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1. *Requests* the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(a) To draw up immediately an emergency plan of operations for increasing the supply of fertilizers to developing countries, including the establishment of a fertilizer pool, and to call an emergency session of the Council of that Organization to approve the plan of operation and put it into effect;

(b) To invite countries to contribute to this pool fertilizers or cash for the purchase of fertilizers;

(c) To invite developing countries to submit requests for fertilizers from this pool on a grant or subsidized basis;

(d) To distribute widely as a matter of urgency an analysis of the world situation regarding the supply and demand for fertilizers and pesticides, including an analysis of constraints on increased production and of the under-utilization of existing productive capacity;

2. *Calls upon* those developed countries manufacturing fertilizers and pesticides substantially to expand exports to developing countries at reasonable prices, bearing in mind their serious balance-of-payments difficulties, and to increase production particularly for that purpose;

3. *Calls upon* developed countries and other countries in a position to do so, as well as international institutions, to extend technical and financial assistance and capital equipment on the softest possible terms to developing countries so as to enable them to utilize fully their existing productive capacity;

4. *Urges* the international community, and especially the developed countries, to give the necessary capital and technical assistance to developing countries in order to process their own raw materials into semi-finished or finished fertilizer products;

5. *Calls upon* the World Food Conference to consider, *inter alia*, the medium-term and long-term aspects of the fertilizer problem;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring these proposals urgently to the attention of all Member States, to appeal for an urgent and positive response, and to submit a preliminary oral report on the replies received to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-seventh session.

*1895th plenary meeting
14 May 1974*

1837 (LVI). United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3167 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, which established the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration,

Bearing in mind the need to extend and intensify the activities of the United Nations system to meet the need for increased natural resources exploration in developing countries in order to accelerate their economic development,

1. *Invites* all Member States to contribute voluntarily to the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural

Resources Exploration so as to facilitate the early start of its operations;

2. *Further invites* the agencies and bodies of the United Nations system, in particular the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, to co-operate positively with the operations of the Revolving Fund.

*1895th plenary meeting
14 May 1974*

1838 (LVI). The convening of the Eighth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Seventh United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East,⁷ which was held in Tokyo from 15 to 27 October 1973,

Appreciating the valuable contributions made by the Conference in furthering cartographic work in the countries of the region for their economic and social development projects,

Noting the recommendation of the Conference that the Eighth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East should be held in Indonesia in October/November 1976,

Noting also with appreciation that the Government of Indonesia has offered to act as host to the Conference, to be held in Indonesia for two weeks during the autumn of 1976, and to extend full co-operation in this regard,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, to convene the Eighth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East in Indonesia for two weeks during the autumn of 1976, including the sending of invitations to the Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies, as well as the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, and to the specialized agencies concerned and other interested international organizations;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take practical measures to implement, as appropriate, the recommendations of the Seventh United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East, taking fully into account the views on the recommendations expressed at the present session of the Economic and Social Council, and to submit a progress report on the measures taken in this respect to the Council at its fifty-eighth session.

*1896th plenary meeting
15 May 1974*

1839 (LVI). First United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 261 (IX) of 27 July 1949 and 476 A (XV) of 6 April 1953 on the holding of regional cartographic conferences,

⁷ E/5448 and Add.1.

Taking note of the success of the regional cartographic conferences held in the region of Africa since 1963 and in the region of Asia and the Far East since 1955,

Appreciating the valuable contribution made by the conferences in furthering cartographic work in the countries of those regions for their economic and social development plans,

Recognizing the need to hold similar conferences in other regions in which they have not yet been held,

Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements to convene the First United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas during the first quarter of 1976.

*1896th plenary meeting
15 May 1974*

1840 (LVI). Preparations for the World Food Conference

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3180 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 in which the Assembly decided to convene a World Food Conference at Rome in November 1974,

Having considered and taken note of the report of the Preparatory Committee of the World Food Conference on its first session,⁸

Taking note of the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations entitled "Appraisal of prospective food deficits and food aid needs",⁹

1. *Decides* to convene the World Food Conference from 5 to 16 November 1974;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite:

(a) All States¹⁰ to participate in the Conference;

⁸ E/5454.

⁹ E/5455.

¹⁰ For the interpretation of the phrase "all States" see E/5513, para. 11. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3*.

(b) The representatives of the liberation movements now recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States to participate in the Conference without the right to vote;

(c) The interested organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to participate in the Conference;

(d) Other interested intergovernmental organizations to be represented by observers;

(e) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to send observers to the Conference;

(f) Other non-governmental organizations which might have a specific contribution to make to the work of the Conference to send observers to the Conference;

3. *Urges* the Preparatory Committee of the World Food Conference at its second session to complete the draft provisional agenda for the Conference and the discussion of the other questions listed in paragraph 2 of the report of the Committee on its first session;

4. *Recommends* that the period allocated to the second session of the Preparatory Committee should be extended, if necessary, for the completion of the tasks assigned to it in paragraph 3 above;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available as early as possible all relevant documentation, so that a comprehensive and in-depth consideration of the progress of the preparatory work as well as of the scope of the Conference can be made by the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-seventh session;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts being made by the Secretary-General of the World Food Conference in order to ensure maximum support for the Conference;

7. *Expresses its belief* that the results of the World Food Conference will constitute an important contribution to the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly devoted to development and international economic co-operation called for in General Assembly resolution 3172 (XXVIII), of 17 December 1973, and thus to the Assembly itself.

*1896th plenary meeting
15 May 1974*

DECISIONS

5 (LVI). Permanent sovereignty over natural resources

At its 1895th plenary meeting, on 14 May 1974, the Council decided:

(a) To defer until its fifty-seventh session consideration of the report of the Secretary-General¹¹ on permanent sovereignty over natural resources;

(b) To request the Secretary-General to prepare a concise and analytical summary of the views expressed by Governments at the sixth special session of the General Assembly on the question of permanent sov-

ereignty over natural resources, as well as of the views expressed by Governments at the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly with regard to resolutions 3171 (XXVIII) and 3175 (XXVIII).

6 (LVI). Container standards for international multimodal transport

At its 1895th plenary meeting, on 14 May 1974, the Council decided:

(a) To request the Trade and Development Board to convene an *ad hoc* intergovernmental group, as envisaged in Council resolution 1742 (LIV), consisting

¹¹ E/5425 and Corr.1, E/5425/Add.1.