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DRAFT RULES FOR THE CALLING OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. A. KURAL (Turkey)

1. By resolution 367 (IV) of 3 December 1949, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare, after consulting the Economic and Social Council, draft rules for the calling of non-governmental conferences, with a view to their study by the General Assembly.
2. Accordingly, the Secretary-General consulted the Economic and Social Council at its eleventh session, submitting to the Council for this purpose a memorandum on the question (E/1723). The Council, in resolution 335 (XI) of 20 July 1950, advised the Secretary-General that it had approved the draft rules for the calling of non-governmental conferences set forth in the resolution, and recommended that the Secretary-General should submit these draft rules to the General Assembly.
3. The General Assembly, at its 285th plenary meeting on 26 September 1950, referred this item to the Sixth Committee for consideration.
4. The Sixth Committee discussed the item at its 250th meeting held on 4 December 1950.
5. In addition to a report of the Secretary-General (A/1333), the Committee had before it amendments to the draft rules submitted by the representatives of Australia (A/C.6/L.161) and the Union of South Africa (A/C.6/L.166).
6. After discussion in the Committee, the representative of Australia withdrew his amendment (A/C.6/L.161) and with the representative of France, submitted a joint amendment (A/C.6/L.167) which, at the suggestion of the representative of Iran, was subsequently modified to read as follows:

"Replace rule 2, paragraph 2, by the following:

'The Council may decide to entrust the Secretary-General with any of the tasks mentioned in sub-paragraphs (b), (d) and (e) of paragraph 1.

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It may also authorize him to make such modifications as circumstances may require in carrying out any decision of the Council made pursuant to sub-paragraphs (b), (d) and (e)."

The representative of the Union of South Africa withdrew his amendment (A/C.6/L.166) in favour of an amendment submitted by the representative of Argentina (A/C.6/L.168) which was modified to read as follows:

"Add the following at the end of rule 2, paragraph 1:

'In applying rule 2, paragraph 1 (c), the Economic and Social Council shall, when it decides to invite non-governmental organizations, have regard to the terms of Article 71 of the Charter. National organizations without consultative status may be invited only after consultation with the Member of the United Nations concerned.'

7. The Committee voted as follows on the English text of the draft rules proposed by the Secretary-General (A/1333) and the amendments thereto:

	<u>In favour</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
1. Draft rule 1	26	4	4
2. Draft rule 2			
(i) Paragraph 1 with the exception of sub-paragraph (c)	27	4	4
(ii) Paragraph 1, sub-paragraph (c)	20	4	4
(iii) Argentine amendment, as modified, to insert a new paragraph after paragraph 1	21	4	10
(iv) Australian-French amendment, as modified, to paragraph 2 (to be re-numbered paragraph 3)	20	4	12
3. Draft rule 3	28	4	4
4. Draft rules, as a whole, as amended	25	4	7

8. The Sixth Committee accordingly, submits for the approval of the General Assembly the following draft resolution:

RULES FOR THE CALLING OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES BY THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The General Assembly,

Having considered the draft rules for the calling of non-governmental conferences by the Economic and Social Council, which were submitted by the Secretary-General after consultation with the Council,

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Approves the following rules for the calling of non-governmental conferences by the Economic and Social Council:::

"Rule 1

"The Economic and Social Council, after consultation with the Secretary-General, may at any time decide to call a non-governmental conference on any matter within its competence.

"Rule 2

"1. When the Council has decided to call a conference, as provided for in rule 1, it shall:

- "(a) Prescribe the terms of reference;
- "(b) Fix the date, the place and the appropriate duration of the conference and prepare its provisional agenda;
- "(c) Determine who shall be invited;
- "(d) Make recommendations for financing, subject to the applicable regulations, rules and resolutions of the General Assembly;
- "(e) Make such other arrangements in connexion with the conference as it sees fit.

"2. In applying rule 2, paragraph 1 (c), the Economic and Social Council shall, when it decides to invite non-governmental organizations, have regard to the terms of Article 71 of the Charter. National organizations without consultative status may be invited only after consultation with the Member of the United Nations concerned.

"3. The Council may decide to entrust the Secretary-General with any of the tasks mentioned in sub-paragraphs (b), (d) and (e) of paragraph 1. It may also authorize him to make such modifications as circumstances may require in carrying out any decision of the Council made pursuant to sub-paragraphs (b), (d) and (e).

"Rule 3

"The Secretary-General shall notify all Members of the United Nations of the Conference and shall send them copies of the provisional agenda. He shall also inform each Member State of the invitations issued."
