

26 July 1966 regarding the development of natural resources,

Expressing its appreciation of the initiative taken by the Secretary-General in submitting to the Economic and Social Council a five-year survey programme for the development of natural resources, comprising nine selected natural resources surveys, as outlined in his report dated 18 January 1966,¹⁸

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress made by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, the group of experts consulted by the Secretary-General and the Economic and Social Council in the evolution of a long-term survey programme in the field of natural resources;

2. *Endorses* the continuing study by the Economic and Social Council of the means of implementing a five-year survey programme for the development of natural resources, intended to strengthen the economic base and the economic independence of the developing countries;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to study the technical and financial implications of carrying out surveys of petroleum and natural gas resources in the developing countries and to submit specific proposals on this subject to the Economic and Social Council.

*1485th plenary meeting,
6 December 1966.*

2177 (XXI). Special session of the Trade and Development Board

The General Assembly

Invites the Trade and Development Board to hold a special session to be convened in New York for one day, on 21 December 1966, in order to review the calendar of meetings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for 1967 which the Board adopted at its fourth session.¹⁹

*1488th plenary meeting,
9 December 1966.*

2178 (XXI). International Symposium on Industrial Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1940 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1030 C (XXXVII) of 13 August 1964 and 1081 B (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965 on the holding of international and regional symposia on industrial development,

Recognizing the importance of the results and recommendations of the regional symposia held at Manila, Cairo and Santiago and of the Conference on Industrial Development in the Arab States held in Kuwait,

Noting with approval the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolutions 1180 (XLI) of 5 August 1966 and 1185 (XLI) of 15, 16 and 17 November 1966 concerning the preparation and organization of the International Symposium on Industrial Development,

Considering that the Symposium, as the first world-wide forum on industrialization to be held under United

Nations auspices, is likely to play a significant role in focusing attention on policies and measures aimed at strengthening international co-operation in the field of industrial development and accelerating the industrial development of the developing countries,

1. *Endorses* the decision of the Economic and Social Council to convene the International Symposium on Industrial Development at Athens in December 1967;

2. *Invites* the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency to take an active interest in the preparatory work for the Symposium and to ensure their effective participation in it;

3. *Calls upon* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to devote all the necessary attention to that preparatory work in order to ensure the success of the Symposium;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the regional economic commissions, the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut and the intergovernmental organizations concerned to co-operate actively in the preparatory work for the Symposium;

5. *Expresses the hope* that the recommendations of the Symposium will give an added impetus to international co-operative efforts aimed, in particular, at achieving the accelerated industrialization of the developing countries;

6. *Requests* the Industrial Development Board to study in due course the recommendations of the Symposium and to take appropriate follow-up action.

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9 December 1966.*

2179 (XXI). Provision of operational personnel under the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1946 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 authorizing the use of funds from the Special Account of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the provision of operational personnel by all the participating organizations, at the request of Governments, on an experimental basis for the years 1964-1966,

Noting the actions taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its second session and by the Economic and Social Council at its forty-first session, in response to the General Assembly's invitation to review the results of the experimental provision of operational personnel,

Decides to authorize temporarily the continued use of the funds of the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme for the provision of operational personnel by all the participating organizations, at the request of Governments, for the years 1967-1968.

*1488th plenary meeting,
9 December 1966.*

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, Fortieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 7, document E/4132, chapter V.

¹⁹ See *Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Fourth Session*, 115th meeting.