

and further elaborate the world programme mentioned in paragraph 1 above and to transmit it to the Economic and Social Council for the purpose of its implementation.

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1 August 1974*

**1899 (LVII). Mobilization of public opinion in relation to the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development and the regional plans**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* paragraphs 9 and 10 of its resolution 1823 (LV) of 10 August 1973 on the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development,

*Recognizing* the need for Member States to have a deep understanding of the role of science and technology and its impact on national development,

*Aware* of the urgent need for mobilizing opinion on the objectives and measures of the World Plan of Action and the regional plans in solving the specific problems of developing countries,

*Convinced* that a favourable public opinion at the national, regional and global levels will encourage Governments to take the necessary steps to implement the various parts of the World Plan of Action and the regional plans,

*Aware* of the limited resources of the United Nations at the disposal of the Secretary-General,

*Taking note* of the progress report of the Secretary-General,<sup>25</sup>

1. *Urges* Governments and the organizations concerned within the United Nations system to effect without delay a wide exposure of the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development and the regional plans to the technological community of developed and developing countries by conducting intensive campaigns through the use of appropriate mass media and, *inter alia*, by way of meetings or seminars on a national and regional basis;

2. *Requests* that the views and recommendations resulting from the meetings and seminars referred to in paragraph 1 above be taken into account in the process of review and appraisal outlined in section I of its resolution 1823 (LV);

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available to Governments of Member States the views and recommendations resulting from such seminars and meetings;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report on the progress achieved and the shortfalls, if any, encountered in the process of the implementation of the present resolution to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its third session.

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<sup>25</sup> E/C.8/19.

**1900 (LVII). Implementation of the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 1944 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 and 2318 (XXII) of 15 December 1967 and, in particular, the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 concerning the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and Council resolutions 1155 (XLI) of 5 August 1966, 1638 (LI) of 30 July 1971 and 1717 (LIII) of 28 July 1972,

*Reaffirming* Council resolution 1823 (LV) of 10 August 1973,

*Noting* the progress report of the Secretary-General on the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development and the regional plans,<sup>26</sup>

*Noting with interest and appreciation* the regional plans of action for the application of science and technology to development prepared by the Economic Commission for Africa,<sup>27</sup> the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,<sup>28</sup> the Economic Commission for Latin America<sup>29</sup> and the Economic Commission for Western Asia,<sup>30</sup>

*Recognizing* the urgent need to build up an indigenous and autonomous science and technology capacity in the developing countries,

*Considering* that the World Plan of Action and the regional plans should be kept under continuous review,

*Convinced* that the research activities on problems of developing countries, described in the *World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development*<sup>31</sup> as well as those in national and regional plans, should be actively and vigorously pursued,

1. *Reiterates* the importance of the World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development as a valuable set of guidelines and broad programmes suggested to Governments subject to their own individual priorities established in their national development plans;

2. *Urges* Governments and the regional economic commissions to continue giving full attention to the World Plan of Action and the regional plans as aids to the selection and preparation, by decision-makers and the scientific and technological community, of specific projects relevant to the needs of their countries;

<sup>26</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>27</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.K.3.

<sup>28</sup> E/CN.11/1071.

<sup>29</sup> E/CN.12/966.

<sup>30</sup> ESOB/HR/73/4/Rev.1.

<sup>31</sup> See United Nations publication, Sales No. E.71.II.A.18.