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POLLUTION OF SEA WATER

Addendum to the Note by the Secretary-General

A supplementary reply was made on 7 March 1951 by the Government of the Union of South Africa. It relates to points (e) and (f) raised by the Transport and Communications Commission in its resolution 3. This supplementary reply reads as follows:

Union of South Africa

"(e) It is agreed that the question of the pollution of sea water by atomic waste from fuel which may be used by ships is a matter which those nations who are most concerned with atomic energy utilisation could best comment upon. These countries, and especially the United States, Great Britain and Canada, already have a great deal of experience of the pollution of rivers and lakes by atomic waste. It is further felt that the problem should be extended to cover the pollution of sea water by atomic waste discharged by rivers, the water of which is used for cooling atomic energy installations and for other purposes.

(f) The Union Authorities do not feel able to suggest which of the several consequences of the pollution of sea water should be given priority but, in their opinion, the effect of atomic waste discharged into, or finding its way into sea water, should be given serious consideration by the Economic and Social Council."