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PROBLEMS OF THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

Argentina, Congo (Brazzaville), Guatemala, Ireland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kuwait, Libya, Mexico, Norway, Pakistan, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Upper Volta and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the problems of the human environment (E/4667),

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"In pursuance of its decision in resolution 2398 (XXIII) to convene in 1972 a United Nations Conference on the Human Environemt and to begin immediately preparations for the Conference,

"Having considered with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General (E/4667) called for in the above-mentioned resolution,

"Recognizing the important work on the problems of the human environment that is at present being undertaken and planned by organizations in the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and national Governments,

"1. Endorses in general the proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General regarding the purposes and objectives of the Conference;

"2. Affirms that it should be the main purpose of the Conference to serve as a practical means to encourage, and to provide guidelines for, action by Governments and international organizations designed to protect and improve the human environment, and to remedy and prevent its impairment, by means of international co-operation, bearing in mind the particular importance of enabling developing countries to forestall the occurrence of such problems;

"3. Entrusts to the Secretary-General the over-all responsibility for organizing and preparing for the Conference, bearing in mind the views expressed during the debates of the forty-seventh session of the Economic and Social Council and the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly;

"4. Establishes a Preparatory Committee to advise the Secretary-General consisting of highly qualified representatives nominated by the Governments of .....

"5. Further requests the Secretary-General to set up immediately a small conference secretariat and to appoint, at the appropriate time, a Secretary-General of the Conference;

"6. Moreover requests the Secretary-General to consult with Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and IAEA, the specialized agencies, the IAEA and the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, to take account of the results of other international conferences such as the ECE Conference on the Problems of Environment, scheduled to take place in 1971 at Prague, and to draw on contributions from appropriate intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

"7. Invites States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the IAEA to participate actively in the preparations for the Conference;

"8. Invites the specialized agencies, the IAEA and the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to collaborate closely with the Secretary-General in the preparations for the Conference and to assist, as appropriate, in the work of the Preparatory Committee;

"9. Invites intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to lend every possible assistance in the preparations for the Conference;

"10. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Preparatory Committee, to take the necessary steps, as part of the preparations for the Conference, to bring to public attention the nature and importance of the problems of the human environment;

"11. Invites all States Members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies and IAEA to participate in the Conference;

"12. Believes it essential that all invited countries be enabled to take an active part in the preparations for the Conference and the Conference itself, and requests the Secretary-General to investigate what concrete steps could be taken to this end;

"13. Notes the outline of the range of the possible financial implications for the United Nations of the holding of the Conference presented in the Secretary-General's report (E/4667) and requests the Secretary-General, in the light of the views expressed during the debates of the forty-seventh session of the Economic and Social Council and the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly, to make all efforts to reduce the costs of the Conference;

"14. Decides that the Conference should be of approximately two weeks' duration and requests the Secretary-General to take full account hereof in preparing for the Conference;

"15. Accepts with appreciation the invitation of the Government of Sweden (A/7514) to hold the Conference in Sweden in June 1972;

"16. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a brief progress report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session through the Economic and Social Council at its forty-ninth session."