

in the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries in the field of water resources;

22. *Urges* Governments of developing countries to take appropriate steps to co-operate among themselves and with the United Nations system in compiling, in a systematic manner, information on technical co-operation among developing countries and arranging for its dissemination at periodic intervals, in order to provide further stimulus to the promotion of technical co-operation in water development;

23. *Welcomes* the conclusions of the colloquium held at the Centre for Waters at Zagreb on support for the establishment within that Centre of a small international technical unit dealing with technical co-operation among developing countries in the water resources sector, and requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations Development Programme and other competent agencies, to study the matter further, especially with regard to a review of possible financial sources for non-local cost components, and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984.

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#### **1983/58. Utilization of subsurface space**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1981/82 of 24 July 1981,

*Deeply concerned* by the problems of population, urbanization and overcrowding and the need to provide people with food, water and an adequate energy supply,

*Recognizing* the potential of subsurface space for, *inter alia*, the storage of water, fuel, food and other commodities, as well as for water supply, sewerage and the conservation of energy,

*Taking into account* the experience in the use of subsurface space already gained in many parts of the world and in specialized international organizations, and the long lead time required for the planning and construction of subsurface facilities,

*Having taken note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of subsurface space and its potential in developing countries,<sup>32</sup>

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen support mechanisms in the United Nations for making known the scope with respect to the utilization of subsurface space as a potentially important facet of development activity in developing countries;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a progress report on the development and utilization of subsurface space and the activities of the competent organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in this area, for the consideration of the Committee on Natural Resources at its ninth session.

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<sup>32</sup> E/C.7/1983/7.

#### **1983/59. Co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the terms of reference of the Committee on Natural Resources, as set forth in Council resolution 1535 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970,

*Bearing in mind* the debates held in the Committee on the co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources,

*Reaffirming* that one of the principal responsibilities of the Committee is to provide the Council with guidance in the programming and implementation of these programmes;

*Recognizing* that that guidance relates in part to the avoidance of duplication of effort by ensuring that the programmes of the many organizational units of the United Nations are co-ordinated,

*Further recognizing* the advantages of co-ordinating the efforts of the specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations system which also carry out work in the natural resources field,

*Affirming* that the Committee was again unable to discharge this responsibility on the basis of the report submitted by the Secretary-General for consideration at its eighth session,<sup>33</sup>

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Committee on Natural Resources at its future sessions reports that contain an analysis of the level of co-operation and co-ordination among various organs of the United Nations system in the field of natural resources, in order to enable the Committee to identify existing problems, to assess the extent, if any, to which there is duplication of effort, and to formulate appropriate recommendations in this area;

2. *Urges* the organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General by providing him with the information needed for the elaboration of the reports referred to in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take full account of the points made in the discussion of this question by the Committee at its eighth session<sup>34</sup> and, in particular, to consider how best to avoid duplication of responsibility and effort within the Secretariat.

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#### **1983/60. Development of the energy resources of the developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 37/251 of 21 December 1982, as adopted, on the development of the energy resources of the developing countries,

<sup>33</sup> E/C.7/1983/12.

<sup>34</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 8 (E/1983/19 and Corr.1), chap. IX.*