

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the need for organizational changes, to initiate consultation and studies with States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, with the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the regional economic commissions and the Committee for Industrial Development, on the advisability of holding, not later than 1966, an international symposium, preceded, as appropriate, by regional and sub-regional symposia, relating to the problems of industrialization of developing countries, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-seventh session and to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session.

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1941 (XVIII). Decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Office in Beirut

The General Assembly

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General on decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions,¹² and his first report on the meeting with the executive secretaries of those commissions¹³ indicating the steps that have been taken and his intention of further implementing the policy of decentralization;

2. *Welcomes in particular:*

(a) The decision of the Secretary-General that the executive secretaries will participate actively in the programming of technical co-operation for the biennium 1965-1966;

(b) The growing number of regional advisers in the regional secretariats, which enhances the capacity and the expertise necessary for efficient advisory services to the Governments at their request;

3. *Welcomes* the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session on the subject,¹⁴ and the very constructive comments and recommendations contained therein pertaining both to the concept and to the process of implementing the policy of decentralization;

4. *Endorses* the views and recommendations of the Economic and Social Council set forth in its resolution 955 (XXXVI) of 5 July 1963, particularly paragraph 5 thereof relating to the participation of the regional secretariats in the preparation for the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and paragraph 3 regarding the United Nations Office in Beirut, and recommends to the Secretary-General the establishment of a technical assistance co-ordination unit in the United Nations Office in Beirut;

5. *Reaffirms* its conviction that all regional economic commissions, as the principal United Nations bodies in the economic and social field in the various regions,

¹² *Ibid.*, *Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document E/3786.

¹³ *Ibid.*, document E/3798.

¹⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda items 12, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39 and 76, document A/5584.

as well as the United Nations Office in Beirut, have a special and increasing rôle to play with regard to the Expanded Programme and the regular programme of technical assistance as well as the projects of the Special Fund, in full co-operation with the resident representatives of the Technical Assistance Board and the directors of Special Fund programmes wherever necessary;

6. *Reaffirms also* that its resolutions 1518 (XV) of 15 December 1960, 1709 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 and 1823 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 concerning decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions apply to all the existing regional economic commissions, in so far as they affect Member States;

7. *Endorses* the view that the regional secretariats should continue, as appropriate, to increase their contribution to the United Nations technical assistance programmes, with respect not only to the formulation of projects but also to their execution and evaluation, and to undertake some financial and administrative responsibilities related thereto;

8. *Looks forward* to the forthcoming study by the Administrative Management Service concerning the utilization of staff in the economic and social fields;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to accelerate the continuing implementation of the policy of decentralization and strengthening of the regional economic commissions set out in General Assembly resolutions 1709 (XVI) and 1823 (XVII) and to submit, as part of his activities during the International Co-operation Year and within the framework of the United Nations Development Decade, a comprehensive report on this question for consideration by the Economic and Social Council at its 1965 summer session and by the General Assembly at its twentieth session;

10. *Requests* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to assess, in the light of the Secretary-General's report referred to in paragraph 9 above and the study of the Administrative Management Service, the results of decentralization in terms of its fundamental objectives as defined in General Assembly resolutions 1709 (XVI) and 1823 (XVII) and Economic and Social Council resolutions 823 (XXXII) and 955 (XXXVI), and to submit its report to the Assembly at its twentieth session.

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1942 (XVIII). Question of a declaration on international economic co-operation

The General Assembly,

Attaching particular importance to the need for a declaration on international economic co-operation as a means of promoting sound, stable and fair economic relations between all States and of stimulating the efforts aimed at the economic and social progress of all peoples of the world,

Taking note of the progress made by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the *ad hoc* Working Group established under Council resolution 875 (XXXIII) of 13 and 18 April 1962 in the elaboration of a draft declaration on the principles of international economic co-operation,

Noting with satisfaction that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 939 (XXXV) of 11 April 1963, has already drawn the attention of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to the paragraphs of the report of the *ad hoc* Working Group¹⁵ concerning problems of international trade, specifically paragraphs 58 to 64,

1. *Expresses the hope* that the examination of those problems in the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and at the Conference will contribute to the speeding-up of the final elaboration and adoption of the principles of international economic co-operation;

2. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council and, through it, the *ad hoc* Working Group, to expedite the work on the question of a draft declaration referred to in Council resolution 939 (XXXV).

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1943 (XVIII). World campaign against hunger, disease and ignorance

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1710 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, establishing the United Nations Development Decade,

Convinced that the achievement of the objectives of the Decade requires investment in human resources by a world-wide effort against hunger, disease and ignorance,

Recalling that 1965 has been designated as International Co-operation Year by the General Assembly in its resolution 1907 (XVIII) of 21 November 1963,

Recognizing the great contribution made by non-governmental organizations to international co-operation and to furthering the objectives of the United Nations,

Believing that widespread support can be engendered for a concerted effort to combat hunger, disease and ignorance, which would mark the second half of the Decade,

1. *Appeals* to all non-governmental organizations to put their increased enthusiasm, energy and other resources into a world campaign in the basic human fields of food, health and education, including training, to start in 1965 and to continue for the remainder of the United Nations Development Decade;

2. *Urges* States to facilitate in all appropriate ways the efforts of their non-governmental organizations taking part in such a campaign in the fields of food, health and education and contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the Decade;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with the Governments of Member States and the specialized agencies, as well as with non-governmental organizations in consultative status, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-seventh session on the feasibility and the methods of stimulating such a campaign of non-governmental organizations under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind the following considerations:

(a) The value of closer contact between peoples and non-governmental organizations in the developed and the developing countries in order to improve understanding between them;

¹⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document E/3725.*

(b) The desirability of developing more active methods of co-operation between the United Nations—including the specialized agencies—and non-governmental organizations, designed to extend non-governmental participation in the progress of the Decade, particularly in the fields of food, health and education;

(c) The need to ensure that such a campaign is conducted under conditions which are acceptable to, and receive the approval and support of, the Governments of the countries concerned;

4. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to consider the Secretary-General's report at its thirty-seventh session, and to take such action as it may deem appropriate.

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11 December 1963.

1944 (XVIII). International co-operation in the application of science and technology to economic and social development

The General Assembly,

Having noted the sustained efforts the Governments of the developing countries are making in their endeavour to raise the standards of living of their peoples, in accordance with the purposes and objectives of the United Nations Development Decade as set forth in Economic and Social Council resolution 916 (XXXIV) of 3 August 1962,

Recalling with appreciation the assistance provided for economic and social development by the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Special Fund, the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the United Nations Children's Fund,

Considering that science and technology, when suitably adapted and applied to the specific conditions of the developing countries, can make an outstanding contribution to the achievement of the aims of the Decade and the aspirations of the people,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts and achievements of the United Nations Conference on the Application of Science and Technology for the Benefit of the Less Developed Areas;

2. *Welcomes* the statements on the subject by the Secretary-General in his report¹⁶ and his address to the Economic and Social Council on the follow-up to the Conference,¹⁷ as well as the action taken by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in creating an inter-agency sub-committee on science and technology, and the decision taken by the Council in resolution 980 A (XXXVI) of 1 August 1963 to seek to intensify practical efforts in this field by establishing an Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development;

3. *Requests* the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to examine, in keeping with its terms of reference, the possibility of establishing a programme on international co-operation in science and technology for economic and social development, in which scientists and technicians of the highly developed countries would, as a matter of priority, help to study the problems of the developing countries and explore suitable solutions, having regard to limitations upon the material resources

¹⁶ *Ibid., Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 15, document E/3772.*

¹⁷ *Ibid., Thirty-sixth Session, 1271st meeting.*