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### DRAFT RULES FOR THE CALLING OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

#### Note by the Secretary-General

1. By resolution 173 (II) of 17 November 1947 the General Assembly invited the Secretary-General "to prepare, in consultation with the Economic and Social Council, draft rules for the calling of international conferences, as provided in paragraph 4 of Article 62 of the Charter, for consideration at the third session of the General Assembly".
2. On 29 June 1948 the Secretary-General, pursuant to the above-mentioned resolution of the General Assembly, circulated to the Economic and Social Council draft rules for discussion at its seventh session.\*
3. Consultation between the Economic and Social Council and the Secretary-General on the draft rules was postponed until the eighth session of the Council. At that session the Council discussed the draft rules and suggested certain modifications to which the Secretary-General agreed.
4. The Secretary-General therefore presents for the consideration of the General Assembly the following draft rules, which were approved by the Council on 2 March 1949 (resolution 220 (VIII)):

#### Rule 1

The Economic and Social Council may at any time decide to call an international conference of States, experts or organizations on any matter within its competence provided that, after consultation with the Secretary-General and the appropriate specialized agencies, it is satisfied that the work to be done by the conference cannot be done satisfactorily by any organ of the United Nations or by any specialized agency.

#### Rule 2

When the Council has decided to call an international conference, it shall approve the terms of reference and, unless it decides otherwise, the agenda of the conference.

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Rule 3

The Council shall decide what States, experts and organizations shall be invited to the conference, and shall determine the extent of their participation.

Rule 4

The Council shall fix the date and place of the conference or request the Secretary-General to do so.

Rule 5

The Council shall make arrangements for financing the conference, subject to any relevant principles adopted by the General Assembly.

Rule 6

The Council may:

- (a) Prescribe rules of procedure for the conference;
- (b) Establish a preparatory committee to carry out such functions in preparation for the conference as the Council shall indicate;
- (c) Request the Secretary-General to perform such functions in preparation for the conference as the Council shall indicate;
- (d) Make such other arrangements as may appear to it to be desirable.

Rule 7

At conferences of States called under these rules, specialized agencies in relationship with the United Nations and non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Council shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as at sessions of the Council itself, subject to the provisions of rule 2.

Rule 8

As soon as possible after the Council has decided to call a conference, the Secretary-General shall send out the invitations, accompanied by copies of the agenda. As regards States which are not responsible for the conduct of their foreign relations, invitations shall be transmitted through the intermediary of the States responsible for the foreign relations of such states.

Rule 9

Unless the Council has prescribed rules of procedure for the conference, the Secretary-General shall prepare and circulate as soon as possible draft rules of procedure for consideration by the conference.

Rule 10

Subject to any decisions and directions of the Council, the Secretary-General shall appoint an executive secretary for the conference, provide the secretariat and services required and make such other administrative arrangements as may be necessary.

Rule 11

All States, experts and organizations accepting an invitation to attend the conference shall be bound by all decisions made by the Council in respect of the conference under these rules.

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