



Twenty-first session
Agenda item 35

EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION

Report of the Special Political Committee

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1. The item entitled "Effects of atomic radiation: report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation" (A/6314 and Corr.1) was included by the Secretary-General in the provisional agenda for the twenty-first session (A/6350) on the basis of resolution 2078 (XX) of 18 December 1965.
2. In its report (A/6395), adopted at its 163rd meeting on 22 September 1966, the General Committee recommended the inclusion of the item in the agenda. At its 1415th meeting on 24 September, the General Assembly approved this recommendation and referred the item to the Special Political Committee for consideration and report.
3. The Special Political Committee considered the item at its 546th meeting on 15 December 1966.
4. The Committee had before it a draft resolution submitted by Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippines, Poland, Sweden, Thailand and the United Arab Republic (A/SPC/L.143). By this draft resolution, the General Assembly would: (1) note with appreciation the latest report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation; (2) commend the Scientific Committee for the valuable contributions it had made since its inception to the wider knowledge and understanding of the effects and levels of atomic radiation; (3) 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) note the intention of the

Scientific Committee to hold its next session in 1967 and to report further to the General Assembly; (5) commend the World Meteorological Organization for its work in carrying forward the scheme for monitoring and reporting of levels of atmospheric radio-activity; (6) express its appreciation for the assistance rendered to the Scientific Committee by the specialized agencies of the United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the non-governmental organizations concerned; (7) recommend that all parties concerned continue their co-operation with the Scientific Committee 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 of its findings to the public.

5. At the invitation of the Chairman, the representative of the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency made a statement.

6. At its 546th meeting, on 15 December 1966, the Special Political Committee unanimously adopted the draft resolution.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

7. 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 the 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 about atomic radiation and for analysing its effects on man and his environment,

1. Notes with appreciation the latest report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation;
2. Commends the Scientific Committee for the valuable contributions it has made since its inception to the wider knowledge and understanding of the effects and levels of atomic radiation;
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. Notes the intention of the Scientific Committee to hold its next session in 1967 and to report further to the General Assembly;
5. Commends the World Meteorological Organization for its work in carrying forward the scheme for monitoring and reporting levels of atmospheric radioactivity;
6. Expresses its appreciation for the assistance rendered to the Scientific Committee by the specialized agencies of the United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the non-governmental organizations concerned;
7. Recommends that all the parties concerned should continue their co-operation with the Scientific Committee;
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 of its findings to the public.
