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ROLE OF THE AGENCY IN PROMOTING THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY DURING THE DEVELOPMENT DECADE

The General Conference,

(a) Noting:

- (i) The priority areas in which the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) has decided that action should be taken by the United Nations family during the Development Decade^{1/} and the fact that extensive parts of the Agency's long-term programme^{2/} lie within these categories; and
- (ii) The recommendations made in the report of the Secretary-General on the results of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for the Benefit of the Less Developed Areas^{3/} and the recommendation by ECOSOC that high priority be given to the application of science and technology for the benefit of such areas in the preparation of the economic and social programmes of the Members of the United Nations family,^{4/}

(b) Considering that the peaceful uses of nuclear energy have a growing role in the application of science and technology to foster economic development; and that in particular its use to produce power, as well as its other potential uses, such as to desalt water,

and the use of radioisotopes to improve crops, disinfect food grains, eradicate insect pests and measure underground water, are of special interest to the developing countries, and

(c) Considering also that nuclear science centres in developing countries can help provide the qualified manpower essential for the broad advance of science in such countries,

1. Requests the Director General:

(a) To formulate, within the framework of the long-term programme, specific projects and activities, especially of a regional character, with special regard to the priorities set for the Development Decade and the fields of work referred to in paragraph (b) above;

(b) To take such steps as he may deem necessary including appropriate administrative action and adjustment;

(c) To keep the Board of Governors and the General Conference informed of the progress made in this respect; and

(d) To seek effective collaboration with the Advisory Committee on Science and Technology of ECOSOC; and

2. Urges Member States to make available the resources needed to enable the Agency to make the fullest possible contribution to the objectives of the Development Decade.

1/ ECOSOC Resolution 916 (XXXIV), para. 3.

2/ GC(VII)/227.

3/ United Nations document E/3772 and Add.1.

4/ ECOSOC Resolution 980 (XXXIV).