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Membership and Terms of Reference of UN Scientific Committee on Radiation

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Membership

1. The UN Scientific Committee on Radiation consists of 15 countries:

Argentina	Czechoslovakia	Mexico
Australia	Egypt	Sweden
Belgium	France	U.K.
Brazil	India	U.S.S.R.
Canada	Japan	U.S.A.

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Terms of Reference

2. The task of this Committee is to assemble in useful form the following radiological information received from States Members of the United Nations or of the Specialized Agencies:

a. Reports on observed levels of ionizing radiation and radioactivity in the environment.

b. Reports on scientific observations and experiments relevant to the effects of ionizing radiation upon man and his environment already underway or later undertaken by national and scientific bodies or by authorities of national governments.

3. In addition, the Committee is authorized to recommend uniform standards with respect to procedures for sample collection and instrumentation, and radiation counting procedure to be used in analyses of samples; to compile and assemble in an integrated manner the various reports, referred to above, on observed radiological levels; to review and collate national reports, evaluating individual reports to determine their usefulness for the purpose the purposes of the Committee.

4. The Committee will make yearly progress reports if appropriate and develop by July 1, 1958, or earlier, if the assembled facts warrant, a summary of the reports reviewed on radiation levels and radiation effects on man and his environment together with the evaluations provided for above; and transmit from time to time as it deems appropriate the documents referred to above to the Secretary General for publication and dissemination to States Members of the United Nations or Members of the Specialized Agencies.

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