

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 session⁴³ and transmits the report, together with the comments of delegations⁴⁴ 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 Organization⁴⁵ and transmits the report together with the comments of delegations⁴⁶ 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,⁴⁷ 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,

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

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

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

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

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

⁴⁷ E/5018 and Corr.1.

and III and the annex of the report of the Secretary-General, and requests that appropriate experts of the Protein Advisory Group be invited to participate in the consideration of the strategy by these bodies;

7. *Requests* the Protein Advisory Group to submit to the appropriate intergovernmental bodies of the United

Nations system an annual report giving an analysis of the progress and problems encountered in the solution of the problem of the protein gap, with suggestions and options for possible courses of action by these intergovernmental bodies.

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30 July 1971.*

OTHER DECISIONS

Question of the representation of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Mozambique in the Economic Commission for Africa

At its 1785th meeting, on 20 July 1971, the Council decided to transmit to the General Assembly, for appropriate action at its twenty-sixth session, the note by the Secretary-General on the question of the representation of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Mozambique in the Economic Commission for Africa.⁴⁸

Representation of the Intergovernmental Council of Copper Exporting Countries in an observer capacity at sessions of the Economic Commission for Africa and at meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Commission

At its 1785th meeting, on 20 July 1971, the Council decided to take no action on the recommendation made by the Economic Commission for Africa that the Intergovernmental Council of Copper Exporting Countries should be allowed to attend Commission sessions and meetings of its subsidiary bodies concerned with issues of interest to the Intergovernmental Council and participate in an observer capacity,⁴⁹ since the Commission was competent under its terms of reference to enter into the proposed arrangements with the Intergovernmental Council.

Report on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions

At its 1785th meeting, on 20 July 1971, the Council took note with appreciation of the report on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions held in 1971.⁵⁰

Study on regional structures

At its 1785th meeting, on 20 July 1971, the Council:

(a) Took note with interest of the preliminary report of the Secretary-General concerning the study on regional

structures⁵¹ and of the comments thereon of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination contained in chapter VII of the report on its ninth session;⁵²

(b) Decided to endorse the Secretary-General's suggestion⁵³ that his final report on the subject should be submitted to the Council at its fifty-third session, instead of at its fifty-second session as called for in Council resolution 1553 (XLIX) of 30 July 1970.

Second United Nations Development Decade: review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy

At its 1799th meeting, on 30 July 1971, the Council decided to defer to its fifty-second session the consideration of the proposals contained in the annex to the report of the Social Committee on social development.⁵⁴

Second United Nations Development Decade: report on a system of over-all review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy

At its 1799th meeting, on 30 July 1971, the Council recommended to the General Assembly that, at its twenty-sixth session, it take note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on a system of over-all review and appraisal of the objectives and policies of the International Development Strategy,⁵⁵ as generally providing a sound initial basis for a system of over-all review and appraisal of progress in implementing the International Development Strategy, taking into account the deliberations of the Council and of its Economic Committee at its fifty-first session.⁵⁶

Membership of the Committee for Development Planning

At its 1799th meeting, on 30 July 1971, the Council recommended that two of the members of the enlarged

⁴⁸ E/5030 and Add.1 and 2.

⁴⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 9* (E/5038); see also the report on the meetings of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions held in 1971 (E/5039, sect. IV).

⁵⁰ E/5030, para. 5.

⁵¹ E/5029.

⁵² E/5040.

⁴⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 5* (E/4997), vol. I, para. 485.

⁵⁰ E/5039.

⁵⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, 1795th to 1799th meetings*; E/AC.6/SR.529, 530 and 532.