

8. Whereas the Eighth Technical Meeting of the Union in reviewing at Warsaw in June 1960 the impact of man and modern technological development on nature and natural resources has urged the Union once more to call attention most urgently to the grave consequences which must result from the immensely increased number of human beings; • whereas experience has demonstrated the truth of the Union's message to the World Population Congress in Rome, 1954, that :

« The increase of world food production hardly matches, if indeed it can continue to match, the increase of world population. Often, in spite of the efforts of experts, it achieves this only at the cost of an impoverishment of soil and water resources and a destruction of forests or of animal and plant communities and lastly of erosion affecting large regions of the earth. »

whereas since 1954 the population of the world has increased by 250 million persons;

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accordingly expresses its deep concern over this matter and urges competent international and national authorities to intensify their programmes of research and of action. Such programmes should be supported by sufficient skill and knowledge to ensure acceptable and effective measures for achieving a reasonable balance between natural resources and the rate of human increase.