

Recalling the recommendation of the Conference²² that a third United Nations regional cartographic conference for Asia and the Far East be convened not later than 1961,

Noting the increasing interest of Governments in participating in the work of such conferences,

Requests the Secretary-General to consult the Governments of the States Members of the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned on the convening, not later than 1961, of the third United Nations regional cartographic conference for Asia and the Far East and on the date, place and agenda of the conference, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-ninth session.

*1064th plenary meeting,
23 April 1959.*

715 (XXVII). International co-operation on cartography

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning international co-operation on cartography,²³

Noting the draft programme for achieving international uniformity in the writing of geographical names,²⁴ which was transmitted by the Secretary-General to the Governments of Member States for comment,

Considering the comments on the draft programme that have been received from the Governments,

1. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To provide encouragement and guidance to those nations which have no national organization for the standardization and co-ordination of geographical names to establish such an organization and to produce national gazetteers at an early date;

(b) To take the necessary steps to ensure the following central clearing-house functions for geographical names:

(i) Collection of gazetteers and information concerning the technical procedures that each Member State has adopted for standardization of domestic names;

(ii) Collection of information on the techniques and systems used by each Member State in the transliteration of the geographical names of other countries;

(iii) Dissemination to Member States and, upon request, to any working groups established on a common linguistic basis, of all documents and information collected, utilizing existing United Nations periodicals wherever feasible;

2. Further requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To set up a small group of consultants chosen, with due regard to equitable geographic distribution and to the different linguistic systems of the world, from those countries having widest experience of the problems of geographical names:

(i) To consider the technical problems of domestic standardization of geographical names, including the preparation of a statement of the general and regional problems involved, and to prepare draft recommendations for the procedures, principally linguistic, that might be followed in the standardization of their own names by individual countries;

(ii) To report to the Council at an appropriate session, in the light of its discussion on the above points, on the desirability of holding an international conference on this subject and of the sponsoring of working groups based on common linguistic systems;

(b) To invite Governments of countries interested and experienced in the question to make available, at his request and at their own expense, consultants to serve on the above group.

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B

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning international co-operation on cartography,²³

Noting the draft proposal for amendments to the existing specifications for the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale,²⁵ which was transmitted by the Secretary-General to the Governments concerned for comment,

Recognizing the increasing need for the sheets of the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale and the urgency for completing these maps at an early date,

Requests the Secretary-General to urge Governments to furnish their views on the draft proposal for amendments to the existing specifications for the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale and, after considering the replies and in consultation with appropriate experts, to suggest specific recommendations for such amendments to the Council at its twenty-ninth session.

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²² United Nations publication, Sales No.: 59.I.9, p. 7, resolution 2.

²³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 6, documents E/3209 and Add.1 to 4.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, document E/3209, para. 11.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 21.

C

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning international co-operation on cartography,²³

Considering :

(a) That one of the purposes of the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale is to permit planning with greater facility and exactness the economic and social development of all countries through the rational utilization of their natural resources,

(b) That modern cartography, based on aerial photography, can contribute effectively to that end by the exactness of the information which it provides,

(c) That a knowledge of the renewable natural resources of a country is the indispensable basis for planning the development and better utilization of such resources,

(d) That it would be helpful if Member States received at regular intervals the most recent information on the progress made with the map,

Requests the Secretary-General to consult technical organizations in that field with a view to studying the possibility of providing that future editions of the sheets of the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale should, as far as possible, show the existing plant cover, by means of suitable symbols, and in accordance with a simple classification distinguishing such features as woods, arable areas, scrub, pasture land, areas of special cultivation, etc., and to report to the Council at an appropriate session on the results of his consultations.

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**717 (XXVII). Non-governmental organizations:
applications and re-applications for consultative status**

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations,²⁶

1. *Decides* to grant the requests of the following organizations for category B consultative status:

Inter-American Planning Society;
International Association for Social Progress;
International Federation of Social Workers;
Women's International Zionist Organization;

2. *Decides* to grant the request of the following organization for reclassification from the Register to category B:

World Federation of the Deaf;

3. *Decides* not to grant the requests of the following organizations for category B consultative status:

International Association of Democratic Lawyers;
International Confederation of Senior Public Servants.

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23 April 1959.*

²⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 12, document E/3217.*