

ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

AGENDA ITEM 13

Consideration of the Future Work in the Field of
Reconstruction of Devastated Areas

(Suggestion by the United States Representative)

It is suggested that the Economic and Employment Commission, having considered paper E/CN.1/10, take the following action:

- I. RECOMMEND to the Economic and Social Council that the Council transfer future work on reconstruction needs of devastated areas in Europe from the Temporary Sub-Commission on Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas to the proposed Economic Commission for Europe.

In this connection the Economic and Employment Commission may wish to advise the Economic and Social Council as to certain functions of the proposed Economic Commission for Europe. This advice might consist of a general statement concerning the functions of the proposed Economic Commission for Europe; it might also include suggested terms of reference for the proposed Commission. Attachment 1 to this paper is a tentative draft of the general statement and Attachment 2 is a tentative draft of terms of reference.

- II. RECOMMEND to the Economic and Social Council that the Council consider the establishment of an Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East after the Temporary Sub-Commission on Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas has submitted its report on reconstruction needs of the Far East.

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General Statement on the Functions of an
Economic Commission for Europe

(Draft Communication to the Economic and Social Council)

The Economic and Employment Commission has considered the proposal for an Economic Commission for Europe (which was included in the Preliminary Report of its Temporary Sub-Commission on Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas, discussed by the Economic and Social Council (September 1946), further considered by the General Assembly (December 1946), and referred by the Assembly to the Economic and Social Council for "prompt and favourable consideration".)

The Commission suggests to the Economic and Social Council that if it decides to create such an Economic Commission for Europe, consideration should be given in the terms of reference to the following:

That the proposed Economic Commission for Europe should initiate and participate in measures for facilitating concerted action for the economic reconstruction of Europe, the expansion of European economic activity, and the integration of the European economy; that in the performance of these functions the proposed Commission should concentrate on the immediate, concrete problems of European economic reconstruction and recovery, and should be a mechanism for international co-operation and practical collaboration with respect to these regional problems.

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DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN ECONOMIC
COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

The Economic and Social Council, having considered the Preliminary Report of the Temporary Sub-Commission on Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas of the Economic and Employment Commission and the Resolution on this Report adopted at the Fifty-Fifth Plenary Session of the General Assembly on 11 December 1946

Establishes an ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE, with terms of reference as follows:

1. The Economic Commission for Europe, in co-operation with national governments, specialized agencies, and other United Nations organs, and subject to the continuing review of the Council, shall

(a) initiate and participate in measures for facilitating concerted action for the economic reconstruction of Europe, the expansion of European economic activity, and integration of the European economy;

(b) make or sponsor, subject to agreement by the governments concerned, such investigations and studies of economic and technological problems and developments, in Europe and within any member country of the Commission, as it deems appropriate;

(c) undertake or sponsor the collection, evaluation and dissemination of such economic, technological and statistical information as it deems appropriate.

2. The Commission shall give prior consideration to measures to facilitate the economic reconstruction of devastated countries which are Members of the United Nations.

3. Immediately upon its establishment, the Commission shall consult with the Member Governments of the Emergency Economic Committee for Europe, the European Coal Organization and the European Central Inland Transport Organization with a view to the absorption or termination of the activities of these Organizations, while ensuring that there is no interruption in the essential work performed by them.

4. The Commission may make recommendations on any matter within its competence directly to its member governments, governments admitted in a consultative capacity, and the specialized agencies concerned, but the Commission shall submit for the Council's consideration any of its proposals for activities that might have important effects on the economy of the world as a whole.

5. The Commission shall submit to each session of the Council a full report on its activities and plans, including those of any subsidiary bodies.

6. The Commission may establish such subsidiary machinery as it deems appropriate for facilitating the carrying out of its responsibilities.

7. The Commission shall consist of all European Members of the United Nations and the United States of America.

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8. The Commission shall admit, in a consultative capacity, European nations not Members of the United Nations on matters of particular concern to them.
9. The Commission shall admit, in a consultative capacity, representatives of the Allied Control Authorities of occupied territories on matters of particular concern to them.
10. The Commission shall invite any Member of the United Nations not a member of the Commission, and representatives of any specialized agency, to participate in its consideration of any matter of particular concern to that non-member or agency.
11. The Commission shall take measures to ensure that the necessary liaison is maintained with other organs of the United Nations, in particular the Economic and Employment Commission.
12. The Commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure, including the method of selecting its Chairman.
13. The work of the Commission shall be financed from the funds of the United Nations.
- 14.⁵ The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall arrange for the Secretariat of the Commission.
15. The headquarters of the Commission shall be located at the seat of the office of the United Nations in Europe when such office is established, but meanwhile it shall be at Geneva.
16. The first session of the Commission shall be called by the Secretary-General of the United Nations as soon as practicable after the Commission has been created by the Economic and Social Council.