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Union for Geological Sciences (IUGS) and indicated that the assistance for training and research referred to in resolution 2.2252(d) would mainly be obtained through the UN Special Fund as was being done for the Institute of Mining and Geology in Indonesia.

(376) The Sub-Commission took note of the work plan for this section (paras .136-144) and approved resolutions 2.2251 and 2.2252, in accordance with the text in 13 C/5, paragraphs 134 and 135. The budget provisions amounting to \$125,000 were also approved.

Section 2.226 Soil sciences

(377) Seven delegates took part in the discussion and all expressed support for the programme proposed by the Director-General.

(378) After hearing explanations given by the delegate of the Netherlands and by the Secretariat, the delegate of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics agreed to withdraw the USSR amendment (13 C/8, Add. 1) concerning the proposed international soils museum to be established in Utrecht, on condition that consideration was nevertheless given to the eventual creation of soil museums in other parts of the world. The Sub-Commission concurred in this view.

(379) The desirability of establishing soil collections in the various continents was expressed by one of the delegates, while another expressed the hope that the "Arid Zone Newsletter" would not be discontinued. It was agreed on the proposal of Spain, that post-graduate training courses at Granada and Seville on edaphology and plant biology would be included in the work plan among those receiving support from Unesco.

(380) The delegate of Czechoslovakia drew attention to the International Symposium to be held in Prague in honour of the 100th anniversary of Kopecki. He suggested that a preparatory meeting should be organized with specialists from Unesco, FAO and the International Soil Science Society.

(381) After a statement by the representative of the Director-General, the Sub-Commission noted the work plan (paras .148-153), with the amendment referred to above and approved resolutions 2.2261 and 2.2262, in accordance with the texts in 13 C/5, paragraphs 146 and 147, together with the budget provisions, amounting to \$115,000.

Section 2.227 Ecological studies and conservation of natural resources

(382) In the general debate, 13 delegates expressed their general satisfaction with the programme, while a number expressed regret that the budget had been reduced.

(383) The delegate of Mexico repeated his Government's offer to be host to a symposium on tropical rain forest, to be organized by Unesco.

(384) It was agreed that a proposal for the creation of an institute for applied research and training in the Sahel region presented by the delegate of Niger, would be included in the amended work plan, as a subject for a possible request to the Special Fund. The delegate of Chile also expressed his interest in the creation of a Natural Resources Research Institute in his country.

(385) The delegate of France requested the Secretariat to examine the possibility of preparing before the end of 1967 a review of recent progress in fundamental research on new sources of energy. The Sub-Commission approved this suggestion. He also requested that since the "Arid Zone Newsletter" was to be discontinued, it be replaced by a "Natural Resources Research Newsletter" which could perhaps be combined with the bulletin foreseen for the International Hydrological Decade under paragraph 100 of 13 C/5. It was agreed that this would be included in the work plan as amended.

(386) Some delegates expressed concern about the replacement of the Advisory Committees on arid zone and humid tropics research by a single committee for natural resources. One delegation expressed doubt about the scientific justification for such a merger and opposed the proposal.

(387) The amendment to paragraph (c) of resolution 2.2271 proposed by the Federal Republic of Germany (document 13 C/DR. 88) and supported by several delegates was accepted. The importance of comparative studies on productivity measurements and ecological research of tropical mountains and lowlands was stressed.

(388) The Director of the Department of Advancement of Science explained that the reduction in the budget was more apparent than real, since that part of the activities formerly financed under the humid tropics and arid zone research programme now appeared under sections dealing with hydrology, geology or soil science. He further explained the advantages of a single advisory committee for natural resources research. He indicated that the natural resources institutes suggested for the Sahel region and for Chile could be studied as possible Special Fund projects.

(389) After these explanations and subject to the amendments indicated above, the Sub-Commission took note of the work plan (paras. 158-167) and approved resolutions 2.2271 and 2.2272. It also approved the corresponding budget of \$224,000 (para.155).

Section 2.23 Life sciences

(390) Nineteen delegates took part in the discussion of this section as well as the President of ICSU. Several speakers expressed appreciation of the programme. Considerable support was shown for Unesco's contribution to the International Biological programme. Three delegates