

## 1641 (LI). Mineral resources of the sea

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2414 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968, which stressed the need for extending technical assistance to Member States in relation to the development of mineral resources of their continental shelf areas and called upon the Secretary-General to pursue the task of collecting and disseminating available information regarding the mineral and other resources of the sea-bed and ocean floor,

*Recalling* resolution 2.342 of the sixteenth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in which member States were invited to request assistance from the United Nations Development Programme authorities in organizing training courses and providing fellowships for education and training in aspects of marine science and its technology related to the investigation and exploration of the sea-bed,

*Recalling also* Council resolution 1380 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 on the resources of the sea,

*Aware* of the fast growing economic importance of the off-shore mineral potential and its increasing contribution to the economies of developing countries,

*Mindful* of the manifold and interrelated on-going activities within the United Nations system in relation

to the marine environment and of the pressing need to expand the dissemination of relevant information and the training of personnel in the developing countries,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the reports on the sea submitted by the Secretary-General,<sup>96</sup> and in particular of his report on the mineral resources of the sea,<sup>97</sup>

*Noting* the success of the United Nations Inter-regional Seminar on the Development of the Mineral Resources of the Continental Shelf, held in April 1971 in Trinidad and Tobago,<sup>98</sup>

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pursue his programme of education and training in the field of marine mineral resources and related issues;

2. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to extend their support to this programme, in co-operation with the specialized agencies and organizations concerned;

3. *Appeals* to the Governments of Member States to consider the possibility of offering host facilities for the convening of seminars and training courses in this field.

*1799th plenary meeting,  
30 July 1971.*

<sup>96</sup> E/5003 and E.5017.

<sup>97</sup> E/4973 and Corr.1.

<sup>98</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 220 and 221.

## OTHER DECISIONS

### **Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations**

At its 1792nd meeting, on 27 July 1971, the Council decided to postpone its consideration of this question until its resumed fifty-first session, since it would then have available the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its tenth session and the President would have been able to hold consultations with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

### **Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

At its 1799th meeting, on 30 July 1971, the Council decided, without debate, to transmit the annual report

of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees<sup>99</sup> to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session.

### **United Nations Conference on the Human Environment**

At its 1785th meeting, on 20 July 1971, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment on its second session<sup>100</sup> and, in the light of the importance of the subject, decided to transmit the summary records of the Co-ordination Committee's discussion on the item<sup>101</sup> to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session and to the Preparatory Committee at its third session.

<sup>99</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/8412)*; transmitted to the Council under the symbols E/5037 and Corr.1.

<sup>100</sup> A/CONF.48/PC.9, transmitted to the Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/4991).

<sup>101</sup> E/AC.24/SR.412-416.