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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" was included by the Secretary-General in the provisional agenda for the twenty-third session (A/7150) on the basis of General Assembly resolution 2258 (XXII) of 25 October 1967.
2. At its 174th meeting, on 25 September 1968, the General Committee recommended the inclusion of the item in the agenda. At its 1676th plenary meeting, on 27 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 597th meeting, on 21 October. The Committee had before it a draft resolution submitted by Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Arab Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America (A/SPC/L.158). By this draft resolution, the General Assembly would: (1) note with appreciation the report adopted by the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation at its eighteenth session; (2) commend the Scientific Committee for the valuable contributions it had made since its inception to wider knowledge and understanding of the effects and levels of atomic radiation; (3) draw the attention of Member States to the review of information required to continue the Committee's assessment of world-wide

levels of radiation from nuclear tests as contained in the letter annexed to the report of the Committee; (4) request the Scientific Committee to complete its current programme of work and to review and formulate plans for its future activities; (5) note the intention of the Scientific Committee to hold its nineteenth session in May 1969 and to report further to the General Assembly.

4. At the same meeting, the Special Political Committee unanimously adopted the draft resolution.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

5. 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 on 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 report adopted by the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation at its eighteenth session;^{1/}

2. Commends the Scientific Committee for the valuable contributions it has made since its inception to wider knowledge and understanding of the effects and levels of atomic radiation;

3. Draws the attention of Member States to the review of information required to continue the Scientific Committee's assessment of world-wide levels of radiation from nuclear tests as contained in the letter annexed to the report of the Committee;

^{1/} A/7126.

4. Requests the Scientific Committee to complete its current programme of work and to review and formulate plans for its future activities;

5. Notes the intention of the Scientific Committee to hold its nineteenth session in May 1969 and to report further to the General Assembly.
