

Reaffirming that the possibility and advisability of proclaiming a charter of development underlying international co-operation in the interests of economic, social and cultural development deserve further consideration,

Reaffirming also that it is necessary to look ahead to the next decade so that concerted international action will be taken for the accelerated social and economic development of the developing countries in the light of the experience gained during the present United Nations Development Decade and with due regard to safeguarding their economic interests,

Stressing the importance of intensifying the preparatory work for the next decade with a view to having, before the end of the present decade, a clear and comprehensive picture of the specific goals and targets to be attained by the international community in a common endeavour towards the accelerated economic and social development of the developing countries,

Taking into account the fact that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will consider at its second session the major problems of trade and development which will have an important bearing on the preparations for the next decade,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to expedite the preparation of the survey requested of him in General Assembly resolution 2218 A (XXI) and to submit the survey to the Assembly at its twenty-third session through the Economic and Social Council at its forty-fifth session;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Committee for Development Planning and the organizations in the United Nations system, and on the basis of the results of the second session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to incorporate suggestions on the appropriate means of harmonizing measures that could be considered by international organizations, on the one hand, and by developing and developed countries, on the other, in the preliminary framework of an international development strategy being prepared by him in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2218 B (XXI) for submission to the Assembly at its twenty-third session, with due regard to safeguarding the economic interests of the developing countries;

3. *Urges* Member States to consider taking appropriate steps to intensify national and international efforts to formulate and implement a dynamic international policy for the economic and social development of the developing countries to be pursued during the next decade;

4. *Stresses* the importance of enlisting the support of world public opinion in favour of the policies and objectives to be pursued during the next decade and, towards this end, the desirability for national and international public information media to take the necessary steps in seeking the active co-operation and support of the general public in the fulfilment of these objectives;

5. *Decides* to consider at its twenty-third session the appropriate procedures to be followed for proclaiming the 1970's as a second United Nations Development Decade and for approving a programme of action within the framework of an international development strategy for that decade.

*1629th plenary meeting,
13 December 1967.*

2306 (XXII). International Education Year

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Secretary-General's appraisal in his report entitled "United Nations Development Decade at mid-point",³⁰ and in particular his emphasis on the development of human resources as the greatest potential resource of any country,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1274 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967 on the development and utilization of human resources,

Recognizing the urgent need for a more effective mobilization of efforts in education and training as an essential element of a successful strategy of international development,

Recognizing further the fundamental importance of education as a means of widening man's horizons, improving mutual understanding and strengthening international peace,

Convinced that an international education year on the basis of appropriate planning would serve throughout the world to mobilize energies and inspire initiatives in education and training,

1. *Decides* to observe an International Education Year and provisionally designates the year 1970 for this purpose, subject to review at the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly, in the light of the preparatory work;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other interested specialized agencies in preparing a programme of activities to be undertaken or initiated by Member States, by the United Nations and by the specialized agencies, particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and by other interested intergovernmental bodies, in order to initiate those world-wide activities in education which constitute the purpose of the International Education Year;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council at its forty-fifth session, so that the Assembly may decide, on the basis of those preparations, on the proclamation of the International Education Year.

*1629th plenary meeting,
13 December 1967.*

2317 (XXII). The role of the Economic Commission for Europe in the development of international economic co-operation

The General Assembly,

Referring to the declaration adopted by the commemorative meeting of the Economic Commission for Europe to celebrate the Commission's twentieth anniversary,³¹ in which representatives of the Governments participating in the work of the Commission expressed the belief that the situation now presenting itself in the region of that Commission called for active work and joint efforts in developing further the co-operation within the Commission's framework which was in the interests of all nations,

³⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirty-ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 2, document E/4071. This report was subsequently issued in English as a United Nations publication (Sales No.: 65.I.26).

³¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/4329), para. 260.*

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.

1633rd plenary meeting,
15 December 1967.

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)*.