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RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL COUNCIL^{1/}

I. SESSIONS

Regular sessions

Rule 1

The Economic and Social Council shall normally hold two regular sessions a year.

Dates of regular sessions

Rule 2

Each regular session shall be held, subject to the provisions of rule 3, at a date fixed by the Council at a previous session. The date of the opening of the first regular session of the year shall be fixed as nearly as administratively practicable to the first Tuesday in April. The date of the second regular session of the year shall be fixed as late as administratively practicable before the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly, and shall be adjourned at least six weeks before it. This session shall be resumed during or shortly after the regular session of the General Assembly for a brief series of meetings.

Rule 3

Any member of the Council or the Secretary-General may request an alteration of the date of a regular session. The President shall forthwith communicate, through the Secretary-General, the request to the other members of the Council, together with such observations as the Secretary-General may present. If within eight days of the inquiry a majority of the members of the Council explicitly concurs in the request, the President will convene the Council accordingly.

Special sessions

Rule 4

Special sessions shall be held by decision of the Council, or at the request of:

- (1) A majority of the members of the Council;

^{1/} These rules were adopted by Council resolution 217(VIII) of 18 March 1949; they were amended by resolution 289 (X) of 6 March 1950 and by resolution 456 (XIV) of 29 July 1952 consequent upon resolution 414 (XIII).

- (2) The General Assembly;
- (3) The Security Council;

The Council shall also hold a special session at the request of the Trusteeship Council, any Member of the United Nations or a specialized agency^{1/}, if the President of the Council and the two Vice-Presidents agree to the request. If the officers have not notified their agreement to the Secretary-General within four days of the receipt of the request, the President shall forthwith inform the other members of the Council, through the Secretary-General, of the request and shall inquire whether or not they support the request for a session. If within eight days of the inquiry, a majority of the members of the Council explicitly concurs in the request, the President will convene the Council accordingly.

Special sessions will be convened within six weeks of receipt by the President of a request for such a session at a date fixed by the President.

Rule 5

The President of the Council, with the concurrence of the Vice-Presidents, may also call a special session of the Council and fix the date thereof.

Place of session

Rule 6

Each session shall be held at United Nations Headquarters unless, in pursuance of a previous decision of the Council or at the request of a majority of its members, another place is designated for the whole or part of the session.

Notification of session

Rule 7

The President of the Council shall notify the Members of the United Nations, the President of the Security Council, the President of the Trusteeship Council, the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations^{2/} in category A or B or on the register, through the Secretary-General, of the date of the first

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- 1/ When the term "specialized agency" is used in these rules, it refers to specialized agencies brought into relationship with the United Nations.
 - 2/ When the term "non-governmental organization" is used in these rules, it refers to non-governmental organizations which are in consultative relationship with the Council in accordance with its resolution 288 (X), Part III.

meeting of each session. Such notification shall be sent (1) in the case of a regular session, at least six weeks in advance, (2) in the case of a special session, at least twelve days in advance. If a special session is called at the request of the Security Council, the period of notice may be reduced by the President to not less than eight days.

Adjournment of session

Rule 8

The Council may decide at any session to adjourn temporarily and resume its meetings at a later date.

II. AGENDA

Basic annual programme

Rule 9

In the course of meetings held during or shortly after the regular session of the General Assembly as provided in rule 2, the Council shall work out, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, the basic programme of its activities for the following year.

Drawing up of the provisional agenda

Rule 10

1. The Secretary-General shall draw up and submit to the Council at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session. The provisional agenda shall include all items proposed by:

- (a) The Council;
- (b) The General Assembly;
- (c) The Security Council;
- (d) The Trusteeship Council;
- (e) A Member of the United Nations;
- (f) The Secretary-General;
- (g) A specialized agency.

2. Non-governmental organizations in category A may propose to the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations that the Committee request the

Secretary-General to place items of special interest to the organizations on the provisional agenda of the Council.

The Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, in considering a request from a non-governmental organization in category A that an item be placed on the provisional agenda of the Council, shall take into account:

- (a) The adequacy of the documentation submitted by the organization;
- (b) The extent to which it is considered that the item lends itself to early and constructive action by the Council; and
- (c) The possibility that the item might be more appropriately dealt with elsewhere than in the Council.

Any decision by the Committee not to grant a request submitted by a non-governmental organization that an item be placed on the provisional agenda of the Council shall be considered as final.

Consideration of the provisional agenda

Rule 11

The agenda for each regular session shall include as an item the consideration of the provisional agenda for the following regular session of the Council. At each regular session the Council shall give consideration to such provisional agenda in the light of the basic annual programme referred to in rule 9; and shall consider the grouping of related items and fix the approximate dates at which the consideration of such groups of items shall begin.

Communication of the provisional agenda

Rule 12

After the Council has considered the provisional agenda for its following regular session, the provisional agenda, incorporating any amendments made by the Council, shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to the Members of the United Nations, the President of the Security Council, the President of the Trusteeship Council, the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations in categories A and B and on the Register.

Supplementary items

Rule 13

The inclusion of supplementary items in the provisional agenda considered by the Council under rule 11 may be proposed by the General Assembly, the Security

Council, the Trusteeship Council, a Member of the United Nations, the Secretary-General, a specialized agency or by a non-governmental organization, in accordance with the procedure provided in paragraph 2 of rule 10. The request for inclusion of a supplementary item shall be accompanied by a supporting statement from the authority proposing it, except in the case of the General Assembly, the Security Council or the Trusteeship Council, regarding the urgency of the consideration of the item and the reasons which precluded its submission before the consideration by the Council of the provisional agenda as provided in rule 11. The supplementary items shall be placed by the Secretary-General on a supplementary list and communicated to the Council together with the supporting statements and such observations as the Secretary-General may wish to offer, including observations regarding the session of the Council at which the items might be taken up.

Adoption of the agenda

Rule 14

1. At the beginning of each regular session, subject to the provisions of rule 17 and after the election of officers when required under rule 20, the Council shall adopt its agenda for the session, on the basis of the provisional agenda and the supplementary list referred to in rule 13.
2. An organ of the United Nations, a Member of the United Nations, or a specialized agency, which has requested the inclusion of an item in the provisional agenda or the supplementary list, shall be entitled to be heard by the Council, or by a committee appointed by it for the purpose, on the inclusion of the item in the agenda for the session.
3. In the case of an item placed on the provisional agenda or the supplementary list at the request of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations under paragraph 2 of rule 10 or rule 13, the non-governmental organization which proposed the item to that Committee shall be entitled to be heard by the Council or by a Committee appointed by it for the purpose, on the inclusion of the item in the agenda for the session.
4. The Council shall normally include in its agenda for the session only items for which adequate documentation has been circulated to members six weeks before the beginning of the session of the Council.

Allocation of items

Rule 15

The Council shall allocate items between the plenary Council and Committees, and may refer items without preliminary debate in the Council to:

- (a) A specialized agency with the proviso that the specialized agency shall report at a subsequent session of the Council;
- (b) One or more of its commissions, for examination and report at a subsequent session of the Council;
- (c) The Secretary-General, for study and report at a subsequent session of the Council; or
- (d) The proposer of the item, for further information or documentation.

Provisional agenda for a special session

Rule 16

The provisional agenda for a special session shall consist only of those items proposed for consideration in the request for the holding of the session, subject, when appropriate, to rule 20. It shall be transmitted to the authorities mentioned in rule 12 at the same time as the notice convening the Council.

Revision of the agenda

Rule 17

During a session, the Council may revise the agenda for the session by adding, deleting, deferring or amending items. Only urgent and important items shall be added to the agenda of the Council during the session. The Council may refer to a committee any request for inclusion of an item in the agenda for the session.

III. REPRESENTATION. CREDENTIALS

Rule 18

Each member of the Council shall be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Rule 19

The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General not less than twenty-four hours before the first meeting at which the representatives are to attend. The President and the Vice-Presidents shall examine the credentials and submit their report to the Council. This rule shall not, however, prevent a member from changing its representatives, alternate representatives, or advisers subsequently, subject to proper submission and examination of credentials, where needed.

IV. PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

Election of the President and the Vice-Presidents

Rule 20

Each year at the commencement of its first meeting the Council shall elect a President, a first Vice-President and a second Vice-President, from among the representatives of its members.

Terms of Office

Rule 21

The President and Vice-Presidents shall hold office until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for re-election. None of them may, however, hold office after the expiration of the term of office of the member of which he is a representative.

Acting President

Rule 22

If the President is absent from a meeting or any part thereof, the first

Vice-President, or in the latter's absence, the second Vice-President shall preside.

Replacement of the President and First Vice-President

Rule 23

If the President ceases to be a representative of a member of the Council or is incapacitated, or if the Member of the United Nations of which he is a representative ceases to be a member of the Council, the first Vice-President shall take his place. In similar circumstances, the second Vice-President shall take the place of the first Vice-President.

Powers of the Acting President

Rule 24

A Vice-President acting as President shall have the same powers and duties as the President.

Voting rights of the President

Rule 25

In the case of a member of the Council which is for the time being represented by the President, an alternate representative shall, at the discretion of the President, be permitted to participate in the proceedings and to vote in the Council. In such a case the President shall not exercise his right to vote.

V. COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Rule 26

At each session, the Council may set up such committees as it deems necessary in addition to the committees specifically provided for in these rules, and refer to them any questions on the agenda for study and report. Such committees may be authorized to sit while the Council is not in session.

Each Committee shall elect its own officers, except where decided otherwise by the Council.

The provisions of rules 41 and 42 and 47 to 70 inclusive shall be applied in the proceedings of the committees and any subsidiary bodies set up by them.

Rule 27

Committees of the Council shall be nominated by the President subject to approval of the Council, unless the Council decides otherwise.

Sub-committees of committees shall be nominated by the chairman of the committee, subject to approval of the committee, unless the committee decides otherwise.

VI. SECRETARIAT

Duties of the Secretary-General

Rule 28

The Secretary-General shall act in that capacity in all meetings of the Council and of its committees. He may designate one of the Assistant Secretaries-General or another officer of the Secretariat to act as his representative.

Rule 29

The Secretary-General shall provide and direct the staff required by the Council, its committees and such subsidiary bodies as may be established by them.

Rule 30

The Secretary-General shall be responsible for keeping the members of the Council informed of any questions which may be brought before it for consideration.

Rule 31

The Secretary-General, or his representative, may, subject to rule 48, make oral as well as written statements to the Council, its committees or subsidiary bodies concerning any question under consideration.

Rule 32

The Secretary-General shall be responsible for all the necessary arrangements for meetings of the Council, of its committees and of any subsidiary bodies.

Duties of the Secretariat

Rule 33

The Secretariat shall interpret speeches made at meetings; shall receive, translate and circulate the documents of the Council, its committees and subsidiary bodies; shall print, publish and circulate the records of the sessions, the resolutions of the Council and the relevant documentation required. It shall have the custody of the documents in the archives of the Council and generally perform all other work which the Council may require.

Estimates of expenditures

Rule 34

1. The Secretary-General shall circulate to the Council for its information at the beginning of its session immediately preceding the regular session of the General Assembly, an analysis, by fields of activity and by budget sections, of the estimated cost for the following financial year of the economic and social activities of the United Nations, prepared as an annex to his budget estimates.
2. Before a proposal which involves expenditure from United Nations funds is approved by the Council or by any of its committees, the Secretary-General shall prepare and circulate to members, as early as possible, a separate estimate of the cost involved in each such proposal. In the case of a proposal involving a new project, he shall also circulate to the members an estimate of the time required to complete it. The President of the Council and chairman of committees shall draw to the attention of members to these estimates and invite discussions on them when the proposal is considered by the Council or by a committee.
3. The Council shall take into account the estimates referred to in paragraph 2 before adopting any proposal involving expenditure from United Nations funds. If the proposal is adopted, the Council shall indicate, whenever appropriate, the priority or degree of urgency which it attaches to the projects and as the case may be which current projects may be deferred, modified or eliminated to ensure that the economic and social work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies will be carried on most effectively.
4. Whenever the Council wishes to recommend, in cases of exceptional urgency, the work for which no financial provision exists be started before the next regular session of the General Assembly, it shall include a specific indication to that effect to the Secretary-General in the resolution approving the proposal.

VII. LANGUAGES

Official and working languages

Rule 35

Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the official languages, and English and French the working languages of the Council.

Interpretation from a working language

Rule 36

Speeches made in either of the working languages shall be interpreted into the other working language.

Interpretation from official languages

Rule 37

Speeches made in any other of the three official languages shall be interpreted into both working languages.

Interpretation from other languages

Rule 38

Any representative may make a speech in a language other than the official languages. In this case he shall himself provide for interpretation into one of the working languages. Interpretation into the other working language by an interpreter of the Secretariat may be based on the interpretation given in the first working language.

Language of written records

Rule 39

Written records shall be drawn up in the working languages. A translation of the whole or part of any record into any of the other official languages shall be furnished if requested by any delegation.

Language of resolutions and other formal actions

Rule 40

All resolutions, recommendations and other formal decisions of the Council shall be made available in the official languages.

VIII. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

Rule 41

The meetings of the Council shall be held in public unless the Council decides otherwise.

Rule 42

At the close of each private meeting, the Council may issue a communiqué through the Secretary-General.

IX. RECORDS

Summary records of public meetings

Rule 43

Summary records of public meetings of the Council, its committees and subsidiary bodies shall be prepared by the Secretariat. They shall be distributed in provisional form as soon as possible to all members of the Council and any others participating in the meeting, who may, within three working days of their receipt by delegations and others participating in the meeting, submit corrections to the Secretariat. Any disagreement concerning such corrections shall be decided by the President of the Council, or by the chairman of the committee or subsidiary body to which the record relates, after consulting, upon request of the representative concerned, the sound records of the proceedings. At the end of sessions and in other special circumstances, the President may, in consultation with the Secretary-General, on giving previous notice, extend the time for submitting corrections.

The summary records, with any such corrections incorporated, shall be distributed promptly to the members of the Council, to other Members of the United Nations and to the specialized agencies. Separate corrigenda shall not normally be issued. The summary records may be consulted by the public on publication.

Records of private meetings

Rule 44

The records of private meetings of the Council, its committees and subsidiary bodies, shall be distributed promptly to the members of the Council and any other members of the United Nations participating in the meeting. They shall be made available to other Members of the United Nations upon decision of the Council. They may be made public at such time and under such conditions as the Council may decide.

Resolutions and other formal actions

Rule 45

As soon as possible, the text of the resolutions, recommendations and other formal decisions adopted by the Council, its committees and subsidiary bodies shall be distributed by the Secretariat to all members of the Council and any others participating in the session. The printed text of such resolutions, recommendations and other formal decisions shall be distributed as soon as possible after the close of the session to all the Members of the United Nations and to the specialized agencies.

Sound records of meetings

Rule 46

Sound records of the meetings of the Council and of its committees of the whole shall be kept by the Secretariat.

X. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Quorum

Rule 47

A majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

Powers of the President

Rule 48

In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him elsewhere by these rules, the President shall declare the opening and closing of each meeting of the Council, shall direct the discussion, ensure observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. The President,

subject to these rules, shall have control of the proceedings of the Council and over the maintenance of order at its meetings. He shall rule on points of order and shall have in particular the power to propose adjournment or closure of the debate or adjournment or suspension of a meeting.

Debate shall be confined to the question before the Council, and the President may call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

Points of order

Rule 49

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may at any time raise a point of order, and the point of order shall be immediately decided by the President in accordance with the rules of procedure. A representative may appeal against the rule of the President. The appeal shall be immediately put to the vote, and the ruling of the President shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the members present and voting.

A representative raising a point of order may not speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

Adjournment of debate

Rule 50

During the discussion of any matter a representative may move the adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion. In addition to the proposer of the motion, one representative may speak in favour of and one against the motion, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote.

Time-limit on Speeches

Rule 51

The Council may limit the time allowed to each speaker and the number of times each member may speak on any question, except on procedural questions, when the President shall limit each intervention to a maximum of five minutes. When debate is limited and a member has spoken his allotted time, the President shall call him to order without delay.

Closing of list of speakers

Rule 52

During the course of a debate the President may announce the list of speakers, and, with the consent of the Council, declare the list closed. The President may, however, accord the right of reply to any member if, in his opinion, a speech delivered after he has declared the list closed makes this desirable. When the debate of an item is concluded because there are no other speakers, the President shall declare the debate closed. Such closure shall have the same effect as closure by the consent of the Council.

Closure of debate

Rule 53

A representative may at any time move the closure of the debate on the item under discussion, whether or not any other representative has signified his wish to speak. Permission to speak on the closure of the debate shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing the closure, after which the motion shall be immediately put to vote.

Suspension or adjournment of the meeting

Rule 54

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. No discussion on such motions shall be permitted and they shall be immediately put to the vote.

Order of procedural motions

Rule 55

Subject to rule 49, the following motions shall have precedence in the following order over all other proposals or motions before the meeting:

- (1) To suspend the meeting;
- (2) To adjourn the meeting;
- (3) To adjourn the debate on the item under discussion;
- (4) For the closure of the debate on the item under consideration.

Submission of draft resolutions and substantive amendments or motions

Rule 56

Draft resolutions, and substantive amendments or motions, shall be introduced in writing and handed to the Secretary-General, who shall circulate copies to the representatives twenty-four hours before they are discussed and voted upon, unless the Council decides otherwise.

Decision on competence

Rule 57

Subject to rule 55, any motion calling for a decision on the competence of the Council to adopt a proposal submitted to it shall be put to the vote immediately before a vote is taken on the proposal in question.

Withdrawal of motions

Rule 58

A motion may be withdrawn by its proposer at any time before voting on it has commenced, provided that the motion has not been amended. A motion which has thus been withdrawn may be reintroduced by any member.

XI. VOTING

Voting rights

Rule 59

Each member of the Council shall have one vote.

Majority required and meaning of the expression
"members present and voting"

Rule 60

Decisions of the Council shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting.

For the purpose of these rules, the phrase "members present and voting" means members casting an affirmative or negative vote. Members which abstain from voting are considered as not voting.

Method of voting

Rule 61

Subject to rule 67, the Council shall normally vote by show of hands except that any representative may request a roll-call, which shall then be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the members, beginning with the member whose name is drawn by lot by the President.

Recording of roll-call

Rule 62

The vote of each member participating in a roll-call shall be inserted in the record.

Conduct during voting

Rule 63

After the voting has commenced, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connexion with the actual conduct of the voting. Brief statements by members consisting solely in explanations of their votes may be permitted by the President, if he deems it necessary, before the voting has commenced or after the voting has been completed.

Division of proposals

Rule 64

Parts of a proposal shall be voted on separately if a representative requests that the proposal be divided. Those parts of the proposal which have been approved shall then be put to the vote as a whole; if all the operative parts of a proposal have been rejected, the proposal shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.

Voting on amendments

Rule 65

When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments are moved to a proposal, the Council shall first vote on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom and so on until all the amendments have been put to the vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted upon. If no amendments are adopted the proposal shall be put to the vote in its original form.

A motion is considered an amendment to a proposal if it adds to, deletes from or revises that proposal.

Voting on proposals

Rule 66

If two or more proposals relate to the same question, the Council shall, unless it decides otherwise, vote on the proposals in the order in which they have been submitted. The Council may, after each vote on a proposal, decide whether to vote on the next proposal.

Any motions requiring that no decision be taken on the substance of such proposals shall, however, be considered as previous questions and shall be put to the vote before them.

Elections

Rule 67

All elections of individuals shall be decided by secret ballot.

Rule 68

If, when one person or member only is to be elected, no candidate obtains in the first ballot the majority required, a second ballot shall be taken, confined to the two candidates obtaining the largest number of votes. If in the second ballot the votes are equally divided, the President shall decide between the candidates by drawing lots.

In the case of a tie in the first ballot among the candidates obtaining the second largest number of votes, a special ballot shall be held for the purpose of reducing the number of candidates to two. In the case of a tie among three or more candidates obtaining the largest number of votes, a second ballot shall be held; if a tie results among more than two candidates, the number shall be reduced to two by lot.

Rule 69

When two or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates obtaining a majority on the first ballot shall be elected.

If the number of candidates obtaining such majority is less than the number of places to be filled, there shall be held additional ballots to fill the remaining places. The voting will be restricted to the candidates obtaining the

greatest number of votes in the previous ballot, who shall number not more than twice the places remaining to be filled. However, in the case of a tie between a greater number of unsuccessful candidates, a special ballot shall be held for the purpose of reducing the number of candidates to the required number.

If three restricted ballots are inconclusive, unrestricted ballots shall follow in which votes may be cast for any eligible person or member. If three such unrestricted ballots are inconclusive, the next three ballots (subject to exception in the case similar to that of the tie mentioned at the end of the previous paragraph of this rule) shall be restricted to the candidates obtaining the greatest number of votes in the third of the unrestricted ballots. The number of such candidates shall not be more than twice the places remaining to be filled.

The following three ballots thereafter shall be unrestricted and so on, until all the places are filled.

Equally divided votes

Rule 70

If a vote is equally divided on matters other than elections the proposal shall be regarded as rejected.

XII. COMMISSIONS

Rule 71

The Council shall set up such commissions as may be required for the performance of its functions, and shall define the powers and composition of each of them.

Rule 72

Elections to commissions shall be decided by secret ballot, unless the Council decides otherwise.

Rule 73

Each commission shall elect its own officers.

Rule 74

The rules of procedure of the commissions and their subsidiary bodies shall be drawn up by the Council, unless the Council decides otherwise.

XIII. PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS NOT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Rule 75

The Council shall invite any Member of the United Nations which is not a member of the Council to participate in its deliberations on any matter which the Council considers is of particular concern to that Member. Any Member thus invited shall not have the right to vote but may submit proposals which may be put to the vote by request of any member of the Council.

Rule 76

A committee may invite any Member of the United Nations which is not one of its own members to participate in its deliberations on any matter which the committee considers is of particular concern to that Member. Any Member thus invited shall not have the right to vote but may submit proposals which may be put to the vote by request of any member of the committee.

XIV. PARTICIPATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Rule 77

The President of the Trusteeship Council, or his representative, may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Economic and Social Council on any matter of particular concern to the Trusteeship Council, including questions which have been proposed by the Trusteeship Council for inclusion on the provisional agenda of the Economic and Social Council.

XV. PARTICIPATION OF AND CONSULTATION WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

Rule 78

In accordance with the agreements concluded between the United Nations and the specialized agencies, the specialized agencies shall be entitled:

- (1) To be represented at meetings of the Council and its committees;
- (2) To participate, through their representatives, in the deliberations with respect to items of concern to them, and to submit proposals regarding such items, which may be put to the vote on request of any member of the

Council or of the committee concerned.

Rule 79

Before the Secretary-General places an item proposed by a specialized agency on the provisional agenda, he shall carry out with the agency concerned such preliminary consultation as may be necessary.

Rule 80

1. Where an item proposed for the provisional agenda or the supplementary list of items for a session contains a proposal for new activities to be undertaken by the United Nations relating to matters which are of direct concern to one or more specialized agencies, the Secretary-General shall enter into consultation with the agency or agencies concerned and report to the Council on the means of achieving co-ordinated use of the resources of the respective agencies.
2. Where a proposal put forward in the course of a meeting for new activities to be undertaken by the United Nations relates to matters which are of direct concern to one or more specialized agencies, the Secretary-General shall, after such consultation as may be possible with the representatives at the meeting of the other agency or agencies concerned, draw the attention of the meeting to these implications of the proposal.
3. Before deciding on proposals referred to above, the Council shall satisfy itself that adequate consultations have taken place with the agencies concerned.

Rule 81

Where items are placed on the provisional agenda or the supplementary list of items for a session with a view to the adoption of an international convention, the Secretary-General shall, at the same time as he is requesting governments for their comments on the proposed convention, consult the specialized agencies in respect of any provision of the proposed convention which affects the activities of such agencies and the comments of such agencies shall be brought before the Council, together with the comments received from governments.

XVI. CONSULTATION WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Non-Governmental organizations

Rule 82

The Council shall establish a Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations consisting of the President and seven members of the Council to be elected each year at the first regular session of the Council. The President shall be the Chairman of the Committee; he shall not have the right to vote. In the absence of the President, the Committee shall elect an Acting Chairman. A member shall serve until the next election unless it ceases to be a member of the Council.

The Committee shall carry out the functions assigned to it by the Council in connexion with its arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations under Article 71 of the Charter.

Representation of Non-Governmental Organizations

Rule 83

Non-governmental organizations, in category A or B or on the register may designate authorized representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the Council and of its committees.

General consultation of the Committee with organizations in consultative status

Rule 84

The Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations shall consult, in connexion with sessions of the Council or at such other times as it may decide, with organizations in categories A and B on matters within their competence on which the Council or the Committee or an organization requests consultation, whether or not these matters concern items on the agenda of the Council.

Representatives of both the organizations being consulted and other organizations with consultative status which have special knowledge of the subject to be discussed, and which notify the Committee of their wish to express their views, shall be able to participate in any consultations of this kind. The Committee shall report to the Council as it may consider appropriate regarding such consultations.

Consultation of the Committee with organizations in categories A and B on items on the provisional agenda of the Council

Rule 85

The Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations shall consult, in connexion with each session of the Council, with organizations in categories A and B on matters within the competence of these organizations concerning items on the provisional agenda of the Council on which the Council or the Committee or the organization requests the consultation. Organizations desiring such consultation shall apply in writing so that the request reaches the Secretary-General as soon as possible after the issue of the provisional agenda for the session, and in no case later than forty-eight hours after the adoption of the agenda. The Committee shall report to the Council as it may consider appropriate regarding such consultations. Such consultations shall, so far as practicable, be held sufficiently in advance to enable members of the Council to study the views presented by the organizations,

Hearing of organizations in category A by the Council or its committees

Rule 86

The Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations shall make recommendations to the Council as to which organizations in category A should be heard by the Council or by one of its committees and regarding which items they should be heard. Such organizations shall be entitled to make one statement to the Council or the appropriate committee, subject to the approval of the Council or of the committee concerned.

Whenever the Council discusses the substance of an item proposed by a non-governmental organization in category A and included in the agenda of the Council, such an organization shall be entitled to present orally to the Council or a committee of the Council, as appropriate, an introductory statement of an expository nature. Such an organization may be invited by the President of the Council or the chairman of the committee, with the consent of the relevant body, to make, in the course of the discussion of the item before the Council or before the committee, an additional statement for purposes of clarification.

XVII. AMENDMENTS AND SUSPENSIONS

Rule 87

Any of these rules may be amended or suspended by the Council.

Rule 88

These rules may not be amended until the Council has received a report on the proposed amendment from a committee of the Council.

Rule 89

A rule of procedure may be suspended by the Council provided that twenty-four hours' notice of the proposal for the suspension has been given. The notice may be waived if no member objects.

A N N E X

1. The Preparatory Commission of the United Nations, at its second session in London in 1945, prepared draft rules of procedure for the Council (PC/20, Chapter III, Section 3). These provisional rules were approved, without change, at the first meeting of the Joint Sub-Committee of the Second and Third Committees during the first session of the General Assembly on 22 January 1946 (A/C.2/7 and A/C.3/3). The General Assembly adopted the conclusions of the reports of the Second and Third Committees at its 19th plenary meeting on 29 January 1946 (A/16 and A/17). At its 12th meeting, during its first session on 16 February 1946, the Council adopted these provisional rules of procedure, as contained in Chapter III, Section 3 (E/33).
2. The Council subsequently revised its rules of procedure at its second, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth, tenth and fourteenth sessions. At the eighth session of the Council the revisions were of a comprehensive character (resolution 217 (VIII)). At the fourteenth session, the rules dealing with sessions and the agenda of the Council were recast as a consequence of the provisions of Council resolution 414 (XIII) on the organization and operation of the Council. At the same session additional rules were adopted regarding inter-agency consultation, on the basis of the Council's recommendations contained in its resolution 402 (XIII), (Annex, paragraph 39).
3. The relevant references are as follows:
 - (a) Resolution of 4 June 1946 - See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, First Year, Second Session, pages 360-365;
 - (b) Decision of 28 February 1947 - See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Second Year, Fourth Session, pages 6-8; text of the rules in E/33/Rev.3;
 - (c) Resolution 99 (V) of 12 August 1947 - see Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 1; text of the rules in E/33/Rev.4;
 - (d) Decision of 28 August 1948 - See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Seventh Session, Supplement No. 1, page 77;
 - (e) Resolution 217 (VIII) of 17 March 1949; See Official Records of Economic and Social Council, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 1, pp. 26-40; text of the rules in E/33/Rev.5;

- (f) Decision of 6 March 1950 consequent on resolution 288 (X) of 27 February 1950 - See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 1, pp. 33-37; text of the rules in E/1662;
- (g) Resolution 456 (XIV) of 22 and 29 July 1952 - See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 1, pp. 61-66; text of the rules in E/2336.

4. References to certain resolutions of the Council bearing on the present rules of procedure are given below:

- Rule 1: Resolutions 414 (XIII), paragraph A.1.8(a) and 456 (XIV).
Original rule adopted on 16 February 1946, First Session (E/33), amended by resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5), and further amended by resolution 456 (XIV) (present rule 1 in E/2336).
- Rule 2: Resolutions 414 (XIII), para. A.1.8(b), (c), (d) and (e), and 456 (XIV)
- Rule 3: Resolution 217 (VIII)
- Rule 4: Resolutions 217 (VIII) and 456 (XIV)
- Rule 5: Adopted on 16 February 1946, First Session (E/33, rule 5) and amended by resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rule 5)
- Rule 6: Adopted on 16 February 1946, First Session (E/33, rule 6) and amended by resolution 456 (XIV)
- Rules 7-8: Adopted on 16 February 1946, First Session (E/33, rules 7-8) and amended by resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rules 7 and 8) and decision of 6 March 1950, Tenth Session (E/1661, p.33)
- Rules 9-17: Original rules relating to the agenda were adopted on 16 February 1946, First Session (E/33, rules 9-13), and subsequently amended by resolutions 55 (IV), 57 (IV), 99 (V), decision of 28 August 1948, Seventh Session (E/1065, page 77), resolution 217 (VIII), decision of 6 March 1950, Tenth Session (E/1661, page 33), resolution 414 (XIII) A.1.8 (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g), and 456 (XIV)
- Rules 18-19: Adopted on 16 February 1946, First Session (E/33, rules 14-15), and amended by resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rules 17-18)
- Rules 20-21: Adopted on 16 February 1946, First Session (E/33, rules 16-17) and amended by resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rules 20-21)

- Rule 22: Adopted on 16 February 1946, First Session (E/33, rule 18)
- Rule 23: Adopted on 16 February 1946, First Session (E/33, rule 19) and amended by resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rule 22)
- Rule 24: Adopted on 16 February 1946, First Session (E/33, rule 20)
- Rule 25: Adopted on 4 June 1946, Second Session (E/33/Rev.1, rule 21)
- Rule 26: Adopted on 16 February 1946, First Session (E/33, rule 21) and amended by resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rule 25)
- Rule 27: Resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rule 26)
- Rules 28-32: Adopted on 16 February 1946, First Session (E/33, rules 22-26) and amended by resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rules 27-31)
- Rule 33: Resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rule 33)
- Rule 34: Original rule adopted by decision of 28 February 1948, Fourth Session, in pursuance of General Assembly regulation No. 25 See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Second Year, pages 6-8 and E/33/Rev.4, rule 30. Amended by resolution 175 (VII) on the basis of General Assembly resolutions 125 (II) and 163 (II), regulation No. 38 (E/33/Rev.5, rule 33). Following General Assembly resolutions 413 (V), 456 (V): regulation 13.1 which re-enacted General Assembly regulation 25, and Council resolution 402 (XIII), further amended by resolution 456 B (XIV) (present rule 34 in E/2336)
- Rules 35-38: Adopted on 16 February 1946 (E/33, rules 27-30)
- Rule 39: Resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rule 38)
- Rule 40: Adopted on 16 February 1946 (E/33, rule 34)
- Rules 41-42: Adopted on 16 February 1946 (E/33, rules 43-44)
- Rule 43: Original rule adopted on 16 February 1946 (E/33, rule 45), amended by resolutions 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rule 42) and 456 (XIV)
- Rule 44: Original rule adopted on 16 February 1946 (E/33, rule 48), amended by resolutions 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rule 44) and 456 (XIV)
- Rule 45: Original rule adopted on 16 February 1946 (E/33, rule 47), and amended by resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rule 44)

- Rule 46: Original rule adopted on 16 February 1946 (E/33, rule 46), suspended by resolutions 138 (VI) and 176 (VII), and replaced by present rule 46, resolution 456 (XIV)
- Rules 47-70: Original rules dealing with conduct of business and voting, adopted on 16 February 1946 (E/33, rules 49-59 and 35-42), were substantially recast, using as far as applicable the text employed in the corresponding rules of the General Assembly, by resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rules 46-69). Rule 60, first part, reproduces textually Article 67 2 of the Charter
- Rule 71: Adopted on 16 February 1946 (E/33, rule 60) and amended by resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rule 70)
- Rule 72: Resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rule 71)
- Rule 73: Resolution 99 (V) (E/33/Rev.4, rule 65)
- Rule 74: Resolution 99 (V) (E/33/Rev.4, rule 66) and 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rules 74-75)
- Rules 75-76: Article 69 of the Charter, and Council Resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rules 74 and 75)
- Rule 77: Arrangements for cooperation between the Economic and Social Council and the Trusteeship Council in matters of common concern - See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Second Year, Fifth Session, page 483. Resolutions 216 (VIII) and 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rule 76)
- Rule 78: Article 70 of the Charter, resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rule 77). See the agreements concluded between the United Nations and the following specialized agencies: International Labour Organisation; United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; International Civil Aviation Organization; World Health Organization; International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; International Monetary Fund; International Refugee Organization; Universal Postal Union; International Telecommunication Union; World Meteorological Organization (ST/SG/1)

- Rule 79: Adopted at fourth session (E/33/Rev.3, rule 11) and amended by resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rule 12)
- Rules 80-81: Resolution 456 (XIV)
- Rules 82-86: Originally based on resolution 2/3. See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, First Year, Second Session, page 341; resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rules 78-81) and resolution 288 B (X) - present rules 82-86
- Rule 87: Adopted on 16 February 1946 (E/33, rule 64), and amended by resolution 217 (VIII) (E/33/Rev.5, rule 82)
- Rules 88-89: Adopted on 16 February 1946 (E/33, rules 65-66).
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