

(c) Raise family levels of living by, *inter alia*, avoid-ing an inequitable distribution of national income.

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1259 (XIII). Technical assistance to Afghanistan

The General Assembly,

Having considered Economic and Social Council reso-lution 689 H (XXVI) of 28 July 1958,

Welcoming the adoption by Afghanistan, which was formerly an important opium-producing country, of the law of Kaus 2, 1336 (24 November 1957) prohibiting opium cultivation in Afghanistan,

Believing that technical assistance in the field of eco-nomic and social development is necessary for the full execution of the policy incorporated in the above-men-tioned law and for minimizing serious economic and social consequences,

Recognizing that the success of Afghanistan in this field requires international co-operation,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the policy adopted by Afghanistan;

2. *Requests* the relevant technical assistance organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies con-cerned to pay due attention to requests from the Gov-ernment of Afghanistan for technical assistance in this field.

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1260 (XIII). Co-ordination of results of scientific research

The General Assembly,

Noting the remarkable advances made in recent years in the natural sciences, pure and applied,

Believing that the United Nations and the specialized agencies should stimulate and encourage further the general direction of scientific research toward the peace-ful ends of economic progress and human welfare, and in the interest of peace and international co-operation,

Recalling its resolution 1164 (XII) of 26 November 1957 on the development of international co-operation in the fields of science, culture and education, and Eco-nomic and Social Council resolution 695 (XXVI) of 31 July 1958 on the survey which is to be prepared on international relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture,

Recognizing the responsibility of the United Nations for co-ordinating the activities of its organs and those of the specialized agencies in accordance with Articles 58 and 63 of the Charter of the United Nations, and noting that the Economic and Social Council has re-quested the United Nations and five of the specialized agencies to undertake appraisals of their activities and programmes for the period 1959 to 1964,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the other specialized agencies concerned with the peaceful application of science, as well as the International Atomic Energy Agency, to arrange for a survey to be made on the main trends of

inquiry in the field of the natural sciences and the dis-semination and application for peaceful ends of such scientific knowledge, and on the steps which might be taken by the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency towards encouraging the concentration of such efforts upon the most urgent problems, having regard to the needs of the various countries; and requests the Secretary-General, in arranging for such a survey, to take into account the report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to be prepared in response to Economic and Social Council resolution 695 (XXVI);

2. *Invites* the above-mentioned organizations to co-operate with the Secretary-General in this connexion;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit this survey to the Economic and Social Council at its thirtieth session for comment and any appropriate rec-ommendations;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to transmit this survey to the General Assembly, together with its comments and recommendations.

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1261 (XIII). Advisory services in the field of human rights

The General Assembly,

Taking note of chapter VII, section X, of the report of the Economic and Social Council,¹

Recalling its resolution 926 (X) of 14 December 1955 requesting the Economic and Social Council to submit to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session an evaluation of the projects carried out under the pro-gramme of advisory services in the field of human rights and recommendations concerning the future of the pro-gramme,

Recalling also its resolution 1163 (XII) of 26 No-vember 1957, in which the General Assembly noted with satisfaction the success of the seminar held in August 1957 at Bangkok (Thailand) and expressed the hope that seminars on the status of women would be held as frequently as possible in the future under the pro-gramme of advisory services in the field of human rights,

Noting with satisfaction the important results achieved at the two seminars held during 1958 under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights,

Having considered the plan presented by the Secre-tary-General to the Economic and Social Council for holding seminars in the year 1959,² and Council resolu-tion 684 (XXVI) of 21 July 1958 approving this plan,

1. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the manner in which the projects have been carried out under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights;

2. *Approves* the plan presented by the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council for holding seminars in the year 1959 and recommends that, if possible, three seminars should be held in 1959, taking

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twen-ty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 12, document E/3075/Add.1.*