

All the suggestions in the resolution are within the terms of reference established for the Scientific Committee, which is already authorized to receive radiation data and to recommend uniform standards with respect to procedures for sample collection and instrumentation. The Committee has in fact already requested member states to co-operate along these lines.

The draft resolution before the Assembly is the result of lengthy negotiations among delegations representative of various geographical areas and political opinions. We therefore trust it will commend itself to all members of the General Assembly. It is a practical expression of what we judge to be a widespread desire that the Scientific Committee be strengthened in its work, to the end that man's knowledge of the biological effects of ionizing radiation may be as complete as possible. For this purpose it is important that the world-wide physical measurement of the intensity and distribution of radiation should be accurate and comprehensive and that research into the biological effects of radiation be based on the fullest and most reliable information.