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DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION
AND EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In resolution 1429 (XIV), the Secretary-General was asked to prepare a report on the "possibilities of a further useful and desirable expansion of international contacts as well as an exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of applied science and technology, and the adequacy within the United Nations framework of existing machinery for technical co-operation and for the dissemination of scientific, technical, and industrial know-how", for submission to the Economic and Social Council and to the General Assembly.
2. This report, which was submitted to the Council at its recent, thirty-second, session, and is available to the General Assembly under the symbol E/3515, referred, inter alia, to a proposal by the United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee for the calling of a United Nations Conference on the Application of Science and Technology for the Benefit of the Less Developed Areas.
3. In this connexion, the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 834 (XXXII) by which it decided to convene an international technical conference of Governments, under United Nations auspices, to explore the application of science and technology for the benefit of the less developed areas; the conference would take place in Geneva, if possible in August 1962.
4. At the 138th meeting of the General Committee, the Chairman drew attention to this decision by the Council to convene the Conference, and it was noted that whilst this decision would of course be of interest to the Second Committee, the only action required of the Assembly relates to its financial implications which would be referred to the Fifth Committee.
