



Twentieth session
Agenda item 34

EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION: REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS
SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON THE EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION

Report of the Special Political Committee

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1. The item entitled "Report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation" was included by the Secretary-General in the provisional agenda of the twentieth session of the General Assembly (A/5950/Rev.1) on the basis of resolution 1896 (XVIII) of 11 November 1963.
2. At its 159th meeting, on 22 September 1965, the General Committee recommended the inclusion of the item in the agenda and its allocation to the Special Political Committee (A/5988). At its 1336th meeting, on 24 September 1965, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the General Committee and referred the item to the Special Political Committee for consideration and report (A/5991/Rev.1).
3. The Special Political Committee considered the question at its 493rd meeting, on 17 December 1965.
4. The Committee had before it a draft resolution submitted by Brazil, Burma, Canada, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Ghana, India, Japan, Mali, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippines, Poland, Sweden, Thailand and the United Arab Republic (A/SPC/L.125). Subsequently joining as sponsors were Cameroon, the Ivory Coast and Mexico (A/SPC/L.125/Add.1). By the draft resolution the General Assembly would: (1) take note of the Scientific Committee's reports on the work of its thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth sessions; (2) commend the Scientific Committee for its valuable contributions to wider knowledge and understanding of

the effects and levels of atomic radiation during the ten years of the Committee's existence; (5) request the Scientific Committee to continue its programme, including its co-ordinating activities, to increase the knowledge of the levels and effects of atomic radiation from all sources; (4) commend the World Meteorological Organization for its work in carrying forward the scheme for monitoring and reporting levels of atmospheric radio-activity; (5) acknowledge with appreciation the assistance rendered to the Scientific Committee by WMO, FAO and IAEA; (6) recommend that all parties concerned continue their co-operation with the Scientific Committee; (7) note the intention of the Scientific Committee to submit a report to the twenty-first session of the General Assembly; and (8) request the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Scientific Committee with the assistance necessary for the conduct of its work and the dissemination to the public of its findings.

5. At its 493rd meeting, on 17 December, the Committee unanimously adopted the draft resolution.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

6. The Special Political Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Effects of atomic radiation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955 which established the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation and its subsequent resolutions reaffirming the desirability of this Committee continuing its work,

Concerned about the potentially harmful effects to present and future generations resulting from the levels of radiation to which man is exposed,

Conscious of the continued need for compiling information on atomic radiation and for analysing its effects on man and his environment,

1. Takes note of the reports of the Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation on the work of its thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth sessions;

2. Commends the Scientific Committee for its valuable contributions to wider knowledge and understanding of the effects and levels of atomic radiation during the ten years of the Committee's existence;

3. Requests the Scientific Committee to continue its programme, including its co-ordinating activities, to increase the knowledge of the levels and effects of atomic radiation from all sources;

4. Commends the World Meteorological Organization for its work in carrying forward the scheme for monitoring and reporting levels of atmospheric radio-activity;

5. Acknowledges with appreciation the assistance rendered to the Scientific Committee by the World Meteorological Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency;

6. Recommends that all parties concerned continue their co-operation with the Scientific Committee;

7. Notes the intention of the Scientific Committee to submit a report to the twenty-first session of the General Assembly;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Scientific Committee with the assistance necessary for the conduct of its work and the dissemination to the public of its findings.
