

Theme III. — Rehabilitation of areas biologically devastated by human disturbance.

No 1. — The Technical Meeting, having reviewed a wide range of specialized evidence on the practice of dumping on the earth's surface mineral spoil extracted from underground, considers that the time has come for the Executive Board to invite all governments concerned to initiate official technical investigations in order:

- a) to determine whether this type of spoil should not in future be disposed of underground in order to avoid the serious waste of land, fuel and other natural resources which it involves;
- b) to fix time limits within which either the practice of dumping should cease or the matter should be further reviewed.
- c) to examine the possibility of dealing by legislation or otherwise with existing spoil heaps of this type.

No 2. — The technical meeting has been greatly concerned by the increasing and widespread evidence of the rapid development of natural resources in disregard of accepted ecological principles of land-use.

It suggests that the Executive Board should consider inviting the governments of countries where such bodies do not already exist:

- a) to set up appropriate advisory bodies to consider the Implications of existing local methods of land-use and biological development
- b) to set up research institutes in ecology with special reference to landscape and land-use, with appropriate specialist staffs.
- c) to appoint representatives of the ecological approach to landscape development in the various governmental administrative and technical services which control, implement and advise upon land-use and development.