

## ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

## SUB-COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUGGESTED PROCEDURE FOR ORGANIZING  
THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMISSION

(Note by the Secretariat)

In organizing its work the Sub-Commission will wish to recall that its terms of reference as adopted by the Economic and Social Council relate primarily to "the principles and problems of long-term economic development"; on the other hand the instructions transmitted by the Economic and Employment Commission to this Sub-Commission relate primarily to specific and more immediate problems. Although "the short-term problems and the long-term objectives of an expanding and integrated world economy" are, as stated in the last paragraph of the terms of reference of the Economic and Employment Commission, closely related, the drawing of a line of distinction between these two sets of problems may assist the Sub-Commission in the organization of its work.

(a) Long-term problems

The Sub-Commission may wish to devote several meetings to an examination and discussion of such long-term development problems as relate to the creation of the economic atmosphere for development.

1. With respect to the least developed countries an examination would involve the consideration of the most useful national governmental efforts, and international assistance to such efforts, designed to bring about

- (i) The eradication of illiteracy and disease and the training of technical personnel needed for economic development,
- (ii) The evaluation of the existing private and governmental economic apparatus for the production and distribution of the goods and services required to raise the consumption level of their populations, for the promotion of industrialization, and for the formation and domestic investment of capital, and
- (iii) The creation of the institutional framework of such bodies and services as may be needed to promote economic development in the interest of their own people.

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2. With respect to underdeveloped countries which have already made considerable progress in the direction of economic development the Sub-Commission may wish to consider various measures for pooling the experiences of Member governments in the field of economic development in a manner which would enable the United Nations to serve as a centre for (i) the collection of information, (ii) the dissemination of the most suitable techniques of organization and methods of planning economic development and (iii) other technical advice with a view to promoting concerted measures of mutual assistance and international collaboration.

Materials relating directly to fundamental principles and problems of long-term development are the subject of a number of studies which the Secretariat now has in hand and which are mentioned in paragraph 15 of the Secretariat's paper on Terms of Reference, Instructions and Documents Related to the Work of the Sub-Commission on Economic Development (document E/CN.1/Sub.3/2).

The relevant studies which the members of the Commission may wish to examine in connection with the subjects suggested above are:

1. Economic Development in Selected Countries: Plans, Programmes and Agencies (document DEA/ED.1)
2. A Draft Note on the Functions and Activities of Agencies and Organs of the United Nations and Arrangements for their Collaboration in the Field of Economic Development\*
3. Draft Note on the Functions of Government in National Development Policy\*
4. A Draft Note on International Collaboration in the Field of Development\*

(b) Specific and short-term problems

The Sub-Commission may wish to devote several meetings to a discussion of the factors that today stand in the way of economic development and to a study of international measures and concerted national measures that might accelerate existing national development programmes. Specifically the Sub-Commission may wish to give consideration to measures designed to alleviate:

- (i) Shortages of technical personnel and training facilities,
- (ii) Shortages of capital required for the procurement of basic equipment,
- (iii) Inflationary pressures which may be concomitants of development programmes.

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\* Available in draft form to Members of the Sub-Commission on Economic Development (in English).

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Again, the Secretariat has a number of studies in hand dealing with the above subjects. Those most relevant are:

1. Economic Development in Selected Countries: Plans, Programmes and Agencies (document DEA/ED.1)
2. A Draft Note on the Functions and Activities of Agencies and Organs of the United Nations and Arrangements for Co-ordination in the Field of Economic Development\*
3. Progress Report on Questionnaire on Economic Development addressed to Member Governments (document E/CN.1/Sub.3/3)
4. Part III of Survey of Current Inflationary and Deflationary Tendencies dealing with India and Latin America (Department of Economic Affairs, Series A-No.2)
5. Progress Report on Activities of Agencies and Organs of the United Nations Regarding the Provision of Expert Advice and Technical Assistance to Member Governments (document E/CN.1/Sub.3/7)

(c) Progress Reports

Finally the Sub-Commission may wish to take note of the series of progress reports bearing upon problems within the general areas of the Sub-Commission's work. The relevant papers before the Sub-Commission are:

1. Progress Report on the United Nations Scientific Conference on Resource Conservation and Utilization (document E/CN.1/Sub.3/6)
2. Memorandum on Study of Conditions Affecting Foreign Investment (document E/CN.1/Sub.3/4)
3. Memorandum on the International Incorporation of Business Firms (document E/CN.1/Sub.3/5)

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