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1. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1218 (XLII) of 1 June 1967, the Ad Hoc Committee on the Survey Programme for the Development of Natural Resources ¹ began its deliberations on 11 September 1967. Mr. Jorge Pablo Fernandini (Peru) was elected Chairman and Mr. Roy W. MacLaren (Canada) Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur.

2. The Committee held a total of eight meetings during September, October and December. It had before it the report by the Secretary-General ² on his consultations with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) concerning the possibility of financing from UNDP resources a part of the United Nations survey programme for the development of natural resources, as requested by the Council in operative paragraph 4 of the above-mentioned resolution; and two notes by the Secretary-General ³ concerning the nature of the proposed survey programme and possible ways, at this point, of implementing it.

3. The Ad Hoc Committee was given the following terms of reference in operative paragraph 3 of Council resolution 1218 (XLII):

“(a) Review of the preparatory work for the execution of the survey programme and related problems of co-ordination with the organizations concerned in the United Nations system, and particularly with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in order to relate the development of natural resources to the promotion of industrial development in developing countries;

“(b) Analysis of the survey programme, including the different stages of the implementation of its three components;

“(c) Assessment of the ways and means of financing the survey programme from all possible sources.”

4. In connexion with sub-paragraph (a) above, the Secretary-General recalled, in his note on the survey programme, ⁴ that the Economic and Social Council, in adopting its resolution 1218 (XLII), had before it a note on the financial implications regarding that resolution ⁵ which estimated that a sum of $146,000 would be the minimum cost involved in undertaking the preparatory work during the initial year. The Ad Hoc Committee noted that this estimate had been included by the Secretary-General in his budget estimates for the financial year 1968 and that this estimate was being discussed by the General Assembly at its twenty-second session. ⁶ The Committee recalled the desirability of the work going forward in close co-operation with other interested members of the United Nations family, including the regional economic commissions.

5. Since the estimate for the additional funds pertains to 1968, the Secretary-General informed the Ad Hoc Committee that it had not yet been possible to undertake any preparatory work. The Committee will not, there-

¹ The Ad Hoc Committee is composed of the following Member States: Algeria, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Guatemala, India, Iraq, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Togo, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Venezuela.

² Document E/AC.55/2.

³ Documents E/AC.55/3 and E/AC.55/4.

⁴ See document E/AC.55/3, par. 10.

⁵ The difference between the figure of $146,000 given in the note dated 22 May 1967 (see Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document E/AC.6/L.358/Rev.1/Add.1) and the sum of $147,800 given in the report of the Secretary-General dated 29 September 1967 (see Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 74, document A/C.3/1114, paras. 18-22) is due to the increase in salaries for the posts described in the two documents as a result of changes in the cost-of-living index.
fore, be able to begin the task assigned to it by the Council in operative paragraph 3 (a) of resolution 1218 (XLII) until some progress has been made in the preparatory work during 1968.

6. The analysis of the survey programme requested in operative paragraph 3 (b) of Council resolution 1218 (XLII) will be a continuing process as the preparatory work proceeds and a detailed plan of operations is prepared, and as the initial stages of the survey are implemented. At this stage, the Committee has been able only to suggest, as general guide lines, that the surveys in the various proposed spheres (water, energy, minerals) should be directed to the particular needs of regions or countries and that the implementation of the surveys should be phased in relation to the financial and other resources available from time to time. The need for promoting national or regional projects through institutions which would help to ensure that they are of benefit to a whole region was mentioned, together with the desirability of providing for such studies as would contribute to the application of new technical processes in developing countries.

7. While discussing the third of the three specific tasks assigned to it—the assessment of ways of financing the survey programme from all possible sources—the Ad Hoc Committee welcomed the offer of cash from the Government of Iran and the offer of an expert from the Government of Italy. The Committee also noted that other Governments had indicated their willingness to make contributions in kind or laboratory services but had not yet informed the Secretary-General of their specific offers. The Committee recalled the invitation in operative paragraph 7 of Council resolution 1218 (XLII) addressed to States Members of the United Nations and private organizations which were in a position to do so to make voluntary contributions in cash or kind to meet the cost of the survey programme. The Committee expressed the hope that Member States and private organizations would respond to this invitation and announce contributions to the survey programme.

8. With regard to the possibility of a part of the survey programme being financed by UNDP, the Ad Hoc Committee noted with interest the statement made by the Administrator of UNDP that he envisaged "that preliminary survey work might start early in 1968 with an allocation for preliminary operations to be approved by the Governing Council of UNDP at its session in January 1968".5

9. Italy and the United States of America submitted a draft resolution6 for adoption by the Economic and Social Council; this text, after amendment, was unanimously adopted by the Ad Hoc Committee. The Committee therefore recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling its resolutions 1113 (XL) of 7 March 1966 and 1277 (XLI) of 26 July 1966 and General Assembly resolution 2173 (XXI) of 6 December 1966 on the Secretary-General’s proposal for a survey programme for the development of natural resources, and also his report on this programme,

"Recalling further its resolution 1218 (XLII) of 1 June 1967 in which it approved the broad outlines of the survey programme as formulated by the three groups of consultants as a basis for a long-term survey programme in the field of natural resources,

"Noting the useful contributions made by the United Nations Development Programme in the field of natural resources,

"Having considered the first report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Survey Programme for the Development of Natural Resources,

"Recognizing that there are major areas of the world for which the existing information on mineral, water and energy resources has not been organized in a form that permits analysis of Member States’ needs and potentials, particularly in the light of technologies which have increased the possibility of utilizing resources,

"1. Requests the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the desirability of the co-ordination of the three related sectors of the programme where feasible, to proceed with the preparatory work consisting for the present of the following elements:

"(a) The definition of the scope of the preparatory work and the development of a general methodology, to be used for the assessment of mineral, water and energy resources and requirements in the developing countries, bearing in mind the national institutional arrangements for maintaining, extending and utilizing such measurements and assessments;

"(b) The setting up of general standards to be followed in the collection and evaluation of data;

"(c) Consultations and co-operation with countries, the various organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the regional economic commissions, in order to secure information on the availability of bibliographic material regarding the resources under review and on the institutional arrangements for organizing and assessing resource data, bearing in mind the need to relate the development of natural resources to the promotion of industrial development in developing countries;

"(d) The establishment, on the basis of the foregoing, of:

(i) A preliminary estimate of the geologic and mineral potential of interested developing countries, based on an analysis of the existing data;

(ii) A preliminary selection of water-short areas in interested developing countries, bearing in mind the criteria established by the group of consultants on water resources and preliminary estimates of available data.

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5 See document E/AC.55/2, annex II.
on the water needs and resources of these areas;

(iii) A preliminary selection of international rivers, based on an analysis of the existing data, with a potential for development for which their riparian States are interested in co-operation;

(iv) A preliminary estimate of the energy needs and resources in interested developing countries, based on an analysis of the existing data;

(e) Assistance to interested Governments in the development of field investigation projects, national or regional, on the collection, collation and analysis of existing data in each of the fields of activity based upon the above preliminary analyses, as well as consultations with the Governments concerned with such resource assessment and development;

2. Invites Member States to co-operate in this preparatory work, which should be so conducted that its results lead to feasible plans of action, including projects meeting United Nations Development Programme criteria, valuable to all developing countries where adequate information on needs and resources and the means for their analysis is lacking;

3. Notes with appreciation the voluntary contributions in cash or kind from Member States which have been pledged for facilitating the conduct of the programme;

4. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee to consider the further steps that would be desirable with a view to implementing the survey programme in the light of the preparatory work undertaken in pursuance of paragraph 1 above, to continue its efforts in accordance with resolution 1218 (XLII), and to submit reports to the Council as necessary.
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