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CONSIDERATION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR  
THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Council, at its 898th meeting on 8 December 1955 considered its basic programme for 1956 in accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure.
2. The items which the Council decided to place on the provisional agenda for the twenty-first session are contained in document E/2813.
3. The Council further decided to place the items appearing below on the list of items for the twenty-second session. This list will be before the Council at its twenty-first session when it considers the provisional agenda for the twenty-second session in accordance with rule 11 of the rules of procedure.
4. It will be recalled that, at its 895th meeting the Council decided that its tenth anniversary should be celebrated at the twenty-second session. As requested by the Council, the Secretariat will devote special attention, in some of the important documents relating to the world economic situation and the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, to developments over the last ten years.

LIST OF ITEMS FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

to be convened at Geneva on  
3 July 1956

1. Adoption of the sessional agenda
2. World economic situation
3. General review of the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole
4. Economic development of under-developed countries
5. Financing of economic development
6. International Commodity problems
7. Establishment of a world food reserve
8. Report of the Statistical Commission
9. Technical assistance
10. Programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies
11. Report of the Commission on Human Rights
12. Report of the Commission on the Status of Women
13. International control of narcotic drugs
14. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
15. Non-governmental organizations
16. Calendar of conferences for 1957
17. Financial implications of actions of the Council
18. Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly

LIST OF ITEMS FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION (continued)

- 19.\* Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council
- 20.\* Election of members of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
- 21.\* Work of the Council in 1957

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\* To be considered at the resumed twenty-second session (to take place during or shortly after the eleventh regular session of the General Assembly).

PRELIMINARY ANNOTATIONS TO THE LIST OF ITEMS  
FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

1. Adoption of the sessional agenda

Under rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the Council is required to adopt its agenda for the session on the basis of the provisional agenda considered by it at the twenty-first session under rule 11, and any items on the supplementary list referred to in rule 13.

2. World economic situation

In accordance with Council resolution 557 B II (XVIII), paragraph 3 (a), the Secretary-General, assisted by appropriate officials of the Secretariat, including the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions, will introduce the discussion on the world economic situation.

Under this item, the Council will have before it:

- (a) the World Economic Report, 1954-1955, a review of recent economic developments in the Middle East, a review of economic developments in Africa in 1955 and a survey of water resources in Africa;
- (b) the replies received from governments to the questionnaire on full employment and balance of payments. The Secretariat analysis of the replies, which in past years was issued as a separate document, will in 1956 be incorporated in an evaluation of the current economic situation that will form part of the World Economic Report;
- (c) expansion of world trade (Council resolution 579 A (XX));
- (d) the annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Survey of Europe, 1955;
- (e) the annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and the Economic Survey of Asia and the Far East, 1955;
- (f) the annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Economic Survey of Latin America, 1955.

The General Review of International Commodity Trade, to be submitted by the Commission on International Commodity Trade, will also be available to the Council.

3. General review of the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole

In accordance with Council resolution 557 B II (XVIII), paragraph 3 (b), the Secretary-General will introduce the discussion on the programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole.

The Council will have before it under this item an introductory statement by the Secretary-General; a report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination covering inter alia the question of advance planning of programmes and projects as requested in Council resolution 590 A (XX); the annual reports of the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the Universal Postal Union, the International Telecommunication Union and the World Meteorological Organization; and the supplementary report of the Secretary-General, under Council resolution 543 (XVIII), on the co-ordination of the programmes of the United Nations Children's Fund with the regular and technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

The annual reports of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund, as well as the reports of the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the Economic Commission for Latin America, the Commission on International Commodity Trade, the Statistical Commission, the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will also be available to the Council.

Under Council resolution 590 B (XX), the Secretary-General will report on the outcome of his consultations with UNESCO regarding bibliographical material on works and studies relating to human rights.

Under Council resolution 557 A (XVIII), the Secretary-General will report to the Council further on his review of the substantive work of the Secretariat in the economic and social fields.

4. Economic development of under-developed countries

In accordance with the decision taken at the resumed twentieth session (E/SR.898), the Council will consider under this item:

(a) Land reform

Under Council resolutions 370 (XIII) and 512 C I (XVII), the Council will have before it the second periodic report on progress in land reform containing supplementary data indicating the impact of the measures of land reform already undertaken on agricultural employment and output, on the pattern of production in the rural economy, on standards of living of the rural population and on economic development in general. The report will include information on work in the field of land reform by the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned;

(b) Co-operatives

Under Council resolution 512 C II (XVII), the Council will have before it a report prepared by the Secretary-General, in collaboration with FAO and the ILO, dealing with the help that Governments and other bodies could provide for the achievement of the full potentialities of co-operatives and the demarcation of sectors in which co-operative organization may be considered suitable.

5. Financing of economic development

In accordance with the decision taken at the resumed twentieth session (E/SR.898), the Council will consider under this item:

(a) the question of the establishment of a special United Nations fund for economic development

The ad hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 923 (X)<sup>1/</sup> to analyze the replies and comments received from Governments to the Secretary-General's request for "their views, as definitely as possible, relating to the establishment, role, structure and operations of a special United Nations fund for economic development" will submit to the Council such interim report as it may be in a position to make;

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<sup>1/</sup> A/RESOLUTION/358.

(b) the international flow of private capital

The Council will have before it the relevant sections of the World Economic Report and of the annual reports of the Economic Commissions for Asia and the Far East and for Latin America, as well as the studies mentioned in paragraph (c) below;

(c) international tax problems

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 825 (IX), the Secretary-General will put before the Council studies of the taxation by capital-exporting and capital-importing countries of income from foreign investments.

6. International commodity problems

The Council decided at the resumed twentieth session (E/SR.898) to consider under this item:

(a) the Report of the Commission on International Commodity Trade

The Council will have before it the second report of the Commission, covering its sessions in November 1955 and May 1956;

(b) the status and functions of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements

A note by the Secretary-General (E/2763) was issued on 26 May 1955.

The Secretary-General will also make available to the Council as a background document, the report of ICCICA;

(c) the status and functions of the Commission on International Commodity Trade in the light of any development in its field, including the results of the discussions by the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

A note by the Secretary-General (E/2764) was issued on 26 May 1955.

7. Establishment of a world food reserve

The Council will have before it the report prepared by the Food and Agriculture Organization under General Assembly resolution 827 (IX).

8. Report of the Statistical Commission

The Commission will report to the Council on its ninth session to be held from 16 April to 4 May 1956.

9. Technical assistance

The Council will consider under this item:

(a) United Nations activities under the regular and expanded programmes

The Secretary-General will report to the Council under General Assembly resolutions 200 (III), 418 (V), 723 (VIII) and Council resolution 222 A (IX) on United Nations activities under the regular and expanded programmes;

(b) Expanded programme

The Council will have before it the reports of the Technical Assistance Committee on its meetings in November 1955 (E/2810 and Corr.1) and July 1956.

The eighth report of the Technical Assistance Board to the Technical Assistance Committee will also be before the Council for its information.

The report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination will contain a chapter dealing with various questions which relate to the Expanded Programme

At its 898th meeting on 8 December 1955, the Council decided that it would take into account in its consideration of this item General Assembly resolution 921 (X)<sup>1/</sup> which requested the Council "to continue its efforts to secure the maximum administrative efficiency and co-ordination of activities of participating organizations in order that the fullest benefits of the programme of technical assistance may be brought to the countries served".

10. Programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies

Under Council resolution 535 H III (XX), the Secretary-General will report to the Council on the extent to which the priorities and programmes set forth in Council resolution 496 (XVI) on the programme of concerted practical action in the social field have been taken into account and implemented by the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

11. Report of the Commission on Human Rights

The Commission will report to the Council on its twelfth session to be held from 5 to 30 March 1956.

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<sup>1/</sup> A/RESOLUTION/304.

12. Report of the Commission on the Status of Women

The Commission will report to the Council on its tenth session to convene on 12 March 1956.

13. International control of narcotic drugs

The Council will have before it:

(a) the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its eleventh session to be held from 23 April to 12 May 1956;

(b) the report of the Permanent Central Opium Board on Statistics of Narcotics for 1954 and the work of the Board in 1955.

14. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The annual report will be presented by the High Commissioner to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council in accordance with paragraph 11 of the Statute of the Office of the High Commissioner (General Assembly resolutions 428 (V) and 727 (VIII)). In accordance with Council resolution 565 (XIX) the report of the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee will be attached to the annual report.

15. Non-governmental organizations

The Council will have before it reports of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on hearings and applications for hearings under rules 84, 85 and 86.

16. Calendar of conferences for 1957

The Council will have before it a draft calendar of conferences prepared by the Secretary-General in the light of General Assembly resolution 694 (VII) and in consultation with the Interim Committee on Programme of Conferences established by Council resolution 174 (VII).

17. Financial implications of actions of the Council

In accordance with rule 34 and General Assembly resolution 533 C (VI), the Secretary-General will report to the Council on work programmes and costs of the economic and social activities of the United Nations during 1957.

18. Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly

The Secretary-General will issue a working paper on the subject of the arrangements to be made for the preparation of the report.

19.\* Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council

The Secretary-General will submit to the Council for confirmation the names of representatives of members of functional commissions nominated or re-nominated since the close of the twenty-first session.

20.\* Election of members of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

Under rule 82 of the rules of procedure, as revised at the eighteenth session, the Council is required to elect the seven members of the Committee at the resumed part of the session.

21.\* Work of the Council in 1957

In accordance with Council resolution 557 B II (XVIII), the agenda for the resumed part of the session includes:

- (a) allocation of items to sessions of the Council during the forthcoming year on the basis of a draft programme submitted by the Secretary-General;
- (b) the establishment of dates for opening debate on items allocated to the twenty-third session;
- (c) the disposal of items arising out of the eleventh regular session of the General Assembly.

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