

Noting with great interest the Secretary-General's statement in the introduction to his annual report on the work of the Organization, submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session, in which special attention is drawn to the increasingly vital contribution made by the regional economic commissions to the United Nations efforts directed towards economic and social development throughout the world,³²

Recalling its resolution 2129 (XX) of 21 December 1965, which welcomed the growing interest in the development of good-neighbourly relations and co-operation among European States having different economic, social and political systems in the political, economic, technical, scientific, cultural and other fields,

Recognizing that the development of co-operation among countries of the region of the Commission—regardless of their economic and social system—in the economic, scientific and technological fields will facilitate and accelerate the economic progress of developed and developing countries,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the important achievements that the Economic Commission for Europe has realized during the twenty years of its existence, thus contributing to the creation of an atmosphere conducive to better mutual understanding, peace and international security in that region;

2. *Invites* States members of the Economic Commission for Europe to continue to intensify their common efforts towards:

(a) Promoting their economic, scientific and technical co-operation in traditional as well as new fields on a mutually beneficial basis and also for the benefit of the entire international community, in particular of the developing countries;

(b) Expanding trade by seeking to remove economic, administrative and trade policy obstacles to the development of trade, thereby facilitating world trade in general;

3. *Endorses* the appeal made by the Economic Commission for Europe at its twenty-second session to the States members of the Commission to realize the desirability of strengthening economic relations with countries in other regions and to this end to maintain the closest co-operation with other United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies, and in particular with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

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2318 (XXII). Science and technology

The General Assembly,

Convinced that science and technology can make an outstanding contribution to economic and social progress.

Recalling its resolution 2082 (XX) of 20 December 1965 relating to the second report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development³³ and endorsing the views of the Advisory Committee concerning the establishment of a programme for intensifying international co-

operation in the application of the resources of science and technology to the economic and social development of the developing countries,

Welcoming the progress made by the Advisory Committee,

Endorsing Economic and Social Council resolution 1155 (XLI) of 5 August 1966, in which the Council welcomed the Advisory Committee's proposal designed to establish a world plan of action for the application of science and technology to development and endorsed the objectives for the proposed plan set forth by the Advisory Committee,

Concerned at the fact that, despite the improved dissemination of scientific and technical knowledge, much more should be done to enable the developing countries to benefit from it,

Believing that the application of science and technology in the interests of the economic and social progress of the less developed countries cannot produce the best results unless it forms part of a coherent programme of development in the economic, industrial, social and cultural fields,

Emphasizing the importance of considering these problems within a regional framework and the role which the regional economic commissions and the Economic and Social Office in Beirut can play in achieving the objectives contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1155 (XLI),

1. *Endorses* the objectives set forth by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development in its third report³⁴ with a view to:

(a) Assisting in the building of an adequate structure of institutions in the developing countries;

(b) Improving the arrangements for the transfer and adaptation of knowledge and technology already available in the more developed countries;

(c) Encouraging closer co-operation between scientists and research organizations in developed and developing countries;

2. *Recommends* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency to endeavour to take full account, particularly in their bilateral aid programmes, of the aid requirements of the developing countries in the field of science and technology;

3. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and related institutions, in the light of the objectives of the world plan of action for the application of science and technology to development, to consider making available additional resources to meet requests from the developing countries for projects directed towards the application of science and technology to development;

4. *Requests* the United Nations and related international organizations to assist the Advisory Committee, within the limits of their competence, in preparing guidelines for the application of science and technology to development;

5. *Requests* the Advisory Committee and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to examine the detailed statements to be submitted on 1 January 1968,

³² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 1 A (A/6701/Add.1)*, para. 65.

³³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (E/4026 and Corr.1)*.

³⁴ *Ibid.*, *Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/4178 and Corr.1)*.

in conformity with Economic and Social Council resolution 1155 (XLI), by the United Nations and related international organizations with regard to their current or future contribution to the achievement of the objectives set forth by the Advisory Committee and to prepare detailed proposals in that regard for the Council;

6. *Requests* the Advisory Committee, in continuing its work of establishing a world plan of action:

(a) To consider carefully the regional aspects of such a plan and to seek, for that purpose, the co-operation of the regional economic commissions and the Economic and Social Office in Beirut;

(b) To remain aware of the need to ensure close co-ordination between its work in that field and the plans which are to be prepared for the next United Nations development decade;

(c) To review periodically the list of urgent problems for the solution of which it has recommended the launching of a concerted offensive, so that efforts and available resources will be concentrated to the greatest possible extent on problems having high priority;

(d) To report to the General Assembly not later than at its twenty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress achieved in this field;

7. *Expresses the hope* that the Advisory Committee will receive the broadest possible co-operation, whenever it expresses the desire therefor, from scientific and technical institutions interested in its work.

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2319 (XXII). Increasing the production and use of edible protein

The General Assembly,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1257 (XLIII) of 2 August 1967 on increasing the production and use of edible protein,

Convinced that the majority of mankind, especially in the developing countries, is faced with an impending protein crisis imperilling the physical and mental development of children and adversely affecting the health and productivity of adults,

Believing that it is essential that the organizations in the United Nations system urgently take co-ordinated action aimed at closing the present gap between the world's protein needs and protein supplies and at preventing an even more widespread protein deficiency in future generations,

Calling for closer co-operation between Governments, industry, agriculture, universities, scientific and technological institutes and other interested organizations, in both industrialized and developing countries, in order to provide a significant impetus to the efforts to improve the protein nutrition of mankind,

Believing that national development planning in the Member countries should include, where necessary, the most effective formulation, co-ordination and implementation of programmes to assure an adequate supply and human consumption of protein foods,

Expressing its deep appreciation to the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development for its excellent report entitled

*Feeding the Expanding World Population: international action to avert the impending protein crisis.*⁸⁵

Welcoming the intention of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund to enlarge the scope and functions of the Protein Advisory Group⁸⁶ and their participation in it,

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1257 (XLIII);

2. *Welcomes* the policy objectives and the technical aspects of the proposals contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development;

3. *Requests* Governments to communicate to the Secretary-General by 1 July 1968 their comments and suggestions on the report;

4. *Further requests* Governments to inform the Secretary-General by 1 July 1968 of present and proposed activities at the national level on the part of government, industry, agriculture, universities, scientific and technological institutes and other interested organizations related to improving and increasing the production and human consumption of protein;

5. *Calls for* concerted and well co-ordinated action by the organizations in the United Nations system to combat protein malnutrition and for closer links between institutions concerned in the developed and developing countries in order to avoid a duplication of effort and to achieve the maximum exchange of technology;

6. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund and other organizations concerned to pay particular attention to the Advisory Committee's report and to assist Governments to formulate United Nations Development Programme and United Nations Children's Fund projects for increasing the supply and human consumption of protein;

7. *Expresses the hope* that the services and advice of the Protein Advisory Group will be utilized to the fullest possible extent by the organizations in the United Nations system to assist in and co-ordinate the work on projects involving the supply and human consumption of protein;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the organizations in the United Nations system, including the regional economic commissions and the Economic and Social Office in Beirut, to consider what action may be appropriate at the regional level in dealing with the impending protein crisis;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution, including the activities reported by Governments and the work undertaken within the United Nations system, together with the comments of the Protein Advisory Group and the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development.

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⁸⁵ United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIII.2.

⁸⁶ *Ibid.*, paras. 51-56.