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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 in the provisional agenda of the thirty-third session of the General Assembly in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/6 of 31 October 1977.
2. At its 5th plenary meeting, on 22 September 1978, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Special Political Committee.
3. The Special Political Committee examined the item at its 4th and 5th meetings, on 11 and 12 October. It had before it the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (A/33/103).
4. At the 4th meeting, the representative of the Federal Republic of Germany introduced a draft resolution (A/SPC/33/L.2), which was sponsored by Argentina, Australia, Canada, Germany, Federal Republic of, Japan, Mexico and New Zealand. Subsequently, Czechoslovakia, Indonesia, Peru and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.
5. In the course of the meeting, the representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution by adding the phrase "and invites them to increase their co-operation in this field" after the word "organizations".
6. At the 5th meeting, it was announced that Belgium, Chile, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Egypt, Malaysia, Norway, Poland, the Sudan, Sweden, the United States of America and Uruguay had joined as sponsors of the revised draft resolution (A/SPC/33/L.2/Rev.1).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution (A/SPC/33/L.2/Rev.1) without a vote (see para. 8 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

8. The Special Political Committee 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, by which it established the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, and its subsequent resolutions on the subject, including resolution 32/6 of 2 November 1977,

Reaffirming the desirability of the Scientific Committee continuing its work,

Concerned about the potentially harmful effects of 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,

Noting the intention of the Scientific Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a report reviewing dose-response relation at low doses of radiation, genetic effects of radiation, synergism between radiation and other environmental agents, non-stochastic effects of radiation, sources of radiation and the corresponding human exposures and analyses of the models for assessing radiation dose,

1. Notes with appreciation the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation; 1/

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

3. Requests the Scientific Committee to continue its work, including its important co-ordination activities, to increase knowledge of the levels and effects of atomic radiation from all sources;

4. Notes with satisfaction the continued and growing scientific co-operation between the Scientific Committee and the United Nations Environment Programme;

5. Requests the United Nations Environment Programme to continue providing support for the effective conduct of the Scientific Committee's work and for the dissemination of its findings to the General Assembly, the scientific community and the public;

6. Expresses its appreciation for the assistance rendered to the Scientific Committee by Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and non-governmental organizations and invites them to increase their co-operation in this field;

7. Requests all Member States and the United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned to continue to supply to the Scientific Committee further data relevant to its work with a view to facilitating the preparation by the Committee of its report.
