

Ninth session

Item 20 of the provisional agenda

WORLD SOCIAL AND CULTURAL SITUATION

Note by the Secretary-General

1. On 13 May 1949 the General Assembly adopted the following resolution:
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
Considering that the Economic and Social Council has been entrusted by the Charter with the responsibility of helping to solve international problems in the economic, social, humanitarian and cultural fields,
Considering that solutions to these problems can best be achieved through exhaustive studies in the corresponding fields,
Considering that the Council has already initiated, in the economic field, a series of general studies on the world economic situation which has been of the greatest practical use to it in carrying out its work,
Invites the Economic and Social Council to consider, on the basis of a report by its Social Commission and after consultation with the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations concerned, the possibility of drafting a general report on the world social and cultural situation.
2. At its fourth session, the Social Commission took note of this resolution (E/1359, paragraph 98) and decided to await further instructions from the Economic and Social Council on the subject.
3. The Secretary-General has communicated the contents of the resolution to the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations concerned.
