

2. *Welcomes* the Committee's continuing emphasis on the importance of the transfer of technology to developing countries and its collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other United Nations bodies in this field;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to consider the Committee's recommendations to proceed with a survey of research institutions and laboratories in developed countries which have been concerned with research on problems of developing countries, and to implement the Committee's recommendations concerning bilateral links between research institutions of developed and developing countries.<sup>63</sup>

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30 July 1971.*

### **1638 (LI). World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that the General Assembly, in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, has stressed the need for greater efforts in the application of science and technology to development,<sup>64</sup>

*Considering further* that the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, in response to General Assembly resolutions 1944 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 and 2318 (XXII) of 15 December 1967 and to Council resolution 1155 (XLI) of 5 August 1966, and with the assistance of the regional economic commissions, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organizations of the United Nations, has prepared and proposed the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development,<sup>65</sup>

1. *Commends* the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, the Secretariat, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the activities which have culminated in the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development, and for the stimulating ideas contained in volume I:

2. *Notes with great interest* the World Plan of Action as an important adjunct to the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Decides*, in view of its inability to study adequately the World Plan of Action at its fifty-first session and in the light of its continuing importance and dynamic

<sup>63</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 34 and 35.

<sup>64</sup> See General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, operative paragraph 2, (60)-(64).

<sup>65</sup> E/4962 and Corr.1 (vol. I) and E/4962/Add.1 (vol. II).

nature, to consider it in more detail at its fifty-second and fifty-third sessions;

4. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General solicit, prior to 1 February 1972, the views of all concerned, so that appropriate follow-up action can be taken, and that the General Assembly defer any in-depth consideration of the World Plan of Action until its twenty-seventh session;

5. *Calls on* Governments of Member States to consider carefully the World Plan of Action, and to bear in mind its ideas where appropriate, when considering their bilateral programmes of aid to developing countries;

6. *Further calls on* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the governing bodies of the specialized agencies, in particular of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and those of the International Atomic Energy Agency and other intergovernmental bodies, and more especially the United Nations Development Programme in connexion with global projects, to study the World Plan of Action and to bear in mind the ideas proposed in it in developing their own programmes;

7. *Requests* the regional economic commissions to consider the proposals contained in the World Plan of Action in the light of the needs of the countries in each of the regions, with a view to preparing specific plans of action for each region.

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30 July 1971.*

### **1639 (LI). The role of modern science and technology in the development of nations and the need to strengthen economic and technico-scientific co-operation among States**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the progress report of the Secretary-General<sup>66</sup> and the eighth report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,<sup>67</sup>

*Conscious* of the fact that the purpose, conception and planning of the revised edition of the study entitled *Current Trends in Scientific Research*, published in 1961<sup>68</sup> pursuant to General Assembly resolution 1260 (XIII) of 14 November 1958, currently being prepared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, are similar in many respects to those of the study requested of the Secretary-General in operative paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 2658 (XXV) of 7 December 1970,

<sup>66</sup> E/5019.

<sup>67</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/4970).*

<sup>68</sup> Pierre Auger, United Nations and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (New York and Paris, 1961).

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the draft outline submitted by the Secretary-General in the annex to his progress report, expressing at the same time the wish that an effort be made to shorten and simplify that outline;

2. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development that the proposed study should not be encyclopaedic in character, but limited and well-defined in scope and essentially forward-looking;

3. *Calls again* on the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and the other organs of the United Nations system concerned, to contribute to the preparation of the study requested in paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 2658 (XXV);

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to take all the necessary steps to promote the preparation of these studies;

5. *Expresses the wish* that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization should examine, in agreement with the Secretary-General, the possibility of combining these studies, as is eminently desirable, in a single publication;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Council and to the General Assembly on the result of these exchanges of views and to keep the Council, the General Assembly and the Advisory Committee regularly informed of the progress of the preparatory work.

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## OTHER DECISION

### **Future institutional arrangements for science and technology**

At its 1798th meeting, on 30 July 1971, the Council decided to postpone consideration of the draft resolution submitted by France,<sup>69</sup> and to include in the agenda of the resumed fifty-first session an item on the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development.

<sup>69</sup> E/L.1420 and Add.1.

## QUESTIONS RELATING TO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

### **1613 (LI). Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its eleventh and twelfth sessions.<sup>70</sup>

*1790th plenary meeting,  
23 July 1971.*

<sup>70</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-first Session, Supplements Nos. 6 and 6A* (E/4954 and E/5043).

### **1614 (LI). Report on the United Nations Volunteers programme**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Volunteers programme<sup>71</sup> and transmits it to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session.

*1790th plenary meeting,  
23 July 1971.*

<sup>71</sup> E/5028.