

Committee for Development Planning should be specialists in the social aspects of development.

Development planning and projections

At its 1799th meeting, on 30 July 1971, the Council took note of:

(a) The examination by the Committee for Development Planning of the European experience in long-term planning and its relevance for developing countries;⁵⁷

⁵⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/4990)*, chap. III.

(b) The progress report of the Secretary-General on development planning advisory services.⁵⁸

Industrial development

At its 1799th meeting, on 30 July 1971, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations in training national technical personnel for the accelerated industrialization of the developing countries.⁵⁹

⁵⁸ E/5034 and Corr.1.

⁵⁹ E/5024 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1636 (LI). Science and technology in relation to industrial development

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Congratulates* the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development on its reports on technologies appropriate for industrial development⁶⁰ and on factors affecting the effectiveness of existing industrial research organizations in developing countries,⁶¹ commends them to the attention of Governments of all Member States and invites them to have its recommendations considered and, where appropriate, implemented by scientific, technical and management bodies concerned with industry in their countries and to report on the steps taken to encourage such consideration and implementation;

2. *Requests* the specialized agencies concerned and the regional economic commissions to consider the reports in relation to their own activities, including arrangements to promote the exchange of information between the developing countries on their experience in the field of appropriate technology and product and plant design, and to report to the Council on the steps taken on the matters covered by the reports;

3. *Requests* the Advisory Committee to continue its consideration of appropriate technology for other sectors of the economy, in addition to the industrial sector;

4. *Recommends* that the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations study in close collaboration ways in which reliable information—which should include relevant data on the requirements for capital, labour, raw materials and other factors of produc-

tion—on known alternative technologies for selected major industries of interest to developing countries could best be furnished in a systematic way to Governments, enterprises and industrial consultants;

5. *Recommends* to the United Nations Development Programme, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and its affiliates, the regional development banks and other sources of financial and other assistance, that favourable consideration should be given to requests from Governments of the developing countries that are desirous of strengthening their capability for plant and product design, including the establishment of design centres, information services and other appropriate institutions and the training of personnel;

6. *Recommends* to Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency that more attention should be given to the matters referred to in the report within the framework of their higher engineering education and managerial training activities and asks the United Nations Industrial Development Organization the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to promote the application of the above recommendations in their contacts with Governments of their member States.

*1799th plenary meeting,
30 July 1971.*

1637 (LI). Report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Notes with appreciation* the eighth report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development;⁶²

⁶² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/4970)*.

⁶⁰ E/4967.

⁶¹ E/4960.