



Eighteenth session

Agenda item 31

## EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION

- (a) REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SCIENTIFIC  
COMMITTEE ON THE EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION
- (b) REPORT OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

Report of the Special Political CommitteeRapporteur: Mrs. Huguette ACHARD (Dahomey)

1. The report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (A/5406) was placed on the provisional agenda of the eighteenth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955 and subsequent Assembly resolutions on this subject. At its 1210th plenary meeting, on 20 September 1963, the General Assembly decided to include the item in its agenda and allocated it to the Special Political Committee for consideration and report.
2. The Special Political Committee considered the item at its 397th meeting, held on 31 October 1963.
3. At that meeting, the representative of the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) made a statement presenting orally the report of WMO to the General Assembly, pursuant to resolution 1764 (XVII) of 20 November 1962. The Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency also made a statement on the question. The Committee decided to have the two statements circulated as Committee documents. (A/SPC/87 and A/SPC/88).
4. The Committee also had before it a draft resolution (A/SPC/L.97/Rev.1 and Add.1) sponsored by Brazil, Burma, Cameroon, Canada, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Ghana, Japan, Mali, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Sweden, Thailand and the United Arab Republic.

5. According to the operative part of the draft resolution, the General Assembly, after taking note of the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, would: (1) invite the International Atomic Energy Agency, the specialized agencies, international and national non-governmental scientific organizations and individual scientists to continue extending to the Scientific Committee the co-operation which it required; (2) recommend the Governments of Member States, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the specialized agencies, and international and national non-governmental scientific organizations to take appropriate action to carry out, with the means at their command, information programmes on the effects of atomic radiation; (3) urge the World Meteorological Organization to proceed with the implementation of the scheme for monitoring and reporting levels of atmospheric radio-activity, taking into account, the recommendations made by the Scientific Committee at its twelfth session; (4) request the Scientific Committee to continue its programme and its co-ordinating activities to increase the knowledge of the levels and effects of atomic radiation from all sources; and (5) note the intention of the Scientific Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session a further report on the results of its work.
6. The eighteen-Power draft resolution (A/SPC/L.97/Rev.1 and Add.1) was adopted unanimously.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

7. The Special Political Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

##### Effects of atomic radiation

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the objectives of its resolutions 1629 (XVI) of 27 October 1961 and 1764 (XVII) of 20 November 1962,

Recalling the important part which the study of the effects of atomic radiation has played in alerting world opinion to their dangers,

Emphasizing the importance, from the point of view of harmful atomic radiation, of the cessation of nuclear tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water,

Noting with satisfaction the progress achieved towards implementing the scheme for monitoring and reporting levels of atmospheric radio-activity,

Convinced that international co-operation in this field continues to be necessary to gain knowledge of the levels of radio- activity from all sources,

1. Takes note of the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation;<sup>1/</sup>

2. Invites the International Atomic Energy Agency, the specialized agencies, international and national non-governmental scientific organizations and individual scientists to continue to extend to the Scientific Committee the co-operation which it requires;

3. Recommends the Governments of Member States, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the specialized agencies, and international and national non-governmental scientific organizations to take appropriate action to carry out, with the means at their command, information programmes on the effects of atomic radiation;

4. Urges the World Meteorological Organization to proceed with the implementation of the scheme for monitoring and reporting levels of atmospheric radio-activity, taking into account the recommendations made by the Scientific Committee at its twelfth session;

5. Requests the Scientific Committee to continue its programme and its co-ordinating activities to increase the knowledge of the levels and effects of atomic radiation from all sources;

6. Notes the intention of the Scientific Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session a further report on the results of its work.

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<sup>1/</sup> A/5406 (22 March 1963).