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# UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

Argentina, Australia, Canada, Czechoslovakia, India, Iran, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, Sweden, Yugoslavia and Zambia: revised draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2398 (XXIII) of 3 December 1968 and 2581 (XXIV), of 15 December 1969,

Noting with appreciation the steps that have been taken by a number of specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to assist in the preparatory work for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,

Stressing the need to pursue vigorously the preparations for the Conference,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General (A/8065 and Add.1),

Taking note of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session (A/CONF.48/PC.6),

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1536 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970,

Taking note with satisfaction of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the Conference,

Aware that the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade calls for intensified national and international efforts to arrest the deterioration of the human environment and to take measures towards its improvements, and to promote activities that will help to maintain the ecological balance on which human survival depends,

Reaffirming that environmental policies should be considered in the context of economic and social development, taking into account the special needs of development in developing countries,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to convene the second session of the Preparatory Committee at Geneva from 8 to 19 February 1971 and the third session in New York from 13 to 24 September 1971;

2. Recommends that in the agenda for the second and third sessions of the Preparatory Committee a specific item or items relating to economic and social aspects be included in order to safeguard and promote the interests of developing countries with a view to adapting the national environmental policies to conform to their national priorities and development plans;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-first session for such comments, suggestions and recommendations as the Council may wish to make;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the progress of the preparatory work to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session after the third session of the Preparatory Committee.

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