

regional commissions in the strengthening of interregional co-operation.

40th plenary meeting
3 August 1979

1979/65. United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3167 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 and Council resolution 1762 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 on the establishment of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 33/194 of 29 January 1979 on multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources,

Reaffirming the importance of the Fund as an instrument for assisting developing countries in developing their natural resources,

Bearing in mind the need to intensify further the activities of the Fund,

Recalling further Council decision 1978/53 of 2 August 1978, according to which the review specified in paragraph 1 (m) and (p) of Council resolution 1762 (LIV) will take place in 1981,

Noting draft resolution III contained in the report on the work of the Committee on Natural Resources at its sixth session,⁴⁴

Noting further the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the Fund in 1978⁴⁵ and decision 79/26 adopted by the Governing Council of the Programme on 29 June 1979,⁴⁶

1. *Decides* to establish a working group of government experts to review and analyse the activities of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, in order to assist the Economic and Social Council in carrying out a comprehensive review of the functions, institutional arrangements and repayment system of the Fund;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to appoint the members of the working group, having due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution;

3. *Decides* that the report of the working group should be submitted to the Economic and Social Council through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Committee on Natural Resources;

4. *Decides further* that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme should continue as the governing body of the Fund until the completion of the 1981 review of the Fund's operations.

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1979/66. United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1978/61 of 3 August 1978,

⁴⁴ See E/C.7/112 (transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/1979/69), chap. I.
⁴⁵ DP/368.

⁴⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10* (E/1979/40), chap. XXI.

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 33/148 of 20 December 1978, in which the Assembly decided to convene an international conference on new and renewable sources of energy under the auspices of the United Nations in 1981,

Having noted the progress report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy,⁴⁷

Noting the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources on the Committee's work at its sixth session,⁴⁸

Welcoming the appointment of Mr. Mohamed Habib Gherab as the Secretary-General of the Conference,

Noting with appreciation the comprehensive statement by the Secretary-General of the Conference,⁴⁹

Emphasizing the importance of the preparations for the Conference at the national, subregional, regional and global levels,

Aware of the importance of developing new and renewable sources of energy in order to meet requirements for continued economic and social development, particularly in the developing countries,

1. *Calls upon* all appropriate organizations, organs and bodies of the United Nations system to extend their fullest support to the preparatory process and to the Conference secretariat;

2. *Recommends* that States should consider designating national focal points which will co-ordinate preparation for the Conference at the national level and provide a link to the Conference secretariat in its preparatory activities;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, to proceed speedily with the appointment of the technical panels, in accordance with paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 33/148;

4. *Recommends* that the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session should designate an intergovernmental preparatory body for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy which would be open to the participation of all States as full members and would report to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council, taking into account in this connexion the corresponding recommendation contained in the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources on the work of its sixth session;⁵⁰

5. *Recommends* that the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session should consider measures to enhance the readiness of developing countries for the Conference;

6. *Recommends* that the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session should consider ways in which, pending the holding of the Conference, the United Nations system could more effectively assist the developing countries in the area of new and renewable sources of energy, including research and information relating to the latest technologies and development in this vital area;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session a comprehensive report on the preparatory process for the Conference, including a detailed

⁴⁷ E/1979/98.

⁴⁸ E/C.7/112; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/1979/69.

⁴⁹ See E/1979/C.1/SR.18.

⁵⁰ See E/C.7/112, para. 28 and chap. I, draft resolution II.