehensive study by national Governments and all appropriate intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations system,

<sup>43</sup> ID/B/91; transmitted to the Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5041).

<sup>44</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, 1799th meeting*; E/AC.6/SR.538 and 539.

<sup>45</sup> ID/SCU/4 and Corr. 1-3; transmitted to the Council under the symbols E/5042 and Corr. 1 and 2.

<sup>46</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, 1799th meeting*; E/AC.6/SR.538 and 539.

<sup>47</sup> E/5018 and Corr.1.

*Concerned* at the critical edible protein situation in the developing countries.

*Convinced* that urgent and concerted effort is needed to avert a crisis.

*Recognizing* that in the United Nations system technical expertise at present exists in the FAO/WHO/UNICEF Protein Advisory Group.

*Further convinced* that the developing countries themselves must play a major role if a crisis is to be averted.

*Recognizing* that a basic problem is the question of spreading awareness of the acuteness of the problem, and of the means of dealing with it, at the appropriate governmental levels in both the developed and developing countries.

*Recognizing further* that the appropriate national policy-level representatives convene at present on a regular basis in the meetings of the legislative bodies of the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and other appropriate United Nations organizations.

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for his report and the strategy statement of the high-level panel of independent experts, prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 2684 (XXV) of 11 December 1970;

2. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to circulate the substantive portions of the report (chapters I, II, III and the annex) to the resident representatives of the Programme, with a view to maximizing their efforts and collaboration with the various Governments, so that this very important problem can be brought more forcibly to the attention of the national development planning officials at the highest possible level;

3. *Urges* that greater emphasis in meeting this problem be placed on national development planning;

4. *Urges also* the Governments of developed countries Members of the United Nations to reinforce their support for programmes and projects dealing with the problem on bilateral and multilateral levels;

5. *Recommends* the appropriate United Nations organs and the specialized agencies to participate in the FAO/WHO/UNICEF Protein Advisory Group, in order to broaden its activities, and continues to urge the expansion of that Group to include all the organizations concerned;

6. *Requests* the legislative bodies of the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and other appropriate bodies of the United Nations family of organizations, including the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, to incorporate in their agendas as a major topic for consideration, at the earliest possible date, the discussion of the strategy statement for solving the protein gap as contained in chapters I, II