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Observations of Governments on the Draft International

Covenant on Human Rights

6. NORWAY

(Note dated 3 August 1951 from the Norwegian  
Permanent Delegation to the United Nations)

Provisions for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

The Norwegian Government remains of the opinion that it would be preferable not to incorporate in the present Covenant on Human Rights, provisions concerning economic, social and cultural rights. Should it, however, be decided to include such provisions in the present Covenant, the Norwegian Government is of the opinion that the provisions should be drafted in terms sufficiently precise to give rise to binding legal obligations which are suitable for implementation and undertaking.

Measures of Implementation.

With regard to the Measures of Implementation, the Norwegian Government has noted that Article 34 of the former draft Covenant has been deleted. The Norwegian Government feels, however, that a provision for the rights of a state to be represented in the Committee during a discussion of any question which affects the special interests of that state, should be incorporated in the present Covenant.