

**1989/8. New techniques, including remote sensing, for identifying, exploring for and assessing natural resources**

*The Economic and Social Council.*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 41/65 of 3 December 1986 on principles relating to remote sensing of the Earth from outer space,

*Recalling also* its resolution 1987/9 of 26 May 1987,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on an information referral system on satellite remote-sensing data,<sup>19</sup>

*Considering* that developing countries need to be apprised of the limitations and opportunities of commercial and non-commercial hardware and software systems for digital processing of remote-sensing data and of procedures for obtaining access to such systems,

*Bearing in mind* the important role of remote-sensing data in the process of identifying, exploring for and assessing natural resources,

*Recognizing* the need for developing countries to have access to the information obtained by remote sensing in order to optimize the utilization of their natural resources,

1. *Takes note* of the two options proposed in the report of the Secretary-General<sup>19</sup> and requests the Secretary-General to submit an updated version of that report to the Committee on Natural Resources at its twelfth session;

2. *Calls upon* the developed countries to expand the sharing of their technical capacity in remote sensing with the developing countries;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore appropriate ways and means by which the developing countries can gain easier and increased access to remote-sensing systems in order to optimize the exploration and exploitation of their natural resources;

4. *Calls upon* the developed countries to contribute to the efforts of the Secretary-General aimed at identifying approaches and modalities that would facilitate the transfer of new and emerging remote-sensing technologies to the developing countries;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts, within existing resources, in the dissemination of available remote-sensing software packages, in both the commercial and the public sectors, for the exploration, exploitation, management and development of natural resources through application-oriented workshops, seminars and training courses to be organized at the regional or the country level in developing countries;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Committee on Natural Resources at its twelfth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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