

1993/75. Programme of work for 1994-1995 in the field of science and technology for development

The Economic and Social Council

Transmits to the General Assembly, for further consideration, the following draft resolution, as approved by the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its first session¹⁹³:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 46/235 of 13 April 1992 and 47/212 and 47/214 of 23 December 1992,

"Having considered the note by the Secretariat on programme proposals for the biennium 1994-1995 in the field of science and technology for development,¹⁹⁶ in particular paragraphs 2 and 5 thereof,

"1. *Reaffirms* the mandates and functions of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development as the main substantive organ of the Economic and Social Council dealing with the global issue of science and technology for development;

"2. *Also reaffirms* the need to count on the substantive support of an efficient secretariat unit provided with a level of resources commensurate with its functions;

"3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to ensure the full implementation of programme 17 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997¹⁹⁷ and, in particular, to provide resources for the implementation of the activities proposed for the biennium 1994-1995 in the field of science and technology for development, taking into account the priority attached to these activities within the medium-term plan;

"4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Secretariat unit having primary responsibility for the implementation of programme activities in the field of science and technology for development, including the substantive servicing of the Commission, will be managed in an integrated manner, and further requests the Secretary-General to provide for its strengthening in terms of the efficient organization of the Secretariat;

"5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to make sufficient provisions within the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 for the implementation of technical cooperation activities in the field of science and technology;

"6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to clarify the division of labour and coordination arrangements for the efficient functioning of Secretariat units in the field of science and technology for development, particularly the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the Department for Development Support and Management Services, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the regional commissions;

"7. *Expresses concern* regarding the proposed abolition of the Task Force on Science and Technology for Development of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and the negative impact this may have on the quality of the coordination of system-wide activities in these fields;

"8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the resources necessary for convening at least four inter-sessional ad hoc panels/workshops on specific issues in the field of science and technology, which will provide crucial input into the work of the Commission in terms of independent, specialized and expert advice;

"9. *Urges* the Secretary-General to make every possible effort to adhere strictly to existing rules and to avoid the repetition of the regrettable experience of the late issuance of documentation for the first session of the Commission."

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30 July 1993*