

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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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 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.*