

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.

*1633rd plenary meeting,
15 December 1967.*

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.

*1633rd plenary meeting,
15 December 1967.*

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

⁸⁶ *Ibid.*, paras. 51-56.