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## REQUEST TO THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL FUND CONCERNING A SUB-REGIONAL PROJECT FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF METHANE GAS CONTAINED IN LAKE KIVU (RWANDA)

Resolution adopted by the Conference at its  
plenary session on 2 November 1965

The Conference on Economic Co-operation in Eastern Africa,  
Considering that the methane gas deposits in the Rwanda area of Lake  
Kivu represent a natural resource for the sub-region,

Bearing in mind the importance of this natural wealth, of the various  
uses of methane gas in many industries, and of the savings in foreign  
exchange for the sub-region that would result from its exploitation,

Recognizing the importance of such resources to this landlocked area  
of the sub-region, especially handicapped by its remoteness from the sea,

1. Advises that complete and detailed studies be undertaken with a view  
to the rapid exploitation of methane gas and its distribution to the  
industrial areas concerned;
2. Recommends that these studies form the subject of the request to the  
United Nations Special Fund for a sub-regional project.