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* For the discussion of this item, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, 1850th meeting*; see also the records of the 594th to 596th meetings of the Economic Committee (E/AC.6/SR.594-596).

DOCUMENT E/5232

Report of the Economic Committee

[Original: English]
[10 January 1973]

1. The Economic Committee considered item 5 of the agenda for the organizational meetings of the fifty-fourth session at its 594th and 596th meetings, held on 9 and 10 January 1973 under the chairmanship of Mr. John Vivian Scott (New Zealand), Vice-President of the Council. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1847th meeting, held on 8 January 1973.

2. The Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General containing the text of the resolution adopted by the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic (E/5230) as well as two draft resolutions (E/AC.6/L.488 and 489).

3. At the 594th meeting, the representative of Brazil, also on behalf of the delegations of Algeria, Chile, Egypt, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, and Zaire, introduced and orally revised draft resolution E/AC.6/L.488.

4. At the 595th meeting, Colombia and India joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

5. At the 594th meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland introduced draft resolution E/AC.6/L.489.

6. At the 595th meeting, the representative of Brazil, on behalf of the sponsors and in response to proposals put forward by members of the Committee, orally further revised draft resolution E/AC.6/L.488.

7. At the 596th meeting, the Committee had before it a revised text of the draft resolution (E/AC.6/L.488/Rev.1), which Mali and New Zealand had joined in sponsoring. On a roll-call vote requested by the representative of Zaire, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution by 36 votes to 11, with 1 abstention (*for the text, see para. 9 below*). The voting was as follows:

For: Algeria, Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, China, Colombia, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mongolia, New Zealand, Niger,

Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

Against: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstentions: Spain.

8. Having adopted the revised draft resolution E/AC.6/L.488/Rev.1, the Committee did not proceed to vote on draft resolution E/AC.6/L.489.

Recommendation to the Council

9. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken note of resolution 7 on international combined transport adopted by the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic, held at Geneva from 13 November to 2 December 1972,¹

Considering the benefits which may be derived from the new techniques of unitized and intermodal transport, and the need of the developing countries for assistance in order to participate in these benefits,

Recognizing that, despite the valuable exchange of views at the Conference, the developing countries are still apprehensive of the consequences of international intermodal transport,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic that further studies be carried out and completed by the end of 1974 by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in co-ordination with the regional economic commissions and with the co-operation of the appropriate regional and subre-

¹ See E/CONF. 59/44.

gional bodies and other international organizations, in particular the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization, on all the relevant aspects of international combined transport of goods, including such matters as repercussions in the fields of international trade and transport, balance of payments, costs of international transport, insurance and the consistency of the international combined transport of goods with national policies on transport, trade and insurance, bearing in mind particularly the needs and requirements of the developing countries and taking into account the report of the Third Main Committee of the United Nations/IMCO Conference² and the studies already made on the subject;

2. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board to establish, following the pattern of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on a

Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences,³ an intergovernmental preparatory group for the elaboration, in consultation as appropriate with other bodies of the United Nations system, of a preliminary draft convention on international intermodal transport, taking into account the report of the Third Main Committee of the United Nations/IMCO Conference, other relevant reports and, once they are ready, also the result of the studies referred to in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Further requests* the Trade and Development Board to authorize the intergovernmental preparatory group, referred to in paragraph 2 above, to meet as early as possible in 1973 and to make available its conclusions on the subject to the Economic and Social Council early in 1975, with a view to the convening of a plenipotentiary conference as envisaged in subparagraphs (c) and (d) of paragraph 1 of resolution 7 of the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic.

² E/CONF. 59/39/Rev.1.

³ See General Assembly resolution 3035 (XXVII).

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1850th meeting, on 11 January 1973, the Council adopted the draft resolution submitted by the Economic Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (E/5232) by 19 votes to 6, with 1 abstention. For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolution 1734 (LIV).



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Agenda item 2: Permanent sovereignty over natural resources of developing countries*

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DOCUMENT E/5305

Report of the Economic Committee

[Original: English]
[1 May 1973]

1. The Economic Committee considered agenda item 2 at its 599th, 602nd and 604th to 609th meetings, held from 18 to 27 April 1973 under the chairmanship of Mr. John Vivian Scott (New Zealand), Vice-President of the Council. Mr. Antoni Czarkowski (Poland), Vice-Chairman of the Economic Committee, presided at the last three of these meetings. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it the following documents:

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third session (E/5247),¹ chapter V;

A report of the Secretary-General entitled "Permanent sovereignty over natural resources" (E/5170).

3. At the 605th meeting, the representative of Chile, also on behalf of the delegations of Algeria, Colombia, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, Iceland,² Peru, Romania, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zaïre introduced draft resolution E/AC.6/L.483/Rev.1, and announced that Brazil had joined the sponsors.

4. At the 606th meeting, Iraq,² Kenya, Madagascar and Pakistan joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

5. At the 609th meeting, the representative of Chile, on behalf of the sponsors orally revised the draft resolution in the light of informal proposals made by the delegations of Canada and Peru:

(a) In paragraph 3, the replacement of the words "obtaining advantages" by the words "using coercion to obtain advantage";

(b) In paragraph 3, after the words "to persist therein", the replacement of the word "would" by the word "could";

(c) In paragraph 4, the replacement of the word "appropriate" by the word "effective";

(d) In paragraph 5, the replacement of the words "establishing and strengthening" by the words "establishing, strengthening and supporting".

6. Also at the 609th meeting, the representative of the United States of America formally proposed the insertion at the end of paragraph 4 of the words "but not so as to put consumer countries, both developing and developed, in an inferior bargaining position".

7. At the same meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland proposed three amendments, as follows:

(a) In paragraphs 1 and 6, the deletion of the last words "and in the superjacent waters";

(b) In paragraph 3, after the word "provision", the insertion of the words "contrary to international law";

(c) Also in paragraph 3, the replacement of the words "coastal waters" by the words "their territorial waters".

8. At the same meeting, the Committee voted on the draft resolution and the proposed amendments as follows:

The amendment proposed by the United States was rejected by 28 votes to 11 with 7 abstentions;

The first amendment proposed by the United Kingdom was rejected by 25 votes to 14, with 7 abstentions;

The second amendment proposed by the United Kingdom was rejected by 30 votes to 14 with 2 abstentions;

The third amendment proposed by the United Kingdom was rejected by 22 votes to 14, with 9 abstentions;

The draft resolution as a whole, as orally revised, was adopted by 37 votes to 2, with 6 abstentions. (For the text, see para. 9 below.)

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4.*

² In accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Council.

Recommendation to the Council

9. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that the inalienable right of each State to exercise sovereignty over its natural resources has been repeatedly recognized by the international community in numerous resolutions of various organs of the United Nations,

Reiterating that an intrinsic condition of the exercise of the sovereignty of every State is that its sovereignty be exercised fully and effectively over all its natural resources,

Recalling in particular General Assembly resolutions 1803 (XVII), of 14 December 1962, 2158 (XXI) of 25 November 1966, 2386 (XXIII) of 19 November 1968, 2625 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, 2692 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and 3016 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, and Security Council resolution 330 (1973) of 21 March 1973,

Recalling also principle II of resolution 46 (III) of 18 May 1972 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Economic and Social Council resolution 1673 (LII) of 2 June 1972, and the recommendations contained in paragraph 88 of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session (E/5247),

Considering that the full exercise by each State of sovereignty over its natural resources is an essential condition for achieving the objectives and targets of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Bearing in mind that the adequate utilization of all natural resources, in particular the non-renewable ones, determines the conditions of economic development of the developing countries,

Taking into account that the exercise of sovereignty over natural resources requires that action by the States aimed at achieving a better utilization and use of those resources must cover all stages, from exploration to marketing,

1. *Reaffirms* the right of States to permanent sovereignty over all their natural resources, on land within their international boundaries, as well as those of the sea-bed and the subsoil thereof within their national jurisdiction and in the superjacent waters;

2. *Emphasizes* that both the exploration and the exploitation of such natural resources shall be subject in each country to national laws and regulations;

3. *Declares* that any act, measure or legislative provision which one State may apply against another for the purpose of suppressing its inalienable right to the exercise of its full sovereignty over its natural resources, both on land and in coastal waters, or of using coercion to obtain advantages of any other kind, is a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations, contradicts the principles adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 2625 (XXV) and 3016 (XXVII) and obstructs the attainment of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, and that to persist therein could constitute a threat to international peace and security;

4. *Recognizes* that one of the most effective ways in which the developing countries can protect their natural resources is to promote or strengthen machinery for co-operation among them having as its main purpose to concert pricing policies, to improve conditions of access to market, to co-ordinate production policies and, thus, to guarantee the full exercise of sovereignty over their natural resources;

5. *Urges* the international financial organizations and the United Nations Development Programme to provide, in accordance with the priorities established in national development plans, all possible financial and technical assistance to developing countries at their request for the purpose of establishing, strengthening and supporting, as appropriate, national institutions to ensure the full utilization and control of their natural resources;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to complete the study of the political, economic, social and legal aspects of the principle of permanent sovereignty over natural resources referred to in Council resolution 1673 D (LII), and to include therein the aspects of the permanent sovereignty of States over their natural resources of the sea-bed and the subsoil thereof within the limits of national jurisdiction and in the superjacent waters;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, the study referred to in paragraph 6 above.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1854th meeting, on 4 May 1973, the Council adopted the draft resolution submitted by the Economic Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (E/5305) by 20 votes to 2, with 4 abstentions. For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolution 1737 (LIV).



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Agenda item 3: Special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries*

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DOCUMENT E/5327

Report of the Economic Committee

[Original: English]
[8 May 1973]

1. The Economic Committee considered agenda item 3 at its 597th to 601st, 603rd and 604th meetings, held from 17 to 24 April 1973 under the chairmanship of Mr. John Vivian Scott (New Zealand), Vice-President of the Council. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it the following documents:

A note by the Secretary-General entitled "Desirability and feasibility of establishing a special fund for the least developed among the developing countries" (E/5269);

An extract from the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its fifteenth session transmitted by a note by the Secretary-General (E/L.1542).

3. At the 601st meeting, the representative of the Sudan, also on behalf of the delegations of Burundi, Guinea, Mali and the Niger, introduced a draft resolution (E/AC.6/L.490).

4. At the same meeting, the representative of the United States of America, also on behalf of the delegations of Denmark and Finland, introduced a draft resolution (E/AC.6/L.491).

5. At the 603rd meeting, revised texts of the two draft resolutions (E/AC.6/L.490/Rev.1 and E/AC.6/L.491/Rev.1) were circulated.

6. Yemen became a sponsor of draft resolution E/AC.6/L.490/Rev.1.

7. The representative of the Sudan, on behalf of the sponsors, orally reworded paragraph 4 of draft resolution E/AC.6/L.490/Rev.1, as follows:

"4. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, should consider ways and means of further employing sizable sums of the resources of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, as well as other sources and arrange-

ments, for the service of the least developed countries in solving their basic handicaps".

8. Also at the 603rd meeting, the representative of the Sudan, on behalf of the sponsors, accepted a suggestion by the representative of Turkey that the word "*Decides*" in paragraph 7 be replaced by the word "*Recommends*". He also accepted a suggestion by the representative of Zaire deleting the words "au départ" in the fourth paragraph of the preamble in the French text.

9. The representative of Sweden suggested the insertion of the words "and the United Nations Development Programme" after the words "the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development" in paragraph 1. The representative of the Sudan, on behalf of the sponsors, accepted the proposal.

10. The representative of the United States proposed that, in paragraph 3, a semi-colon be placed after the word "Fund" and the rest of the paragraph be deleted.

11. At the 604th meeting, the representative of the Sudan, on behalf of the sponsors, further orally revised draft resolution E/AC.6/L.490/Rev.1, in response to the proposal of the delegation of the United States (see preceding paragraph). He further revised paragraph 1 by replacing the word "organs" by the word "organizations".

12. At the same meeting, draft resolution E/AC.6/L.490/Rev.1, as orally revised, was adopted by consensus. (*For the text, see para. 15 below, resolution I.*)

13. Also at the 604th meeting, the representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised draft resolution E/AC.6/L.491/Rev.1 as follows:

(a) In response to proposals by the representatives of France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in the fourth paragraph of the preamble, the words "special problems of the least de-

veloped among the developing countries" should be replaced by the words "problems peculiar to the least developed among the developing countries";

(b) In response to suggestions made by the representatives of Haiti and the Sudan, (i) the insertion, in paragraph 4, after the words "the previous eighteen months in favour of the least developed countries" of the words "with special attention to measures to improve their co-ordination with one another and to adopt policy guidelines, operational rules, terms and conditions and institutional frameworks to the special problems of the least developed countries", and (ii) the replacement of the last part of paragraph 5, starting with the words "to improve their co-ordination...", by the words "in the fields to which paragraph 4 (above) draws special attention".

14. Also at the 604th meeting, draft resolution E/AC.6/L.491/Rev.1, as orally revised, was adopted by consensus. (*For the text, see para. 15 below, draft resolution II.*)

Recommendations to the Council

15. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of draft resolutions I and II below:

I

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 62 (III) of 19 May 1972, of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,¹ which represents a very important programme for international action in favour of the least developed among the developing countries, particularly paragraph 46 (e) of that resolution,

Further recalling General Assembly resolution 3036 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972, on special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, endorsed resolution 62 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Taking note of the study on the desirability and feasibility of establishing a special fund for the least developed among the developing countries (E/5269) which was prepared by the Secretary-General in response to Economic and Social Council resolution 1710 (LIII) of 28 July 1972,

Recognizing the urgent need for the examination of ways and means of ensuring that the least developed countries benefit fully from general measures in different fields, including the examination of the desirability of creating a special fund to serve in enabling the least developed countries to overcome their basic handicaps,

Taking into consideration the special requirements of the least developed countries, which require new and innovative approaches capable of dealing effectively with their particular situation and pressing needs,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in co-operation with the appropriate organizations in the United Nations system, especially the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Development Programme, a further study

¹ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

which would elaborate on the contents of the first study (E/5269) on the institutional arrangements for the implementation of the special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries, including the need for the creation of a special fund for these countries, and would take account of the observations and comments made by various delegations on the substance of the first study, and which should be submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session through the Economic and Social Council at its resumed fifty-fifth session;

2. Welcomes the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme that the United Nations Capital Development Fund should be used to serve primarily the hard-core countries;

3. Calls upon the developed countries, in view of the new orientation of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, to reconsider their policy towards the Fund;

4. Recommends that the General Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, should consider ways and means of further employing sizable sums of the resources of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, as well as other sources and arrangements, for the service of the least developed countries in solving their basic handicaps;

5. Urges sources of development financing, both bilateral and multilateral, in accordance with the principles of resolution 62 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to increase their capacity of participating more effectively in the implementation of the special measures designed for the least developed countries in different fields of activity;

6. Requests the bodies concerned in the United Nations family of organizations, and all States Members of the United Nations, especially the developed countries, to expedite action on General Assembly resolution 3036 (XXVII), particularly the implementation of paragraphs 2 and 3 of that resolution;

7. Recommends that a review of the implementation of the special measures in favour of the least developed countries, to decide, among other things, on institutional arrangements for the implementation of those measures and the manner in which additional resources for the benefit of the least developed countries could be mobilized, should be undertaken under the item on the agenda of the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly relating to the least developed among the developing countries.

II

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, in which the Assembly provided a separate section on special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries,

Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 2768 (XXVI) of 18 November 1971 and 3036 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972, concerning the least developed among the developing countries, as well as the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade

and Development on its third session,² the report of the Trade and Development Board for the period from 22 September 1971 to 25 October 1972³ and the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its fifteenth session regarding special measures for the least developed countries,⁴

Bearing in mind the joint statement by eight socialist countries at the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly concerning the Second United Nations Development Decade⁵ and their declaration at the third session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,⁶

Convinced of the need for the organizations in the United Nations system to take further concerted measures, including the adaptation of their operational rules, the terms and conditions under which assistance is provided, and their institutional arrangements including the deployment of personnel, to enable them to give priority and co-ordinated attention to the problems peculiar to the least developed among the developing countries and improve the effectiveness of the assistance provided to these countries,

1. *Reaffirms* the recognition that the least developed among the developing countries are confronted with special problems in their efforts to accelerate the pace of their economic and social progress;

2. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme to submit a written report to the Secretary-General and the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session setting forth in detail, with special attention to field and headquarters staffing and uses being made of the special additional \$35 million earmarked for use in the least developed countries in the period 1973-1976, the various special measures which the Programme and its Governing Council have taken over the previous eighteen months to improve the quality and expand the quantity of technical and pre-in-

vestment assistance provided to the least developed countries, as well as any such further measures they project taking over the next twelve-month period;

3. *Invites* the World Bank Group, with special attention to the International Development Association, to submit a written report to the Secretary-General and the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session setting forth in detail the various special measures taken over the period 1971-1973 to improve the quality and terms, to expand the quantity, and to expedite the delivery of the capital and technical assistance provided to the least developed among the developing countries, as well as to indicate in so far as feasible the further special measures which they may have under consideration for the benefit of the least developed countries through 1976;

4. *Invites* each of the specialized agencies, other organizations in the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and the regional economic commissions and regional banks directly concerned to submit a written report to the Secretary-General and the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session setting forth in detail what special measures to improve their co-ordination with one another and to adopt policy guidelines, operational rules, terms and conditions and institutional frameworks to the special problems of the least developed countries, and any such further measures they project taking over the next twelve-month period;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session on specific measures taken by the aforementioned organizations in the fields to which paragraph 4 above draws special attention;

6. *Further requests* those organizations which will be submitting reports under the terms of the present resolution to include a full appraisal of the administrative, institutional, and co-ordinative difficulties they continue to encounter in the implementation of programmes of assistance to the least developed among the developing countries;

7. *Decides* to include in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session an item to review the report of the Secretary-General and consider the adequacy of policy guidelines, operational rules, terms and conditions and institutional frameworks adapted to the special problems of the least developed among the developing countries.

² *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4).

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/8715/Rev.1).

⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 2* (E/5256), paras. 109-129.

⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 42, document A/8074.

⁶ *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex VIII G.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1855th meeting, on 16 May 1973, the Council adopted, without objection, draft resolutions I and II submitted by the Economic Committee in paragraph 15 of its report (E/5327). For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolutions 1753 (LIV) and 1754 (LIV).



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**Agenda item 4: Special measures related to the particular needs of
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DOCUMENT E/5326

Report of the Economic Committee

[Original: English]
[7 May 1973]

1. The Economic Committee considered agenda item 4 at its 597th to 603rd meetings, held from 17 to 23 April 1973 under the chairmanship of Mr. John Vivian Scott (New Zealand), Vice-President of the Council. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning a study on the possibility of establishing a special fund for defraying the additional transport costs of land-locked developing countries (E/5262).

3. At the 602nd meeting, the representative of Bolivia, also on behalf of the delegations of Burundi, Mali, the Niger, and Uganda, introduced a draft resolution (E/AC.6/L.492).

4. At the same meetings, the representative of France proposed amendments (E/AC.6/L.493) to the draft resolution, as follows:

(a) The replacement of paragraph 1 by the following text:

"1. *Requests* the competent regional economic commissions to study the situation of the land-locked countries within their area of responsibility and to report to the Economic and Social Council on the difficulties encountered";

(b) In paragraph 2, the replacement of the words "Secretary-General" by the words "secretariats of the regional economic commissions".

5. The representative of Bolivia, on behalf of the sponsors, agreed to a suggestion by the representative of Argentina that, in paragraph 1, after the words "Secretary-General" the words "in consultation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and in co-ordination with the respective regional economic commissions" be inserted. Accordingly, the term "Secretary-General" in paragraph 3 would be followed by the words "to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Develop-

ment and to the secretariats of the regional economic commissions".

6. The representative of Bolivia accepted a proposal by the representative of Brazil to add a new operative paragraph which would read as follows:

"*Further requests* the Secretary-General to bring forth in his study all possible alternatives that may result from his consultations".

7. The representative of Bolivia also accepted a proposal by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that a new subparagraph (d) be added to paragraph 1, as follows: "Measures which are being taken to reduce the additional transport costs accruing to developing land-locked countries".

8. Also at the same meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom submitted three amendments (E/AC.6/L.494) as follows:

(a) The replacement in paragraph 1, of the words "on the establishment of a fund which should include" by the words "covering the following questions";

(b) The insertion at the end of subparagraph 1 (b) of the following text: "defined as being those costs which derive from the existence of one or more international borders between the land-locked country in question and a seaport";

(c) The insertion at the end of paragraph 2 of the following text: "including the desirability, feasibility and possible means and ways of establishing a special fund for subsidizing the additional transport costs of land-locked developing countries".

9. At the 603rd meeting, the Committee received the revised text of the draft resolution (E/AC.6/L.492/Rev.1) incorporating the amendments accepted by the sponsors.

10. The representative of the Soviet Union proposed that the Committee defer its vote on the draft resolution and the proposed amendments until the 604th meeting. The Committee decided by 14 votes to 6, with 28 abstentions to vote at the meeting then in progress.

11. At the 603rd meeting, therefore, the Committee voted on the draft resolution and the proposed amendments as follows:

The amendments submitted by France (E/AC.6/L.493) were rejected by 25 votes to 14, with 8 abstentions;

The first amendment submitted by the United Kingdom (E/AC.6/L.494) was rejected by 25 votes to 13, with 9 abstentions;

The second amendment submitted by the United Kingdom (E/AC.6/L.494) was rejected by 22 votes to 14, with 12 abstentions;

The representative of the United Kingdom withdrew his third amendment, in view of the negative vote on the first amendment.

12. The draft resolution as a whole (E/AC.6/L.492/Rev.1) was adopted by 35 votes to none, with 12 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 13 below.*)

Recommendation to the Council

13. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2971 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972 on special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries, in which the Economic and Social Council, in consultation with the appropriate organizations in the United Nations system, is invited to study the desirability and feasibility, including possible ways and means, of establishing a special fund for defraying the additional transport costs of land-locked developing countries.

Noting with appreciation the report of the Group of Experts on the special problems involved in the trade and economic development of the land-locked developing countries¹ established by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

¹ *Official Records of the Trade and Development Board, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document TD/B/308.*

Recognizing that the lack of information would make it impossible to determine the necessary means for the establishment of a fund to subsidize the additional transport costs of the land-locked developing countries,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and in co-ordination with the respective regional economic commissions, to undertake a complete study on the establishment of a fund, which should include:

(a) Difficulties encountered by the land-locked developing countries in the utilization of transportation means;

(b) Definition of the causes and limitations that create additional transport costs;

(c) Evaluation of the additional transport costs for each land-locked country;

(d) Measures which are being taken to reduce the additional transport costs accruing to developing land-locked countries;

(e) Annual financial assistance required to subsidize the additional transport costs;

(f) The various possible sources of financing and the evaluation of the feasibility of each of these sources;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to bring forth in his study all possible alternatives that may result from his consultations;

3. *Requests* the Governments of the land-locked developing countries as well as the Governments of the transit countries to give all the required data, co-operation and necessary assistance to the Secretary-General, to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and to the secretariats of the regional economic commissions, for this purpose;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit this study to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1855th meeting, on 16 May 1973, the Council adopted the draft resolution submitted by the Economic Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (E/5326) by 21 votes to none, with 6 abstentions. For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1, resolution 1755 (LIV).*



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DOCUMENT E/5346/REV.1**Report of the Economic Committee**

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[15 May 1973]

1. The Economic Committee considered agenda item 5 at its 613th to 619th and at its 624th and 627th meetings, held from 3 to 12 May 1973 under the chairmanship of Mr. John Vivian Scott (New Zealand), Vice-President of the Council. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it the following documents:

For subitem (a):

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third session (E/5247);

Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its thirteenth session (E/5273), chapter VI;

Note by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Natural Resources (E/5247) regarding the convening of an international water conference (E/5301);

Extract from the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its fifteenth session, transmitted by a note by the Secretary-General (E/L.1541);

For subitem (b):

Note by the Secretary-General (E/5270);

Letter dated 11 October 1972 from the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/AC.6/L.485);

Two draft resolutions contained in documents E/AC.6/L.486 and E/AC.6/L.487 respectively.

At its resumed fifty-third session (1845th meeting), the Council had deferred consideration of the three Economic Committee documents mentioned above.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

3. At the 616th meeting, the representative of Kenya, also on behalf of the delegations of Japan, Madagascar, Mali, the Netherlands, the Philippines and Uganda, introduced a draft resolution (E/AC.6/L.496) and announced that Haiti had joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

4. At the 618th meeting, the Committee received an amendment proposed by the Sudan (E/AC.6/L.499).

5. At the same meeting, the delegations of Venezuela and Yemen became sponsors of the amendment in document E/AC.6/L.499.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of Brazil introduced amendments (E/AC.6/L.502) to the draft resolution.

7. At the 624th meeting, the representative of Kenya, on behalf of the sponsors, who had been joined by Argentina, introduced a revised draft resolution (E/AC.6/L.496/Rev.1), which incorporated the amendment contained in document E/AC.6/L.499 as well as several of the amendments proposed in document E/AC.6/L.502; the text read as follows:

“A

“Co-ordination of programmes

“The Economic and Social Council,

“Taking into account the deliberations of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session and the views expressed by the Committee for Pro-

gramme and Co-ordination at its thirteenth session (E/5273, paras. 42-49) on the subject,

"Bearing in mind its responsibility, under Article 63 of the Charter, for co-ordinating the activities of the specialized agencies, which include activities in the field of natural resources,

"Endorses the conclusions contained in paragraph 34 of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third session (E/5247) and in particular:

"(a) Considers it of great importance that the Secretary-General in co-operation, as appropriate, with the other members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to work out an appropriate and practicable division of responsibilities in the United Nations system on the activities on natural resources, where such a division of responsibility has not yet been obtained;

"(b) Draws the special attention of the relevant intergovernmental bodies of the various organizations of the United Nations system to the conclusions on interagency co-ordination reached by the Committee on Natural Resources, and requests these bodies to report to the Council on their viewpoints regarding these matters;

"(c) Requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the views expressed by Member States at the third session of the Committee on Natural Resources, and at the fifty-fourth session of the Economic and Social Council and the recommendations made by these bodies, to draw up once in every two years, in consultation with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, a comprehensive plan of action for the development of natural resources, with special emphasis on the needs and interests of the developing countries, in accordance with their national development priorities, encompassing the co-ordinated work programmes of all organizations belonging to the United Nations system and giving for each programme an estimate of its budgetary consequences;

"(d) Requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to recommend to the Council ways of strengthening existing arrangements within the United Nations system for providing advice upon request on integrated water use planning and development, in particular advice on broader water use implications taking into account alternative or additional uses of water;

"(e) Further requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to report fully in its 1974 annual report to the Council on the progress made in carrying out the tasks mentioned above and in the cited paragraph 34.

"B

"Projections of natural resources reserves, supply and demand

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Taking into account the relevant discussion in the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session,

contained in chapter III of its report, as well as the views expressed at the fifty-fourth session of the Economic and Social Council,

"Taking note of the recommendations made by Member States contained in Annex II of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session,

"Recognizing the fundamental importance of projections for the planning and management of natural resources development,

"Welcoming the preoccupation of the Committee with natural resources projections and the view that this subject should be a regular item on the agenda of the Committee,

"Requests the Secretary-General:

"(a) To prepare a report, in consultation with the specialized agencies, on the activities of all the organizations, inside and outside the United Nations system, which undertake medium-term and long-term projections on the supply of and demand for energy, mineral and water resources, indicating the methodologies used by each of them and the concepts and definitions of the variables used and to submit the report to the Committee on Natural Resources at its fourth session in good time for the Committee to make recommendations to the Secretary-General through the Council on the acceptable methods to be standardized to carry out such projects on an internationally comparable basis;

"(b) To submit to the Committee on a regular two-year basis studies on medium-term and long-term projections, based on available data, on the supply of and demand for energy, mineral and water resources on a global, regional and national basis;

"(c) To take necessary measures, within the budgetary limitations, to improve and strengthen the existing United Nations services for the analysis, evaluation and dissemination of world-wide data on natural resources.

"C

"United Nations water conference

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling its resolutions 1572 D (L) of 18 May 1971 and 1673 E (LII) of 2 June 1972,

"Taking into account the deliberations and recommendations of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session as well as the report of the Intergovernmental Panel of Specialists¹ containing a precise draft agenda for a United Nations water conference and the report of the Secretary-General² with further details on organizational and financial aspects, also prepared pursuant to Council resolution 1673 E (LII),

"Appreciating the invitation by the Government of Argentina to hold the proposed United Nations water conference in Buenos Aires,

"1. Approves the holding of a United Nations water conference on the provisional agenda suggested by the Intergovernmental Panel of Specialists;

"2. Agrees that the date for such a conference should be in the first half of 1977;

"3. Accepts gratefully the offer of the Government of Argentina to host the water conference in

¹ E/C.7/31.

² E/C.7/39.

Buenos Aires, subject to the conditions set forth in General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General:

"(a) To take the necessary preparatory steps for the United Nations water conference, taking into account the views of Member States with respect to the estimated costs of the conference;

"(b) To explore, in the light of the above considerations and as part of the preparatory process, the possibility of convening regional conferences or seminars under the auspices of the regional economic commissions and to report on the matter to the fifty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Council;

"(c) To establish close liaison between the Headquarters Secretariat and the United Nations regional economic commissions, the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency with a view to co-ordinating the inputs of the various components of the United Nations system and avoiding overlapping and duplication.

"D

"Groundwater exploration and development

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Taking into account the views of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session especially on groundwater exploration and development as well as energy technology and mineral concepts,

"1. Takes note of the document prepared by the Secretary-General on groundwater exploration and development;³

"2. Recommends that the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme and the specialized agencies concerned enhance the quality and effectiveness of their assistance to groundwater development programmes of the developing countries, taking into account, in the light of the priorities of the countries concerned, not only the technical possibilities for groundwater supplies, but also the groundwater balance and water quality problems;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to keep under review costs of groundwater development in developing countries.

"E

"International river basin development

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Having considered the relevant deliberations of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session on the question of international river basin development,

"1. Takes note of the preliminary note by the Secretary-General⁴ on the technical and economic aspects of international river basin development and of the views expressed by members of the Committee with regard to the recommendations contained therein;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a revised and more comprehensive version of the note as well as a progress report on related activities for the next session of the Committee.

"F

"Natural resources and environment

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Taking into account the relevant views of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session,

"Bearing in mind the linkages between rational management of natural resources and environmental aspects and the need for the fullest use of existing United Nations machinery as well as for clarification of roles,

"1. Decides to forward to the first session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, for its information, the reports of the Committee on Natural Resources on its second⁵ and third (E/5247) sessions;

"2. Further decides to examine and define at its fifty-seventh session the relative role of and co-operation between the Committee and the Governing Council of the Environment Programme.

"G

"Sessions of the Committee on Natural Resources

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling its resolutions 1535 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970, 1572 (L) of 18 May 1971 and 1673 (LII) of 2 June 1972,

"Having considered the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third session in its various aspects,

"Grateful to the Government of India for the excellent facilities made available for the third session of the Committee held at New Delhi,

"Appreciating the further progress made in the Committee's work at its third session,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third session;

"2. Agrees that, subject to determination of specific date and venue in conjunction with the calendar of conferences, the fourth session of the Committee be convened in 1975;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee on Natural Resources, a draft agenda for the fourth session and to circulate it by the end of 1973 to members of the Committee for comments, and then to circulate a provisional agenda in the early part of 1974."

8. Also at the 624th meeting, the representative of Argentina stated his agreement to the amendments proposed by the representative of Brazil to section C of the draft resolution, as orally revised by the representative of Brazil.

9. The representative of Kenya, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised draft resolution E/AC.6/L.496/Rev.1.

10. At the same meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland orally proposed that in section G, paragraph 2, of the draft resolution the words "and venue" be replaced by the words "in New York".

³ E/C.7/34.

⁴ E/C.7/35.

⁵ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5097 and Corr.1 and 3).

11. The representative of the United States of America orally proposed that in section C, paragraph 1, the words "future revision of" be inserted after the words "water conference based on".

12. At the 627th meeting, the representative of Kenya, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced a further revised draft resolution (E/AC.6/L.496/Rev.2) and stated that all the Brazilian proposals had been accepted except for the following two:

(a) In section B, subparagraph (b) of the operative part, the deletion of the word "national"; and

(b) In section C, paragraph 4 (b), the insertion of the words "or other competent regional or subregional forums" after the words "regional economic commissions".

13. At the same meeting, the representatives of the United States and the United Kingdom, in view of the revisions contained in draft resolution E/AC.6/L.496/Rev.2, withdrew their oral amendments submitted at the 624th meeting.

14. The representative of Brazil, in the light of the revisions contained in draft resolution E/AC.6/L.496/Rev.2, withdrew his amendments in document E/AC.6/L.502; and, in the light of the interpretation given by the sponsors and referred to by the Chairman, he also withdrew the oral amendments he had submitted at the 624th meeting.

15. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics requested clarification from the representative of the Secretary-General on the financial implication of subparagraphs (d) and (e) of section B of the operative part, and of paragraph 3 of section C.

16. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/AC.6/L.496/Rev.2 by consensus. (For the text, see para. 33 below, draft resolution I.)

QUESTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED NATIONS REVOLVING FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION

17. At the 616th meeting, the representative of Japan, also on behalf of the delegations of Ghana, Kenya, Malaysia, the Netherlands, the Philippines and Turkey, introduced revised draft resolution E/AC.6/L.486/Rev.1.

18. At the same meeting, the representative of Indonesia became a sponsor of the draft resolution.

19. The representative of India proposed an oral amendment to paragraph 1 (8) of the draft resolution.

20. At the 617th meeting, the representative of Chile orally proposed amendments to paragraph 1 of the draft resolution; the amendments were submitted in document E/AC.6/L.501 at the 619th meeting, and read as follows:

(a) In subparagraph 4, first sentence, delete the rest of the sentence after the words "national jurisdiction";

(b) In subparagraph 4, delete the second sentence;

(c) In subparagraph 7 (b), delete the rest of the sentence after the word "States";

(d) Replace subparagraph 8 by the following:

"(8) The rate of repayment and the length of the repayment period will be decided by an agreement between the Fund and the recipient State in question, within the guidelines to be established by the gov-

erning body on the recommendations of a group of experts to be appointed by the governing body, and the sum repaid shall not exceed a maximum figure of twice the amount originally loaned".

21. At the 624th meeting, the representative of Japan, on behalf of the sponsors, who had been joined by India and Uganda, introduced a further revised draft resolution (E/AC.6/L.486/Rev.2) which took into consideration the oral amendment proposed by India at the 616th meeting and the second amendment proposed in document E/AC.6/L.501. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling its resolutions 1572 C (L) of 18 May 1971, 1673 F (LII) of 12 June 1972 and 1711 (LIII) of 20 July 1972,

"Taking note of the reports of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration,⁶ the report of its Chairman (see E/AC.6/L.485) and the note by the Secretary-General (E/520),

"Endorsing once again the "self-help" principles embodied in the concept for the mutual benefit of developing countries,

"Taking into account the deliberations and decisions of the Committee on Natural Resources at its first, second and third sessions,

"1. Recommends that the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session decide to establish a United Nations revolving fund for natural resources exploration based on the following principles and objectives:

"(a) The fund shall be established as a trust fund, placed in charge of the Secretary-General and administered on his behalf by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;

"(b) The purpose of the fund is to enable the activities of the United Nations development systems in the field of natural resources exploration in the developing countries to be extended and intensified;

"(c) The revolving character of the fund is the main feature of the fund, as the problem of financing natural resources exploration is to be solved by specific methods. The fund shall be managed in such a manner as to ensure its revolving feature;

"(d) The fund shall provide assistance to participating recipient States in the exploration of mineral, water and energy resources under national jurisdiction, utilizing for this purpose voluntary contributions and funds generated through the production of these resources discovered or developed with assistance from the fund;

"(e) The fund shall be guided by the principles of the Charter duly taking into account the principle of the permanent sovereignty of States over their natural resources;

"(f) Participation in the fund shall be open to any State that is a Member of the United Nations or a member of any of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

"(g) The financial resources of the fund shall comprise the following:

"(i) Voluntary contributions to the fund made by Governments;

⁶ E/C.7/24, E/C.7/29.

"(ii) Payments by recipient participating States which shall be amounts equivalent to a percentage of the value of natural resources produced under projects assisted by the fund;

"(iii) Donations and advances in cash or kind, accepted from intergovernmental and non-governmental institutions consistent with the policies, aims and activities of the United Nations and the fund;

"(h) The rate of repayment based on the value of production from fund discoveries and the length of repayment period will be decided by an agreement between the fund and the recipient State in question, the repayment in accordance with one of the proposals contained in the note by the Secretary-General (E/5270);

"(i) (i) Assistance shall be given in the form of financing of projects formulated for the United Nations Development Programme or, when within the capability of the fund, projects not formulated for the United Nations Development Programme;

"(ii) Assistance provided by the fund to participating States shall be additional to that provided under United Nations Development Programme indicative planning figures;

"(iii) The assistance shall be negotiated by the recipient Governments and the fund and shall be mutually acceptable to them;

"(iv) In the formulation and appraisal of projects, the resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme will provide co-ordination at the field level with the country programming;

"(j) The fund may give assistance in all phases of exploration which may include:

"(i) The preparation of requests for assistance from the fund;

"(ii) The exploration of natural resources;

"(iii) Pre-investment studies, which may include feasibility studies;

"(k) The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme will submit for approval projects to be financed by the fund to the governing body;

"(l) Since it would take some time for the resources of the revolving fund and its scope of operations to grow to a size which makes its administration by an intergovernmental body necessary, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme shall be the governing body of the fund for the first four years and the matter would be reviewed by the Economic and Social Council in consultation with the Committee on Natural Resources and the United Nations Development Programme;

"(m) The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in full consultation with the Secretary-General shall appoint a Director of the

fund when necessary. The Director shall be appointed for a period of three years. The appointment of the Director shall be confirmed by the governing body;

"(n) The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme will submit an annual report to the Economic and Social Council on the progress and operation of the revolving fund together with the comments of the Committee on Natural Resources and the governing body;

"(o) The Economic and Social Council shall review, in the light of experience gained, the functions and institutional arrangements as well as the repayment system of the fund, with a view to recommending to the General Assembly necessary changes and improvements, taking fully into account the comments of the governing body and the Committee on Natural Resources. The first such review shall be carried out at the end of the first four years following the commencement of the operations of the fund;

"2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session request the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps for the establishment of the fund;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore possible sources, governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental, of financial assistance to the fund."

22. Also at the 624th meeting, the representative of Peru withdrew the amendments (E/AC.6/L.503) which had been submitted by his delegation to draft resolution E/AC.6/L.486/Rev.1.

23. At the same meeting, the representative of Trinidad and Tobago introduced an amendment (E/AC.6/L.505) to draft resolution E/AC.6/L.486/Rev.2, which provided for the replacement of paragraph 1 (h) by the following text:

"(h) The rate of repayment, the length of the repayment period and the total sum to be repaid will be decided by an agreement between the Fund and the recipient State; the rate of repayment and the length of the repayment period should be on the basis of the pertinent proposals contained in the note by the Secretary-General (E/5270); in deciding on the total sum to be repaid, due consideration should also be given to the type of project, and the need for the total repayment to bear close relationship to the amount originally loaned";

and orally revised it by adding the following words at the end of the text: "bearing in mind the need to ensure the revolving nature of the fund".

24. The sponsors of the draft resolution accepted the amendment, as orally revised, proposed by Trinidad and Tobago.

25. At the same meeting, the representative of Pakistan introduced the following amendments (E/AC.6/L.506) to paragraph 1 of the draft resolution:

(a) Add the following at the end of subparagraph (b): "concentrating on such projects that are generally known to have a catalytic effect on the country's socio-economic development";

(b) Insert the following new subparagraph after subparagraph (d): "In allocating the fund's resources consideration will be given to achieving an equitable pattern of distribution among developing countries";

(c) Reword subparagraph (j) as follows:

(j) The fund may give assistance in all phases of exploration and in some cases, exploitation, which may include:

- “(i) The preparation of requests for assistance from the fund;
- “(ii) The exploration of natural resources;
- “(iii) Pre-investment and feasibility studies relating to the exploration and exploitation of natural resources;
- “(iv) Advice on suitable technologies for the exploration and exploitation of natural resources”.

26. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Chile withdrew his first and third amendments contained in document E/AC.6/L.501 (see para. 20 above). He maintained the fourth amendment (subparagraph (8) in the initial version of the draft resolution, which became subparagraph (h) in the text contained in document E/AC.6/L.486/Rev.2), but agreed that priority be given to the amendment proposed by the representative of Trinidad and Tobago in document E/AC.6/L.505 (see para. 23 above).

27. The representative of Pakistan orally revised his second amendment (see para. 25 above) by inserting the word “participating” before the words “developing countries” at the end of the proposed new subparagraph.

28. At the same meeting, the representative of Canada requested separate recorded votes on the following sections of draft resolution E/AC.6/L.486/Rev.2:

Paragraph 1:

Subparagraph (i) (ii);

Subparagraph (l), the last part, after the words “governing body of the fund”;

Subparagraph (o), the words “institutional arrangements as well as”;

Paragraph 2;

he also asked for a recorded vote on the draft resolution as a whole, as amended.

29. The representative of Pakistan requested separate recorded votes on his proposed amendments (E/AC.6/L.506).

30. The representative of the United Kingdom requested a recorded vote on the amendments proposed by Trinidad and Tobago (E/AC.6/L.505) and accepted by the sponsors of the draft resolution.

31. Also at the 624th meeting, the Committee voted on the various proposals before it as follows:

The first amendment proposed by Pakistan in document E/AC.6/L.506 was adopted by 16 votes to 11, with 24 abstentions (not recorded);

The second amendment proposed by Pakistan in document E/AC.6/L.506, as amended, was adopted by 24 votes to 7, with 20 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, China, Colombia, Egypt, Guinea, Madagascar, Mali, Niger, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United States of America, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

Against: Haiti, India, Indonesia, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines.

Abstaining: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Ghana, Hungary, Italy, Kenya, Malaysia, Mongolia, Poland, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela.

The third amendment proposed by Pakistan in document E/AC.6/L.506 was rejected by 17 votes to 15, with 19 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Egypt, Mali, Mongolia, Niger, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Turkey, Uganda.

Against: Barbados, France, Ghana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Abstaining: Algeria, Belgium, Bolivia, Burundi, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, Guinea, Hungary, Madagascar, Malaysia, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Zaire.

Subparagraph (i) (ii) of paragraph 1 of draft resolution E/AC.6/L.486/Rev.2 was retained by 35 votes to 3, with 13 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, China, Colombia, Egypt, Ghana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

Against: Canada, Guinea, Mali.

Abstaining: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Mongolia, Peru, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America.

The last part of paragraph 1 (l), after the words “governing body of the fund”, was retained by 29 votes to 6, with 16 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Burundi, Chile, China, Colombia, Ghana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Netherlands, Niger, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

Against: Canada, France, Italy, New Zealand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Guinea, Hungary, Mali, Mongolia, Peru, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

In paragraph 1 (o), the words “institutional arrangements as well as” were retained by 31 votes to 6, with 14 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Burundi, Chile, China, Colombia, Egypt, Ghana,

Haiti, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Netherlands, Niger, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

Against: Canada, France, Italy, New Zealand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, Guinea, Hungary, Mongolia, Peru, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Paragraph 2 was adopted by 33 votes to 1, with 16 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Burundi, Chile, China, Colombia, Egypt, France, Ghana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

Against: Canada.

Abstaining: Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Mali, Mongolia, Peru, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela.

The amendment proposed by Trinidad and Tobago in document E/AC.6/L.505, as orally revised and accepted by the sponsors, was adopted by 33 votes to 2, with 16 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Burundi, China, Colombia, Egypt, France, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Netherlands, Niger, Philippines, Romania, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

Against: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Algeria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Mongolia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Sweden, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Draft resolution E/AC.6/L.486/Rev.2 as a whole, as orally revised and as amended, was adopted by 34 votes to none, with 17 abstentions (*for the text, see para. 33 below, draft resolution II*). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Burundi, China, Colombia, Egypt, France, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Algeria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Mali, Mongolia,

Peru, Poland, Sweden, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

32. Also at the 624th meeting, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of the sponsors, withdrew the draft resolution contained in E/AC.6/L.487, in view of the adoption of E/AC.6/L.486/Rev.2.

Recommendations to the Council

33. Accordingly, the Committee recommends to the Council the adoption of draft resolutions I and II below:

I

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources

A

CO-ORDINATION OF PROGRAMMES

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the deliberations of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session (E/5247, chap. II) and the views expressed by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its thirteenth session on the subject (E/5273, paras. 42-49),

Bearing in mind its responsibility, under Article 63 of the Charter of the United Nations, for co-ordinating the activities of the specialized agencies, which includes activities in the field of natural resources,

Endorses the conclusions contained in paragraph 34 of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third session (E/5247) and in particular:

(a) Considers it of great importance that the Secretary-General, in co-operation, as appropriate, with the other members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office at Beirut, work out an appropriate and practicable division of responsibilities in the United Nations system on the activities on natural resources, where such a division of responsibility has not yet been obtained;

(b) Draws the special attention of the relevant intergovernmental bodies of the various organizations in the United Nations system to the conclusions on inter-agency co-ordination reached by the Committee on Natural Resources and requests these bodies to report to the Council on their viewpoints regarding these matters;

(c) Request the Secretary-General, taking into account the views expressed by Member States at the third session of the Committee on Natural Resources and at the fifty-fourth session of the Economic and Social Council and the recommendations made by these bodies, to draw up once in every two years, in consultation with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, a comprehensive plan of action for the development of natural resources, with special emphasis on the needs and interests of the developing countries, in accordance with their national development priorities, encompassing the co-ordinated work programmes of all organizations belonging to the United Nations system

and giving for each programme an estimate of its budgetary consequences;

(d) Requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to recommend to the Council ways of strengthening existing arrangements within the United Nations system for providing advice upon request on integrated water use planning and development, in particular advice on broader water use implications, taking into account alternative or additional uses of water;

(e) Further requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to report fully in its 1974 annual report to the Council on the progress made in carrying out the tasks mentioned above and in the cited paragraph 34.

B

PROJECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES RESERVES, SUPPLY AND DEMAND

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the relevant discussion in the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session (E/5247, chap. III), as well as the views expressed at the fifty-fourth session of the Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the recommendations made by Member States, contained in annex II of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session,

Recognizing the fundamental importance of projections for the planning and management of natural resources development,

Welcoming the preoccupation of the Committee with natural resources projections and the view that this question should be a regular item on the agenda of the Committee,

Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare a report, in consultation with the specialized agencies, on the activities of all the organizations, inside and outside the United Nations system, which undertake medium-term and long-term projections on the supply of and demand for energy, mineral and water resources, indicating the methodologies used by each of them and the concepts and definitions of the variables used, and to submit the report to the Committee on Natural Resources at its fourth session in good time for the Committee to make recommendations to the Secretary-General, through the Economic and Social Council, on the acceptable methods to be standardized to carry out such projects on an internationally comparable basis;

(b) To submit to the Committee on Natural Resources on a regular two-year basis studies on medium-term and long-term projections, based on available data, on the supply of and demand for energy, mineral and water resources on a global, regional and national basis;

(c) To take the necessary measures, within the budgetary limitations, to improve and strengthen the existing United Nations services for the analysis, evaluation and dissemination of world-wide data on natural resources;

(d) To submit to the Committee on Natural Resources on a regular basis an assessment of technologies which could assist Governments to evaluate, in the light of their requirements, the supply of and demand for energy, mineral and water resources;

(e) To submit to the Committee on Natural Resources

sources on a regular basis an assessment of existing and emerging technologies specifically geared to meet the medium-term and long-term requirements of the developing countries in the field of energy, mineral and water resources.

C

UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1572 D (L) of 18 May 1971 and 1673 E (LII) of 2 June 1972,

Taking into account the deliberations and recommendations of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session (E/5247, chap. VI, Sect. A), as well as the report of the Intergovernmental Panel of Specialists,⁷ containing a precise draft agenda for a United Nations water conference, and the report of the Secretary-General,⁸ containing further details on organizational and financial aspects, also prepared pursuant to Council resolution 1673 E (LII),

Expressing its appreciation for the invitation by the Government of Argentina to hold the proposed United Nations water conference in Buenos Aires,

1. *Approves* the holding of a United Nations water conference based on the provisional agenda suggested by the Intergovernmental Panel of Specialists;

2. *Decides* that the conference should be convened during the year 1977 in such a manner as to enable the conference to take into account:

(a) The results of the various international meetings dealing with different aspects of water resources development already scheduled, such as the Irrigation Congress, the Conference on the Long-Term Programme of International Co-operation in the Field of Hydrology and the World Meteorological Congress;

(b) Preferably also and if possible, the results, whenever appropriate, of the projected second United Nations Conference on the Human Environment;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult Member States on ways and means they deem appropriate to conduct the preparations for the conference, including intergovernmental participation in such preparations, and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session;

4. *Accepts gratefully* the offer of the Government of Argentina to host the conference in Buenos Aires, subject to the conditions set forth in General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To take the necessary preparatory steps for the United Nations water conference, taking into account the views of Member States with respect to the estimated costs of the conference as well as the further guidance the Council may wish to give in the light of the report referred to in paragraph 3 above;

(b) To explore, in the light of the above considerations and as part of the preparatory process, the possibility of convening regional conferences or seminars under the auspices of the regional economic commissions and to report on the matter to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fifth session;

(c) To establish close liaison between the Headquarters Secretariat and the regional economic commissions, the United Nations Economic and Social Office

⁷ E/C.7/31.

⁸ E/C.7/39.

at Beirut, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, with a view to co-ordinating the inputs of the various components of the United Nations system and avoiding overlapping and duplication.

D

GROUNDWATER EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the views expressed by the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session, especially on groundwater exploration and development as well as concepts on energy and mineral technology (E/5247, chap. VI, sects. B, F and G),

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on groundwater exploration and development;⁹

2. *Recommends* that the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme and the specialized agencies concerned enhance the quality and effectiveness of their assistance to groundwater development programmes of the developing countries, taking into account, in the light of the priorities of the countries concerned, not only the technical possibilities for groundwater supplies, but also the groundwater balance and water quality problems;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep under review costs of groundwater development in developing countries.

E

INTERNATIONAL RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the deliberations of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session on the question of international river basin development (E/5247, chap. VI, sect. C),

1. *Takes note* of the preliminary note by the Secretary-General on the technical and economic aspects of international river basin development,¹⁰ and of the views expressed by members of the Committee on Natural Resources with regard to the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a revised and more comprehensive version of the note as well as a progress report on related activities for the fourth session of the Committee on Natural Resources.

F

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the relevant views of the Committee on Natural Resources at its third session (E/5247, chap. VI, sect. D),

Bearing in mind the linkages between rational management of natural resources and environmental aspects and the need for the fullest use of existing United Nations machinery as well as for clarification of roles,

1. *Decides* to forward to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its first session, for its information, the reports of the Com-

mittee on Natural Resources on its second¹¹ and third (E/5247) session;

2. *Further decides* to examine and define at its fifty-seventh session the relative role of and co-operation between the Committee on Natural Resources and the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme.

G

SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1535 (XLIX) of 27 July 1970, 1572 (L) of 18 May 1971 and 1673 (LII) of 2 June 1972,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third session (E/5247) in its various aspects,

Grateful to the Government of India for the excellent facilities made available for the third session of the Committee held at New Delhi,

Expressing its appreciation for the further progress made in the Committee's work at its third session,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third session;

2. *Agrees* that, subject to determination of the specific date and venue in conjunction with the calendar of conferences, the fourth session of the Committee on Natural Resources should be convened in 1975;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with the officers of the Committee on Natural Resources, a draft agenda for the fourth session and to circulate it by the end of 1973 to members of the Committee for comments, and then to circulate a provisional agenda in the early part of 1974.

II

Question of the establishment of a United Nations revolving fund for natural resources exploration

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1572 C (L) of 18 May 1971, 1673 F (LII) of 2 June 1972 and 1711 (LIII) of 28 July 1972,

Takes note of the reports of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration,¹² the report of the Chairman of the Working Group (see E/AC.6/L.485) and the note by the Secretary-General (E/5270),

Endorsing once again the "self-help" principles embodied in the concept for the mutual benefit of developing countries,

Taking into account the deliberations and decisions of the Committee on Natural Resources at its first, second and third sessions,

1. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, should decide to establish a United Nations revolving fund for natural resources exploration based on the following principles and objectives:

(a) The fund shall be established as a trust fund, placed in the charge of the Secretary-General and

⁹ E/C.7/34.

¹⁰ E/C.7/35

¹¹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5097 and Corr.1 and 3).

¹² E/C.7/24, E/C.7/29.

administered on his behalf by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;

(b) The purpose of the fund is to enable the activities of the United Nations development systems in the field of natural resources exploration in the developing countries to be extended and intensified, concentrating on such projects that are generally known to have a catalytic effect on the country's socio-economic development;

(c) The revolving character of the fund is its main feature, as the problem of financing natural resources exploration is to be solved by specific methods; the fund shall be managed in such a manner as to ensure its revolving feature;

(d) The fund shall provide assistance to participating recipient States in the exploration of mineral, water and energy resources under national jurisdiction, utilizing for this purpose voluntary contributions and funds generated through the production of these resources discovered or developed with the assistance from the fund;

(e) In allocating the resources of the fund, consideration will be given to achieving an equitable pattern of distribution among participating developing countries;

(f) The fund shall be guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, duly taking into account the principle of the permanent sovereignty of States over their natural resources;

(g) Participation in the fund shall be open to any State that is a Member of the United Nations or a member of any of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

(h) The financial resources of the fund shall comprise the following:

- (i) Voluntary contributions to the fund made by Governments;
- (ii) Payments by recipient participating States which shall be amounts equivalent to a percentage of the value of natural resources produced under projects assisted by the fund;
- (iii) Donations and advances in cash or kind, accepted from intergovernmental and non-governmental institutions, consistent with the policies, aims and activities of the United Nations and the fund;

(i) The rate of repayment, the length of the repayment period and the total sum to be repaid will be decided by an agreement between the fund and the recipient State; the rate of repayment and the length of the repayment period should be on the basis of the pertinent proposals contained in the note by the Secretary-General (E/5270); in deciding on the total sum to be repaid, due consideration should also be given to the type of project and the need for the total repayment to bear close relationship to the amount originally loaned, bearing in mind the need to ensure the revolving nature of the fund;

- (j) (i) Assistance shall be given in the form of financing of projects formulated for the United Nations Development Programme or, when within the capability of the fund, projects not formulated for the United Nations Development Programme;

(ii) Assistance provided by the fund to participating States shall be additional to that provided under the United Nations Development Programme indicative planning figures;

(iii) The assistance shall be negotiated by the Governments of the recipient States and the fund and shall be mutually acceptable to them;

(iv) In the formulation and appraisal of projects, the resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme will provide co-ordination at the field level with the country programming;

(k) The fund may give assistance in all phases of exploration, which may include:

- (i) The preparation of requests for assistance from the fund;
- (ii) The exploration of natural resources;
- (iii) Pre-investment studies, which may include feasibility studies;

(l) The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme will submit to the governing body, for approval, projects to be financed by the fund;

(m) Since it will take some time for the resources of the revolving fund and its scope of operations to grow to a size making the administration by an inter-governmental body necessary, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme shall be the governing body of the fund for the first four years and the matter will be reviewed by the Economic and Social Council in consultation with the Committee on Natural Resources and the United Nations Development Programme;

(n) The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in full consultation with the Secretary-General shall appoint a Director of the fund, when necessary; the Director shall be appointed for a period of three years; the appointment of the Director shall be confirmed by the governing body;

(o) The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme will submit an annual report to the Economic and Social Council on the progress and operation of the revolving fund together with the comments of the Committee on Natural Resources and the governing body;

(p) The Economic and Social Council shall review, in the light of experience gained, the functions and institutional arrangements as well as the repayment system of the fund, with a view to recommending to the General Assembly necessary changes and improvements, taking fully into account the comments of the governing body and the Committee on Natural Resources; the first such review shall be carried out at the end of the first four years following the commencement of the operations of the fund;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, should request the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps for the establishment of the fund;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore possible sources, governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental, of financial assistance to the fund.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1857th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council voted on the two draft resolutions submitted by the Economic Committee in paragraph 33 of its report (E/5346/Rev.1): draft resolution I was adopted without objection after having been amended, the words "fifty-fifth session" in paragraph 5 (b) of section C being replaced by the words "fifty-sixth session"; draft resolution II was adopted by 17 votes to none, with 9 abstentions. For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolutions 1761 (LIV) and 1762 (LIV).

CHECK LIST OF DOCUMENTS

NOTE. This check list includes the documents mentioned during the consideration of agenda item 5 which are not reproduced in the present fascicle.

Document No.	Title	Observations and references
E/5247	Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its third session (6-17 February 1973)	<i>Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4</i>
E/5270	Question of the establishment of a United Nations revolving fund for natural resources exploration: note by the Secretary-General	Mimeographed
E/5273	Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its thirteenth session (11 January and 2-12 April 1973)	<i>Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7</i>
E/5301	Administrative and financial implications of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Natural Resources (E/5247) regarding the convening of an international water conference: note by the Secretary-General	Mimeographed
E/L.1541	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting an extract from the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its fifteenth session	Ditto
E/AC.6/L.485	Letter dated 11 October 1972 from the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration to the President of the Economic and Social Council	Ditto
E/AC.6/L.486	Japan: draft resolution	Replaced by E/AC.6/L.486/Rev.1
E/AC.6/L.486/Rev.1	Ghana, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Netherlands, Philippines and Turkey: revised draft resolution	Replaced by E/AC.6/L.486/Rev.2
E/AC.6/L.486/Rev.2	——— [same sponsors], India and Uganda: revised draft resolution	For the text, see E/5346/Rev.1, para. 21
E/AC.6/L.487	Argentina, Brazil, Egypt and Philippines: draft resolution	Mimeographed
E/AC.6/L.496	Haiti, Japan, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Netherlands, Philippines and Uganda: draft resolution	Replaced by E/AC.6/L.496/Rev.1
E/AC.6/L.496/Rev.1	——— [same sponsors], Argentina: revised draft resolution	For the text, see E/5346/Rev.1, para. 7
E/AC.6/L.496/Rev.2	——— [same sponsors]: revised draft resolution	<i>Idem</i> , para. 33
E/AC.6/L.499	Sudan, Venezuela and Yemen: amendment to document E/AC.6/L.496	Mimeographed
E/AC.6/L.501	Chile: amendments to document E/AC.6/L.486/Rev.1	For the text, see E/5346/Rev.1, para. 20
E/AC.6/L.502	Brazil: amendments to document E/AC.6/L.496	Mimeographed
E/AC.6/L.503	Peru: amendments to document E/AC.6/L.486/Rev.1	Ditto
E/AC.6/L.505	Trinidad and Tobago: amendment to document E/AC.6/L.486/Rev.2	For the text, see E/5346/Rev.1, para. 23
E/AC.6/L.506	Pakistan: amendments to document E/AC.6/L.486/Rev.2	<i>Idem</i> , para. 25



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* For the discussion of this item, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, 1858th meeting*; see also the records of the 620th, 622nd, 628th and 632nd meetings of the Economic Committee (E/AC.6/SR.620, 622, 628 and 632).

DOCUMENT E/5349

Report of the Economic Committee

[Original: English]
[17 May 1973]

1. The Economic Committee considered agenda item 6 at its 620th, 622nd, 628th and 632nd meetings, held on 8, 9, 14 and 16 May 1973 under the chairmanship of Mr. John Vivian Scott (New Zealand), Vice-President of the Council. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it the following documents:

A report of the Secretary-General on promotion of private foreign investment in developing countries (E/5114);

A report of the Secretary-General on the first interregional meeting of experts on transfer of operative technology at the enterprise level (E/5152);

Two reports of the Secretary-General on the third and fourth sessions of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries (E/5123 and E/5258).

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3. At the 620th meeting, the representative of Madagascar, also on behalf of the delegations of Burundi, Colombia, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mali, the Niger, the Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia and Zaïre, introduced draft resolution E/AC.6/L.497/Rev.1, which he further orally revised by deleting the fourth preambular paragraph and replacing, in the fifth preambular paragraph, the words "those countries" by the words "the developing countries".

4. At the 632nd meeting, the representative of Madagascar, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced draft resolution E/AC.6/L.497/Rev.2, which incorporated revisions made in the light of suggestions by various

delegations during discussion of the initial draft resolution.

5. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read the text of a note by the Secretary-General (E/AC.6/L.513) on the financial implications of the draft resolution.

6. At the same meeting, draft resolution E/AC.6/L.497/Rev.2 was adopted without objection. (*For the text, see para. 13 below, draft resolution I.*)

TRANSFER OF OPERATIVE TECHNOLOGY AT THE ENTERPRISE LEVEL

7. At the 632nd meeting, the representative of India, also on behalf of the delegations of Malaysia and Yugoslavia, introduced draft decision E/AC.6/L.508, which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council decides to defer the consideration of agenda item 6 (b) "Fiscal and financial matters: transfer of operative technology at the enterprise level", together with the relevant documentation, to its fifty-fifth session", and revised it orally.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted without objection the draft decision, as revised. (*For the text, see para. 13 below, draft decision.*)

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9. At the 620th meeting, the representative of Trinidad and Tobago, also on behalf of the delegations of the Philippines, the Sudan and Tunisia, introduced draft resolution E/AC.6/L.495. Subsequently, the delegations of Japan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Turkey and the United States of America became sponsors.

10. At the same meeting, the representative of Trinidad and Tobago orally revised the draft resolution replacing, in paragraph 2, the words "to convene the Group as necessary" by the words "to make necessary arrangements for convening the Group".

11. At the 632nd meeting, the representative of Trinidad and Tobago, on behalf of the sponsors, further orally revised the draft resolution in the light of suggestions by the Committee, as follows:

(a) In paragraph 1 the words "particularly with respect to" were replaced by the words "in such areas as";

(b) Paragraph 2 was reworded to read:

"2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make necessary arrangements for convening the Group at regular intervals".

12. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as revised, without objection. (*For the text, see para. 13 below, draft resolution II.*)

Recommendations to the Council

13. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the draft resolutions, I and II, and the draft decision below:

I

PROMOTION OF PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,¹ and in particular paragraph 50 concerning foreign investments, which stipulates, *inter alia*, that foreign private investment in developing countries should be undertaken in a manner consistent with the development objectives and priorities established in their national plans,

Recalling its resolutions 1451 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969 and 1629 (LI) of 30 July 1971 on private foreign investment in developing countries,

Taking note with interest of the report of the Secretary-General on the promotion of private foreign investment in developing countries (E/5114),

Noting with satisfaction that the Secretary-General, in pursuance of resolution 1629 (LI), organized a Panel on Foreign Investment in Developing Countries, which met in Tokyo from 29 November to 2 December 1971,

Conscious of the important input of capital and operative technology which private foreign investment, conforming to the objectives and priorities of the developing countries, may represent in those countries,

Emphasizing that the negotiation of agreements relating to such investment requires, in developing countries, experienced personnel who are informed of the alternatives and capable of best serving the interests of their countries,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue, in co-operation with the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies concerned, to organize world-

wide or regional panels on private foreign investment in developing countries, taking duly into account the relevant policies and principles in this field established by the United Nations system;

2. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General organize, at the national, regional and world levels, in co-operation with the regional economic commission and the Governments of the countries concerned, panels and seminars with a view to the advanced training of negotiators on private foreign investment in developing countries;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council, at one of its sessions in 1975, on the progress in these matters.

II

TAX TREATIES BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1273 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967, 1430 (XLVI) of 6 June 1969 and 1541 (XLIX) of 30 July 1970 on tax treaties between developed and developing countries,

Having considered with satisfaction the progress reports of the Secretary-General on the third and fourth meetings of the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries (E/5123 and E/5258),

Considering that substantial progress has been made by the *Ad Hoc* Group in evolving guidelines for tax treaties between developed and developing countries,

Noting that the work of the *Ad Hoc* Group has been of use in negotiating and concluding tax treaties between developed and developing countries,

Noting further that the Secretary-General recommends that the work of the *Ad Hoc* Group should be continued,

1. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries to continue its work on guidelines for tax treaties between developed and developing countries and to study the implementation of tax agreements, in such areas as income allocation, international tax evasion and avoidance, and tax incentives;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for convening the *Ad Hoc* Group at regular intervals;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council on the results of the future meetings of the *Ad Hoc* Group.

Draft decision

TRANSFER OF OPERATIVE TECHNOLOGY AT THE ENTERPRISE LEVEL

The Economic and Social Council, having considered with interest the documents on item 6 (b), "Transfer of operative technology at the enterprise level", decides to defer the question to its fifty-fifth session, to be considered within the context of the item on science and technology.

¹ General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council adopted, without objection, draft resolutions I and II and the draft decision submitted by the Economic Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (E/5349). For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolutions 1764 (LIV) and 1765 (LIV) and "Decisions".



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FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION

NEW YORK, 1973

Agenda item 7: Collective economic security: preliminary consideration of the concept, its scope and potential practical implications*

DOCUMENT E/5344**Report of the Economic Committee**

[Original: English]
[16 May 1973]

1. The Economic Committee considered agenda item 7 at its 610th, 612th, 613th, 621st, 628th and 631st meetings, held between 30 April and 15 May 1973 under the chairmanship of Mr. John Vivian Scott (New Zealand), Vice-President of the Council. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.
2. The Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General on the subject (E/5263).
3. At the 631st meeting, the representative of Spain, also on behalf of the delegations of Chile, the Philippines and the Sudan, introduced a draft decision (E/AC.6/L.512).
4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision unanimously. (*For the text, see para. 5 below.*)

Recommendation to the Council

5. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

The Economic and Social Council, having examined the note by the Secretary-General on the question (E/5263), requests him to prepare a further report on the concept of collective economic security for consideration by the Council at its fifty-fifth session, taking into account the views expressed during the preliminary discussion at the fifty-fourth session.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1857th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council adopted without objection the draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (E/5344). For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1, "Decisions"*.

* For the discussion of this item, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session*, 1857th meeting; see also the records of the 610th, 612th, 613th, 621st, 628th and 631st meetings of the Economic Committee (E/AC.6/SR.610, 612, 613, 621, 628 and 631).



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Agenda item 8: The impact of multinational corporations on the development process and on international relations*

DOCUMENT E/5351**Report of the Economic Committee**

[Original: English]
[17 May 1973]

1. The Economic Committee considered agenda item 8 at its 630th, 631st and 632nd meetings, held on 15 and 16 May 1973 under the chairmanship of Mr. John Vivian Scott (New Zealand), Vice-President of the Council. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it a progress report of the Secretary-General (E/5334 and Corr.1) and a statement by the International Council on Social Welfare (E/C.2/763).

3. At the 632nd meeting, the Chairman proposed a draft decision on the item.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted, without objection, the draft decision, after accepting a suggestion by the representative of Poland that the words "and of the comments made thereon" be added after the words "Council resolution 1721 (LIII)". (For the text, see para. 5 below.)

Recommendation to the Council

5. The Economic Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the progress report of the Secretary-General (E/5334 and Corr.1) regarding the appointment of the study group on the impact of multinational corporations on the development process and on international relations, and other arrangements for the implementation of Council resolution 1721 (LIII), and of the comments made thereon in the Economic Committee.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council adopted without objection the draft decision submitted by the Economic Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (E/5351), with an amendment proposed by Chile that a foot-note reading "See documents E/AC.6/SR.630 and 632" be added at the end of the text. For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1, "Decisions"*.

* For the discussion of this item, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session*, 1858th meeting; see also the records of the 630th, 631st and 632nd meetings of the Economic Committee (E/AC.6/SR.630, 631 and 632).

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NEW YORK, 1973

Agenda item 9: Economic and social consequences of disarmament*

DOCUMENT E/5307**Report of the Economic Committee**

[Original: English]
[3 May 1973]

1. The Economic Committee considered agenda item 9 at its 609th, 610th and 611th meetings, held from 27 April to 2 May 1973. Mr. Antoni Czarkowski (Poland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee presided at the first of these meetings and Mr. John Vivian Scott (New Zealand), Vice-President of the Council, at the other two. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it a report of the Secretary-General on the question (E/5243 and Add.1 and 2).

3. At the 611th meeting, the Chairman proposed a draft decision on the item.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without objection, after having accepted a suggestion by the representative of Chile that the words "with appreciation" be inserted after the words "takes note". (*For the text, see para. 5 below.*)

Recommendation to the Council

5. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

The Economic and Social Council takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General (E/5243 and Add.1 and 2) and transmits it to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1854th meeting, on 4 May 1973, the Council adopted without objection the draft decision recommended by the Economic Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (E/5307). For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1, "Decisions"*.

* For the discussion of this item, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session*, 1854th meeting; see also the records of the 609th, 610th and 611th meetings of the Economic Committee (E/AC.6/SR.609, 610 and 611).



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NEW YORK, 1973

Agenda item 10: Appraisal of prospective food deficits and food aid needs*

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DOCUMENT E/5339

Report of the Economic Committee

[Original: English]
[14 May 1973]

1. The Economic Committee considered agenda item 10 at its 622nd, 623rd and 627th meetings, held on 9, 10 and 12 May 1973 under the chairmanship of Mr. John Vivian Scott (New Zealand), Vice-President of the Council. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it a report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, entitled "International food aid: procedures for assessing requirements and assuring availability of supplies" (E/5050 and Corr.1 and E/5050/Add.1).

3. At the 622nd meeting, the representative of Pakistan, also on behalf of the delegations of Mali, the Niger and Yemen, introduced a draft resolution (E/AC.6/L.504).

4. At the 623rd meeting, the representative of Algeria read the text of another draft resolution (E/AC.6/L.507).

5. At the same meeting, the delegations of Madagascar, New Zealand, Senegal and the Sudan joined the sponsors of draft resolution E/AC.6/L.504.

6. At the 627th meeting, the representative of Algeria, also on behalf of the delegations of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, Haiti, Madagascar, Pakistan, Tunisia, Yemen and Yugoslavia, introduced a revised draft resolution (E/AC.6/L.507/Rev.1).

7. At the same meeting, the delegations of Ghana, Peru, Spain and the Sudan joined the sponsors of draft resolution E/AC.6/L.507/Rev.1.

8. The representative of India suggested the insertion at the end of paragraph 3 of draft resolution E/AC.6/L.507/Rev.1 of the following words: "and requests the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization and other bodies concerned to keep the Secretary-General informed of progress in this respect".

9. The representative of Pakistan suggested the insertion, in paragraph 4, after the words "affected nations", of the words "in co-operation with and".

10. The representative of Algeria, on behalf of the

sponsors, accepted the proposals made by India and Pakistan.

11. At the same meeting draft resolution E/AC.6/L.507/Rev.1, as orally amended, was adopted by the Committee unanimously. (*For the text, see para. 14 below, draft resolution I.*)

12. At the same meeting, the delegations of Algeria, Burundi, Chile and Ghana joined the sponsors of draft resolution E/AC.6/L.504.

13. Also at the same meeting the Committee adopted draft resolution E/AC.6/L.504 by 40 votes to none, with 5 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 14 below, draft resolution II.*)

Recommendations to the Council

14. The Committee accordingly, recommends to the Council the adoption of draft resolutions I and II below:

I

AID TO THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN POPULATIONS
THREATENED WITH FAMINE*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions concerning assistance in cases of natural disaster, and, in particular, Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and 2959 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2462 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 on multilateral food aid,

Noting with concern the persistence of deficits in food production in the Sudano-Sahelian countries of Africa as a result of the severe drought which has struck them in recent years,

Taking into account the statement of the Special Representative of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for the Sahelian Question to the effect that, unless emergency measures are taken, the situation will cause irreparable losses, especially in human life, in some regions in those countries,

Taking into account the considerable efforts made by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations with the donor countries, who have already been informed of the situation, with regard to the need for additional urgent measures to strengthen action already begun by the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Food Programme to avert the disaster,

Aware of the opportunity offered to it for averting the disaster,

1. *Expresses its profound sympathy* to the populations and Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian region threatened with famine, and assures them that it will do everything possible within its field of competence to avoid a disaster;

2. *Notes* that, in the immediate future, the emergency measures will consist of the supply of additional food-stuffs, vaccines, means of transport for provisions, seeds, fertilizers and agricultural and hydraulic equipment;

3. *Appeals* to States Members of the United Nations and to international organizations to assist in the speedy application of the emergency measures advocated by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and requests the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization and other bodies concerned to keep the Secretary-General informed of progress in this respect;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to call upon the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to respond to the immediate needs of the affected nations in co-operation with and taking into account the measures recommended by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

5. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to organize as soon as possible—in collaboration with the organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund and the Economic Commission for Africa, as well as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the World Food Programme and the International Labour Organisation, each within the framework of its terms of reference—the necessary assistance action in order to respond to the requests of the Governments of this region with regard to their medium-term and long-term needs;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council, at its fifty-fifth session, on the development of the situation.

II

APPRAISAL OF PROSPECTIVE FOOD DEFICITS AND FOOD AID NEEDS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2462 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 on multilateral food aid,

Taking note of the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (E/5050 and Corr.1), submitted in compliance with paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution 2462 (XXIII),

Taking note also of the supplementary report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (E/5050/Add.1), submitted in the light of the changed world food supply position,

Noting with concern the present difficult food situation in which world food stocks are at their lowest level in twenty years, food prices are abnormally high and the availability of adequate food to millions of people in 1973-1974 is dependent on the uncertainties of a single year's weather,

Recognizing the growing emergency food requirements following recurring crop failures in vulnerable areas like South Asia, Central America and the Sudano-Sahelian zone of Africa and the need for a more appropriate geographic distribution of basic food stocks,

Noting that the international community has not yet accepted or evolved in any meaningful sense the concept of a minimum safe level of basic food stocks for the world as a whole,

Emphasizing that to ensure the adequate availability of food is a common responsibility of the international community and could contribute to the collective economic security of the world,

1. *Welcomes* the intention of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to submit concrete proposals designed to implement the concept of minimum world food security for consideration by the Council of that Organization in June 1973 and by the Conference in November 1973;

2. *Invites* the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to report to the Economic and Social Council, at its fifty-sixth session, on the progress made in formulating and implementing these proposals.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1857th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council voted on the two draft resolutions submitted by the Economic Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (E/5339).

Two oral amendments to draft resolution I were submitted: the first, by the representative of Chile, proposed that in the fourth preambular paragraph the words "the statement of the Special Representative" be replaced by the words "the information provided in this respect by the Special Representative"; the second, by the representative of Algeria, proposed that the words "the Disaster Relief

Co-ordinator" in paragraph 4 be replaced by the words "all elements of the United Nations system". Draft resolution I, as amended, was adopted without objection.

Two oral amendments to draft resolution II were submitted: the first, by the representative of Pakistan, proposed the inclusion of a reference to General Assembly resolution 2682 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, in the first preambular paragraph; the second, by the representative of Madagascar, proposed that the words "following recurring crop failures in vulnerable areas like South Asia, Central America" in the fifth preambular paragraph be replaced by the words "following recurring crop failures in vulnerable areas in Asia, Central America". Draft resolution II, as amended, was adopted by 22 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.

For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolutions 1759 (LIV) and 1760 (LIV).



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Agenda item 11: Report of the Statistical Commission*

DOCUMENT E/5348**

Report of the Economic Committee

[Original: English]
[16 May 1973]

1. The Economic Committee considered agenda item 11 at its 631st meeting, held on 15 May 1973 under the chairmanship of Mr. John Vivian Scott (New Zealand), Vice-President of the Council. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it the report of the Statistical Commission on its seventeenth session, held from 13 to 24 November 1972 (E/5236),¹ and a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report (E/L.1540).

3. At the 631st meeting, the Committee adopted, without objection, a proposed draft decision suggested by the Chairman. (*For the text, see para. 4 below.*)

Recommendation to the Council

4. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

The Economic and Social Council takes note with appreciation of the report of the Statistical Commission on its seventeenth session (E/5236)¹ and approves the programme objectives recommended by the Commission in its report.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council adopted, without objection, the draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (E/5348). For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1, "Decisions"*.

* For the discussion of this item, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, 1858th meeting*; see also the record of the 631st meeting of the Economic Committee (E/AC.6/SR.631).

** Incorporating document E/5348/Corr.1.

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 2.*



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Agenda item 12: Population*

(a) United Nations Fund for Population Activities;

(b) Report of the Population Commission

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DOCUMENT E/5347

Report of the Economic Committee

[Original: English]
[16 May 1973]

1. The Economic Committee considered agenda item 12 at its 620th, 623rd, 624th, 626th, 629th and 630th meetings, held from 8 to 15 May 1973 under the chairmanship of Mr. John Vivian Scott (New Zealand), Vice-President of the Council. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it the following documents:

For subitem (a):

Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (E/5266);

For subitem (b):

Report of the Population Commission on its second special session (E/5264);

Letter dated 27 April 1973, from the Permanent Representative of Romania to the Secretary-General, inviting the United Nations to hold the World Population Conference, 1974, at Bucharest (E/5297).

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3. At the 629th meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted without objection a draft decision regarding the second special session of the Population Commission and the site of the World Population Conference, 1974 (*For the text of the draft decision, see para. 17 below.*)

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4. At the 623rd meeting, the representative of Malaysia, also on behalf of the delegations of Ghana, Haiti, Indonesia, Madagascar, Mali, the Philippines,

Romania, Sri Lanka, Turkey, and Uganda, introduced a draft resolution (E/AC.6/L.500).

5. At the 626th meeting, the Committee received amendments to the draft resolution proposed by the delegation of Sweden (E/AC.6/L.509).

6. At the same meeting, the representative of Brazil proposed amendments (E/AC.6/L.510) to the draft resolution, providing for the replacement of paragraphs 1 and 2 by the following text:

"1. States that until such time a definite decision is taken, in the light of the advice of World Population Conference, 1974, the aims and purposes of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities will be the following:

"(a) To co-operate, as appropriate, with the organizations of the United Nations system, in the building up of the knowledge and the capacity to respond to requirements in the population field, as defined by the countries concerned and the appropriate intergovernmental bodies;

"(b) To help a better understanding, both in developed and in developing countries desiring of receiving such a co-operation, of the different implications of the various population trends and of possible human rights implications of such trends;

"(c) To extend systematic and sustained assistance to countries, at their request, in dealing with their population requirements; such assistance including, if appropriate, in relation to possible strategies, to be given in accordance with the individual country's requests;

"(d) To play, under the guidance of the Population Commission and the Economic and Social Council, a leading role in the United Nations system, in regard to population programmes and to co-

ordinate projects supported by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities;

"2. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to include in its annual report a separate section of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, in the aspects of the activities of the Fund which fall within the Governing Council competence, in accordance to paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII)".

7. At the same meeting, the delegation of Spain submitted amendments (E/AC.6/L.511) to paragraph 1 of the draft resolution, which proposed:

(a) Adding the words "in order of priority" at the end of the first sentence;

(b) Changing the order of the subparagraphs so that subparagraph (d) would become subparagraph (a), and subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) would become subparagraphs (b), (c) and (d) respectively.

8. Subsequently the sponsors circulated revisions to the draft resolution (E/AC.6/L.1500/Rev.1).

9. At the 629th meeting, the representative of Sweden withdrew his amendments (E/AC.6/L.509) since they had been incorporated in the revised draft resolution.

10. At the same meeting, the representative of Malaysia, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced a further revised draft resolution (E/AC.6/L.500/Rev.2), which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling General Assembly resolution 2815 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 with its requests to the Secretary-General regarding the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the note by the Secretary-General¹ in response thereto,

"Welcoming General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 which placed the United Nations Fund for Population Activities under the authority of the United Nations Development Programme as the governing body, subject to the conditions to be established by the Economic and Social Council,

"Bearing in mind the important work undertaken by the regional economic commissions and their specialized organs concerned with population matters,

"Expressing its desire that the Fund, in the elaboration of its plans and programmes, should take into account the resolutions adopted by the regional economic commissions and their specialized organs dealing with population matters,

"Reiterating the importance of maintaining the separate identity of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities under the general arrangements provided for in General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972,

"Recalling the willingness with which the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Administrator assumed their responsibilities in regard to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

"Noting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (E/5266),

"Noting further, in the annex to the report, the recommendations to the Secretary-General from the Review Committee of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

"Expressing its appreciation for the initiative and leadership which has characterized the development of the Fund,

"Mindful that in taking action on this resolution the Council is fully cognizant of the fact that the World Population Conference will mark new development in population policy for the world community of nations and for the population activities of the United Nations system,

"1. States that the aims and purposes of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities are:

"(a) To build up, on an international basis, the knowledge and the capacity to respond to national, regional, interregional and global needs in the population and family planning fields; to promote co-ordination in planning and programming, and to co-operate with all concerned;

"(b) To promote awareness, both in developed and in developing countries, of the social, economic and environmental implications of national and international population problems of the human rights aspects of family planning; and of possible strategies to deal with them, in accordance with the plans and priorities of each country;

"(c) To extend systematic and sustained assistance to developing countries at their request in dealing with their population problems; such assistance to be afforded in forms and by means requested by the recipient countries and best suited to meet the individual country's needs;

"(d) To play a leading role in the United Nations system in promoting population programmes and to co-ordinate projects supported by the Fund;

"2. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to include in its annual report a separate section on the United Nations Fund for Population Activities."

11. At the same meeting, the representative of Spain withdrew his second amendment in document E/AC.6/L.511 (see para. 7 above) and orally suggested that in paragraph 1 (d) of the revised draft resolution, the words "a leading" be replaced by the words "an important" and the word "co-ordinate" be replaced by the words "contribute to co-ordinating".

12. At the same meeting, the representative of Argentina proposed a new preambular paragraph as the fourth preambular paragraph which would read as follows:

"Aware of the fact that there are considerable differences in the population and demographic situations in each country and that it is therefore necessary to adopt different approaches and solutions for each country".

13. At the same meeting, the representative of Malaysia, on behalf of the sponsors, further revised the draft resolution in response to some of the suggestions made at the meeting, as follows:

(a) In preambular paragraph 2, the words "Governing Council of the" would be inserted before the words "United Nations Development Programme";

(b) A new fourth preambular paragraph would be added, as suggested by the representative of Argentina;

(c) In paragraph 1 (a), after the words "international basis", the words "with the assistance of the competent bodies of the United Nations system" would be inserted, as was suggested by the representative of France;

(d) A new operative paragraph 2 would be added, in response to suggestions by the representatives of India and Canada, which would read:

"2. *Decides* that the United Nations Fund for Population Activities should invite countries to utilize the most appropriate implementing agents for their programmes, recognizing that the primary responsibility for implementing rests with the countries concerned";

(e) In the existing paragraph 2, on a proposal by the representative of Egypt, the remainder of the paragraph after the words "United Nations Development Programme" would be replaced by the words "to submit annually to the Economic and Social Council a report on the activities of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities".

14. At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Chairman, the Committee decided, by 32 votes to none, with 8 abstentions, to proceed to the vote.

15. At the same meeting, several delegations requested separate votes on various parts of the draft resolution and proposed amendments, as follows:

(a) The representative of Sweden requested a separate vote on the first part of paragraph 1, reading "States that the aims and purposes of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities are";

(b) The representative of Brazil, having withdrawn the proposed subparagraph (d) in his amendments (see para. 6 above), requested separate votes on each of the remaining three subparagraphs;

(c) The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics requested separate votes on the last preambular paragraph, on the words "and family planning in paragraph 1 (a), and on paragraph 1 (d).

16. At the same meeting, the Committee voted on the draft resolution (E/AC.6/L.500/Rev.2) and on the various amendments and suggestions thereto, as follows:

(a) Amendments proposed by Brazil (E/AC.6/L.510):

By 20 votes to 15, with 7 abstentions, the first part of the proposed new paragraph 1 was rejected;

By 25 votes to 8, with 9 abstentions, the proposed paragraph 1 (a) was rejected;

By 26 votes to 9, with 8 abstentions, the proposed paragraph 1 (b) was rejected;

By 25 votes to 8, with 9 abstentions, the proposed paragraph 1 (c) was rejected;

By 22 votes to 7, with 13 abstentions, the proposed paragraph 2 was rejected;

(b) Amendments proposed by Spain (see paras. 7 and 11 above):

By 25 votes to 13, with 4 abstentions, the first amendment (E/AC.6/L.511) was rejected;

By 23 votes to 10, with 9 abstentions, the first oral amendment was rejected;

By 24 votes to 11, with 8 abstentions, the second oral amendment was rejected;

(c) By 36 votes to 5, with 2 abstentions, the last preambular paragraph was retained;

(d) By 30 votes to 6, with 7 abstentions, the words "and family planning fields" in paragraph 1 (a) were retained;

(e) By 30 votes to 6, with 7 abstentions, paragraph 1 (d) was retained;

(f) By 35 votes to none, with 8 abstentions, the draft resolution as a whole, as orally revised, was adopted. (For the text of the draft resolution, see para. 17 below.)

Recommendations to the Council

17. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft resolution and decision:

Draft resolution

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The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2815 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 with its requests to the Secretary-General regarding the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the note of the Secretary-General² in response thereto,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, which placed the United Nations Fund for Population Activities under the authority of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme as the governing body, subject to the conditions to be established by the Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind the important work undertaken by the regional economic commissions and their specialized organs concerned with population matters,

Aware of the fact that there are considerable differences in the population and demographic situations in each country and that it is therefore necessary to adopt different approaches and solutions for each country,

Expressing its desire that the Fund, in the elaboration of its plans and programmes, should take into account the resolutions adopted by the regional economic commissions and their specialized organs dealing with population matters,

Reiterating the importance of maintaining the separate identity of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities under the general arrangements provided for in General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII),

Recalling the willingness with which the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Administrator of the Programme assumed their responsibilities in regard to the Fund,

Noting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (E/5266),

Noting further, in the annex to the report, the recommendations to the Secretary-General from the Review Committee of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,

² *Ibid.*

Expressing its appreciation for the initiative and leadership which has characterized the development of the Fund,

Mindful that, in taking action on this resolution, the Council is fully cognizant of the fact that the World Population Conference will mark a new development in population policy for the world community of nations and for the population activities of the United Nations system,

1. *States* that the aims and purposes of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities are:

(a) To build up, on an international basis, with the assistance of the competent bodies of the United Nations system, the knowledge and the capacity to respond to national, regional, interregional and global needs in the population and family planning fields; to promote co-ordination in planning and programming; and to co-operate with all concerned;

(b) To promote awareness, both in developed and developing countries, of the social, economic and environmental implications of national and international population problems, of the human rights aspects of family planning, and of possible strategies to deal with them, in accordance with the plans and priorities of each country;

(c) To extend systematic and sustained assistance to developing countries at their request in dealing with their population problems, such assistance to be afforded in forms and by means requested by the recipient

countries and best suited to meet the individual country's needs;

(d) To play a leading role in the United Nations system in promoting population programmes, and to co-ordinate projects supported by the Fund;

2. *Decides* that the United Nations Fund for Population Activities should invite countries to utilize the most appropriate implementing agents for their programmes, recognizing that the primary responsibility for implementing rests with the countries concerned;

3. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to submit annually to the Economic and Social Council a report on the activities of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities.

Draft decision

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Population Commission on its second special session (E/5264) as well as of the statement made by the Secretary-General of the World Population Conference, 1974, at the 620th meeting of the Economic Committee, and decides to accept, with deep appreciation, the invitation extended by the Government of Romania, in the letter dated 27 April 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/5297), to hold the World Population Conference in Bucharest in August 1974.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council voted on the draft resolution and the draft decision recommended by the Economic Committee in paragraph 17 of its report (E/5347).

By 17 votes to 5, with 5 abstentions, paragraph 1 (d) of the draft resolution was adopted, a separate vote having been requested by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 22 votes to none, with 5 abstentions, a recorded vote having been taken at the request of the representative of Malaysia.

The draft decision was adopted without objection.

For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolution 1763 (LIV) and "Decisions".

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E/5264	Report of the Population Commission on its second special session (19-30 March 1973)	<i>Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 8</i>
E/5266	Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities prepared in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme	Mimeographed
E/5297	Letter dated 27 April 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Romania to the Secretary General	Ditto
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E/AC.6/L.500/Rev.1	——— [same sponsors]: revised draft resolution	Replaced by E/AC.6/L.500/Rev.2
E/AC.6/L.500/Rev.2	——— [same sponsors]: revised draft resolution	For the text, see E/5347, para. 10
E/AC.6/L.509	Sweden: amendments to document E/AC.6/L.500	Mimeographed
E/AC.6/L.510	Brazil: amendments to document E/AC.6/L.500	For the text, see E/5347, para. 6
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DOCUMENT E/5298

Report of the Social Committee

[Original: English]
[24 April 1973]

1. The Social Committee considered agenda item 13 at its 703rd to 707th meetings, held from 17 to 20 April 1973 under the chairmanship of Mr. B. Rabetafika (Madagascar), Vice-President of the Council. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it a report of the Secretary-General (E/5242 and Add.1).

3. At the 704th meeting, the representative of Italy, on behalf also of the delegations of Austria, Finland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden and Venezuela, introduced a draft resolution (E/AC.7/L.624) the text of which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which affirms everyone's right to life,

"Recalling its resolutions 934 (XXXV), 1574 (L) and 1656 (LII), and General Assembly resolutions 1396 (XIV), 2393 (XXIII), 2857 (XXVI) and 3011 (XXVII) indicating the continuing interest of the United Nations in the study of the question of capital punishment and its desire to promote full respect for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights also in this field,

"Having considered the third report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment (E/5242 and Add.1),

"Noting with satisfaction that a large number of Member States recently provided the Secretary-General with the information requested in General Assembly resolution 2393 (XXIII),¹

"Noting however that, notwithstanding the information now available, it is difficult to establish a full picture of the present situation, trends and safeguards concerning capital punishment,

"Believing that scientifically based studies are needed to improve the present knowledge and under-

standing of the death penalty and to define what further work could be done by the United Nations in this field,

"1. Reaffirms that the main objective to be pursued is that of progressively restricting the number of offences for which capital punishment might be imposed with a view to the desirability of abolishing this punishment in all countries;

"2. Notes with satisfaction that, since the issue of the second report (1965), capital punishment has been abolished in six countries;

"3. Considers as further positive signs towards the abolition of capital punishment: (a) the fact that in countries where it still exists it is generally considered as an exceptional measure which in most cases has not been applied for a long time; (b) the progressive restriction in those countries of ordinary offences for which it is or may be imposed;

"4. Expresses its deep concern that on occasion harsher methods of execution have been introduced as a supplementary deterrent;

"5. Regrets the tendency to extend the use of capital punishment as a reaction to certain new types of crime;

"6. Invites Member States to inform the Secretary-General (a) of any further change in the present situation in regard to capital punishment and safeguards thereto, so that he may present to the Economic and Social Council periodic updated and analytical reports, at five-year intervals starting from 1975; (b) of any new research carried out by qualified national institutions and of any governmental action undertaken in order to promote research in this field, so that the future five-year reports may be based on all information available;

"7. Requests the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control and the United Nations Social Defence Research Institute to examine the third report and to present to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session comments and suggestions on

¹ E/INF.118 and Add. 1 and 2.

the types of research that could be undertaken at the international level and stimulated at the national level in order better to understand the issues presently involved in the question of capital punishment;

"8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider the possibility of organizing, within the existing technical co-operation facilities, an international seminar to be attended by eminent criminologists, sociologists and jurists who should be chosen to reflect the wide range of views held on the subject."

4. At the same meeting, the representative of Chile submitted oral amendments to paragraph 8 of the draft resolution.

5. The amendments proposed by the representative of Chile were accepted by the sponsors.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of Trinidad and Tobago introduced oral amendments which were subsequently issued as document E/AC.7/L.625, providing for the addition of a new text at the end of paragraph 7 and the replacement of paragraph 8 by a new text.

7. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Ghana introduced oral amendments, subsequently issued as document E/AC.7/L.626, calling for the replacement of paragraphs 4 and 5 by a new text and the deletion of paragraph 8.

8. At the 706th meeting, the representative of Italy, taking into account the suggestions made at the Committee's 704th and 705th meetings, introduced, on behalf of the sponsors, who had been joined by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, a revised draft resolution (E/AC.7/L.624/Rev.1) which incorporated the following changes:

(a) The deletion of paragraph 5 of draft resolution E/AC.7/L.624;

(b) The rewording of paragraph 6, which he further revised while introducing it, and paragraph 7 of draft resolution E/AC.7/L.624, renumbering them to become paragraphs 5 and 6 of the revised draft resolution;

(c) The rewording of paragraph 8 of document E/AC.7/L.624, which then became paragraph 7 of the revised draft resolution.

9. At the same meeting, an oral proposal by the representative of Trinidad and Tobago that the words "and of the regional social defence institutes" be inserted before the words "to examine" in paragraph 6 of revised draft resolution E/AC.7/L.624/Rev.1, was accepted by the sponsors.

10. At the same meeting, the representative of Trinidad and Tobago withdrew her second amendment which related to paragraph 8 of draft resolution E/AC.7/L.624 (see para. 6 above) and, following the suggestion made by the representative of the United Kingdom, accepted the insertion of her first amendment at the end of the sixth preambular paragraph of the revised draft resolution.

11. At the same meeting, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the sponsors of document E/AC.7/L.626, withdrew the amendments to paragraphs 4 and 5 of draft resolution E/AC.7/L.624.

12. At the same meeting, the representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised paragraph 4 of draft resolution E/AC.7/L.624/Rev.1 by adding the words "in contravention of article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights".

13. At the 707th meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced a revised draft resolution (E/AC.7/L.624/Rev.2) and further orally revised operative paragraph 4 as follows:

"4. *Expresses* its deep concern at the introduction on occasion of harsher methods of execution involving for example, torture or beating, no matter where or under what circumstances these may have occurred".

14. At the same meeting, the Committee had before it a revised amendment (E/AC.7/L.626/Rev.1) sponsored by the delegations of Algeria, Ghana, Guinea and Mali which called for the deletion of paragraph 8 of the revised draft resolution (E/AC.7/L.624/Rev.2).

15. At the same meeting, the representative of Indonesia orally proposed the deletion of the words "in all countries" in paragraph 1 of the revised draft resolution.

16. The Committee then proceeded to vote on the draft resolution E/AC.7/L.624/Rev.2 and the amendments thereto as follows:

It adopted by 26 votes to 11 with 5 abstentions, the amendment contained in document E/AC.7/L.626/Rev.1;

On a separate vote requested by the representative of Indonesia, the Committee, by 25 votes to 10 with 7 abstentions, decided to delete the words "in all countries" in paragraph 1;

On a recorded vote requested by the representative of New Zealand, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution as a whole, as orally amended, by 23 votes to none with 20 abstentions (*for the text, see para. 17 below*). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Burundi, Denmark, Finland, France, Ghana, Guinea, India, Italy, Madagascar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Spain, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Algeria, Canada, Chile, China, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mali, Mongolia, Peru, Poland, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America, Zaire.

Recommendation to the Council

17. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which affirms everyone's right to life,

Recalling its resolutions 934 (XXXV) of 9 April 1963, 1574 (L) of 20 May 1971 and 1656 (LII) of 1 June 1972, and General Assembly resolutions 1396 (XIV) of 20 November 1959, 2393 (XXIII) of 26 November 1968, 2857 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 and 3011 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 indicating the continuing interest of the United Nations in the study of the question of capital punishment and its desire to promote full respect for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights also in this field,

Having considered the third report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment (E/5242 and Add.1),

Noting with satisfaction that a large number of member States recently provided the Secretary-General with

the information requested in General Assembly resolution 2393 (XXIII),²

Noting however that, notwithstanding the information now available it is difficult to establish a full picture of the present situation, trends and safeguards concerning capital punishment,

Believing that scientifically based studies are needed to improve the present knowledge and understanding of the death penalty and to define what further work could be done by the United Nations in this field, including studies embracing: redefinition of criminal offences to which the death penalty is applied; restriction of the variety and form of such offences to which the death penalty is applied; promotion of studies undertaken on a transregional basis taking into account groups of countries with similar legal, social and economic systems, and similar levels of economic and social development; promotion of individual country studies to determine the economic, social and educational levels of persons executed and of those convicted but not executed in retentionist States over the last two decades,

1. *Reaffirms* that the main objective to be pursued is that of progressively restricting the number of offences for which capital punishment might be imposed with a view to the desirability of abolishing this punishment;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* that, since the issue of the second report of the Secretary-General (1965),³ capital punishment has been abolished in six countries;

3. *Considers* as further positive signs towards the abolition of capital punishment the fact that, in coun-

² *Ibid.*

³ See *Capital Punishment* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.67.IV.15), part II: "Developments, 1961 to 1965".

tries where it still exists, it is generally considered as an exceptional measure which in most cases has not been applied for a long time, and the progressive restriction in those countries of ordinary offences for which it is or may be imposed;

4. *Expresses its deep concern* at the introduction on occasion of harsher methods of execution involving for example, torture or beating, no matter where or under what circumstances these may have occurred;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council periodic updated and analytical reports at five-year intervals starting from 1975;

6. *Invites* Member States, so that the future five-year reports may be based on all information available:

(a) To include in their periodic reports submitted under Economic and Social Council resolution 1074 C (XXXIX) any further change in the present situation in regard to capital punishment and safeguards thereto,

(b) To inform the Secretary-General of any new research carried out by qualified national institutions and of any governmental action undertaken to promote research in this field;

7. *Invites* the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, availing itself also of the services of the United Nations Social Defence Research Institute, and of the regional social defence institutes, to examine the third report of the Secretary-General and to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth session comments and recommendations, through the relevant functional commissions, to stimulate at the international and national levels a better understanding of the issues presently involved in the question of capital punishment.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1855th meeting, on 16 May 1973, the Council adopted the draft resolution submitted by the Social Committee in paragraph 17 of its report (E/5298) by 13 votes to none, with 12 abstentions. For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolution 1745 (LIV).



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Agenda item 14: Report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations*

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DOCUMENT E/5300

Report of the Social Committee

[Original: English]
[30 April 1973]

1. The Social Committee considered agenda item 14 at its 707th and 708th meetings, held on 20 and 24 April 1973 under the chairmanship of Mr. B. Rabetafika (Madagascar), Vice-President of the Council. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it the report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (E/5257 and Add.1).

3. At the 707th meeting, the representative of Ghana, on behalf also of the delegations of India, Kenya, Pakistan and the Philippines, introduced a draft resolution (E/AC.7/L.627) entitled "Improving the contribution of non-governmental organizations to the implementation of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade".

4. Indonesia, Madagascar, Mali, the Netherlands, Tunisia, Uganda and Zaïre joined in sponsoring draft resolution E/AC.7/L.627.

5. At the same meeting, following a proposal by the representative of Italy that the words "and to report to the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations as soon as feasible" in paragraph 5 be deleted, the representative of Ghana orally revised that phrase, replacing it by the words "and to submit appropriate information to the Economic and Social Council as soon as feasible".

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/AC.7/L.627 as orally revised, without objection. (For the text, see para. 13 below, draft resolution I.)

7. Also at the 707th meeting, the representative of Ghana, on behalf also of the delegations of India, Kenya, Pakistan and the Philippines, introduced draft resolution E/AC.7/L.628 entitled "Contribution of non-governmental organizations to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples".

8. Barbados, Indonesia, Madagascar, Mali, Tunisia, Uganda and Zaïre joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/AC.7/L.628 by 36 votes to none, with 7 abstentions. (For the text, see para. 13 below, draft resolution II.)

10. At the same meeting, the Committee took note of the report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (E/5257 and Add.1) and approved the recommendations contained in paragraph 7, with the exception of those concerning two organizations (see paras. 11 and 12 below). (For the text, see para. 13 below, draft decision.)

11. At the 708th meeting, the Committee, following a proposal made by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics at the 707th meeting, decided to place War Resisters International in category II of organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

12. At the same meeting, following a suggestion by the observer of Iraq,¹ the Committee agreed to place The Federation of Arab Economists in category II of organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Recommendations to the Council

13. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the draft resolutions, I and II, and draft decision below:

Draft resolution I

IMPROVEMENT OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1580 (L) of 20 May 1971 in which it requested the Council Committee on Non-

¹ In accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Council.

Governmental Organizations to submit recommendations on ways and means of improving the contribution of non-governmental organizations to the implementation of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,²

Mindful of the significant role that could be played by non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the International Development Strategy,

1. *Approves* the recommendations contained in paragraphs 14 to 22 of the report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (E/5257 and Add.1) regarding, *inter alia*, co-ordination and liaison within the United Nations Secretariat and the United Nations system and the emphasis on developing relations at the regional and national levels, including field-level activities and mobilization of public opinion and political will, in favour of United Nations efforts;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate action as outlined in paragraphs 15 to 17 of the report and notes that a progress report will be submitted to the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at its meeting during the fifty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Council and a full report at the next regular session of the Council Committee;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take immediate action regarding subparagraph 4 of paragraph 16 of the report, which calls for arrangements to be made for the Economic and Social Council, through the Committee on Review and Appraisal, to receive the substantive contributions which certain non-governmental organizations can make to the development process;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other bodies in the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the exploration called for in the report so that definite progress may be reported by him as requested in paragraph 17 of the report;

5. *Invites* the Governing Council and Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to take account in their activities of the relevant recommendations on field-level operations and to submit appropriate information to the Economic and Social Council as soon as feasible;

6. *Commends* to Governments the desirability of taking into account the practical contributions as well as the experiences and expertise of their national non-governmental organizations when drawing up their country programmes for economic and social development and their project proposals for United Nations system assistance;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution and the report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to the attention of Governments and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, and requests the aforementioned to give

all possible assistance to the Secretary-General in his study of the subject.

Draft resolution II

CONTRIBUTION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1651 (LI) of 29 October 1971 in which it requested the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to explore ways of associating non-governmental organizations more fully with the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Having examined the report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (E/5257 and Add.1),

1. *Approves* the recommendations contained in paragraph 25 of the report;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study this question on the lines indicated in paragraph 25 of the report and notes that a progress report will be submitted to the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at its meeting during the fifty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Council and a full report at the next regular session of the Council Committee;

3. *Invites* non-governmental organizations in consultative status and other non-governmental organizations especially concerned to co-operate with the Secretary-General in this important exploration;

4. *Notes* with satisfaction the collaboration between the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations in this endeavour and recommends a strengthening of this collaboration;

5. *Requests* the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to remain seized of this question and to continue to explore ways of engaging non-governmental organizations actively in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to report as appropriate to the Economic and Social Council.

Draft decision

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (E/5257 and Add.1) and approves the recommendations contained in paragraph 7, with the exception of those concerning the following non-governmental organizations, which it decides to place in Category II of organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:

The Federation of Arab Economists

War Resisters International

² General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1854th meeting, on 4 May 1973, the Council voted on the draft resolutions and the draft decision submitted by the Social Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (E/5300). Draft resolution I was adopted without objection;

draft resolution II was adopted by 24 votes to none, with 3 abstentions; the draft decision was adopted without objection. For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolutions 1739 (LIV) and 1740 (LIV) and "Decisions".



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DOCUMENT E/5290

Report of the Social Committee

[Original: English]
[30 April 1973]

1. The Social Committee considered agenda item 15 at its 705th and 706th meetings, held on 18 and 19 April 1973, under the chairmanship of Mr. B. Rabetafika (Madagascar), Vice-President of the Council. The item had been referred to the Social Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it a report of the Secretary-General (E/5244) as well as a statement submitted by the International Union of Local Authorities (E/C.2/764), a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (Category I).

3. At the 705th meeting, the representative of New Zealand, on behalf also of the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced a draft resolution (E/AC.7/L.629).

4. At the 706th meeting, the representative of France submitted an amendment (E/AC.7/L.630) proposing the addition of a new paragraph 4 to draft resolution E/AC.7/L.629.

5. At the same meeting, the representative of Pakistan proposed the addition of the words "as well as measures for the promotion of international co-operation between the municipalities of the developing and developed countries" at the end of paragraph 2 of the draft resolution and this proposal was accepted by the sponsors.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom further orally revised paragraph 2 by inserting, after the words "to continue" the words "as and when requested".

7. At the same meeting, the representative of New Zealand orally revised the preamble of the draft resolution

by deleting the phrase "prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2861 (XXVI)" and replacing it by "(E/5244)". She also further modified paragraph 2 by substituting the word "Invites" for the word "Urges".

8. At the same meeting, the Committee voted as follows on the draft resolution:

By 31 votes to one, with 10 abstentions, the amendment proposed by the representative of France was rejected;

The draft resolution as a whole, as orally revised, was adopted unanimously. (*For the text, see para. 9 below.*)

Recommendation to the Council

9. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:
The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General entitled "International co-operation between municipalities" (E/5244),

1. *Expresses* its support for international co-operation between municipalities;

2. *Invites* organizations in the United Nations system to continue, as and when requested, to include in their programmes measures to promote municipal development, especially in developing countries, as well as measures for the promotion of international co-operation between the municipalities of the developing and developed countries;

3. *Recommends* that organizations in the United Nations system should continue collaborating with the non-governmental organizations concerned in fostering intermunicipal co-operation.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1854th meeting, on 4 May 1973, the Council adopted, without objection, the draft resolution submitted by the Social Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (E/5290). For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolution 1738 (LIV).



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DOCUMENT E/5331

Report of the Social Committee

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[14 May 1973]

1. The Social Committee considered agenda item 16 at its 713th to 716th meetings, held from 2 to 7 May 1973. The 713th to the 715th meetings were held under the chairmanship of Mr. N. P. Jain (India), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, and the last meeting was presided over by Mr. B. Rabetafika (Madagascar), Vice-President of the Council. The item had been referred to the Social Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it the following documents:

- (a) Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its twenty-fifth session (E/5248);¹
- (b) Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1972 (E/5260);
- (c) A progress report of the Secretary-General (E/5255).

3. In chapter XII of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/5248),¹ seven draft resolutions were recommended by the Commission for action by the Council. These were:

- A. Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;
- B. 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances: ratifications and accessions;
- C. Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, and 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961: ratifications and accessions;
- D. Keeping in force the administrative arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board;
- E. Illicit traffic;
- F. Co-ordination of activities of international organs and organizations in the struggle against the abuse of drugs;

G. Periodicity of sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

4. The Committee also had before it a note by the Secretary-General (E/5304) containing the financial implications of the decisions taken by the Commission.

5. The Committee considered the draft resolutions which the Commission on Narcotic Drugs recommended for adoption by the Economic and Social Council, as well as the amendments thereto. The voting on them was as follows:

DRAFT RESOLUTION A

6. At the 716th meeting, the Committee adopted, without objection, draft resolution A. (*For the text, see para. 26 below, draft resolution I.*)

DRAFT RESOLUTION B

7. At the same meeting, the Committee unanimously adopted draft resolution B. (*For the text, see para. 26 below, draft resolution II.*)

DRAFT RESOLUTION C

8. At the same meeting, the Committee voted on draft resolution C, as follows:

On a separate vote requested by the representative of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, subparagraph (a) of the operative part was adopted unanimously;

On a separate vote requested by the representative of Turkey, subparagraph (b) of the operative part was adopted by 35 votes to none, with 6 abstentions;

By 39 votes to none, with 5 abstentions, draft resolution C was adopted. (*For the text, see para. 26 below, draft resolution III.*)

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3.*

DRAFT RESOLUTION D

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution D by 39 votes to none, with 5 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 26 below, draft resolution IV.*)

DRAFT RESOLUTION E

10. At the same meeting, the representative of Turkey introduced an amendment (E/AC.7/L.645) to draft resolution E, calling for the addition of a new paragraph 2, which the Chairman proposed to revise, by adding the words "and of its working groups" after the word "sub-commission".

11. The Committee adopted, by 140 votes to none, with 5 abstentions, the amendment proposed by Turkey, as orally amended.

12. The Committee adopted draft resolution E, as amended, by 39 votes to 5, with 1 abstention. (*For the text, see para. 26 below, draft resolution V.*)

DRAFT RESOLUTION F

13. At the same meeting, the representative of Denmark orally proposed the insertion of the words "the views expressed at the twenty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and at the fifty-fourth session of the Economic and Social Council" after the words "set out above" in the operative part of the draft resolution. The Committee accepted the proposal without objection.

14. The Committee adopted draft resolution F, as orally amended, by 39 votes to none, with 5 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 26 below, draft resolution VI.*)

DRAFT RESOLUTION G

15. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted, without objection, the proposal of the Chairman providing for the addition of a new operative paragraph to draft resolution G, reading as follows:

"2. *Recommends* that the special session be convened at Geneva at a time when it will not overlap with other meetings, in order to minimize its costs".

16. The Committee adopted draft resolution G, as orally amended, by 37 votes to 5, with 4 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 26 below, draft resolution VII.*)

17. At the 713th meeting, the representative of the United States of America, also on behalf of the delegations of Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, France, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, Sweden, Turkey and Venezuela, introduced a draft resolution (E/AC.7/L.643/Rev.1).

18. Argentina, Madagascar and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

19. At the 716th meeting, the Committee unanimously adopted draft resolution E/AC.7/L.643/Rev.1. (*For the text, see para. 26 below, draft resolution VIII.*)

20. At the 714th meeting, the Observer of Australia,² also on behalf of the delegations of Indonesia, Japan and the United States of America, introduced a draft resolution (E/AC.7/L.644/Rev.1).

21. Thailand² joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

22. At the 716th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/AC.7/L.644/Rev.1 by 40 votes to 5, with 1 abstention. (*For the text, see para. 26 below, draft resolution IX.*)

23. At the 714th meeting, the representative of the United States of America, also on behalf of the delegations of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, France, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, Sweden, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, and Venezuela, introduced a draft resolution (E/AC.7/L.642).

24. Italy, Madagascar and Yugoslavia joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

25. At the 716th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/AC.7/L.642 by 41 votes to none, with 5 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 26 below, draft resolution X.*)

Recommendations to the Council

26. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of draft resolutions I to X below:

I

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

The Economic and Social Council,

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its twenty-fifth session (E/5248).

II

1971 CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES:
RATIFICATIONS AND ACCESSIONS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1658 (LII) and 1665 (LII) of 1 June 1972 and General Assembly resolution 3013 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, and in particular subparagraph (c) of the operative part of that resolution,

Convinced that action against illicit traffic and drug abuse (narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances) will be more effective when the control system for narcotics is supplemented by appropriate measures in the field of psychotropic substances,

Recommends Governments that are not yet parties to the Convention on Psychotropic Substances to ratify or accede to this Convention.

III

SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, 1961 AND
1972 PROTOCOL AMENDING THE SINGLE CONVENTION
ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, 1961: RATIFICATIONS
AND ACCESSIONS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3013 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, in particular, subparagraphs (a) and (b) of the operative part of this resolution,

Deeply concerned about the threat to human dignity and society posed by the continuous abuse of narcotic drugs,

² In accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Council.

Recognizing that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,⁸ provides the international legal framework for the fight against the abuse of narcotic drugs,

Recognizing in addition that the Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, is intended to strengthen that legal framework,

Recommends Governments which have not already done so:

(a) To ratify the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961, or to accede thereto,

(b) To ratify the Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, or to accede thereto.

IV

KEEPING IN FORCE THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THE FULL TECHNICAL INDEPENDENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind article 9, paragraph 2, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, which enjoins the Council, in consultation with the International Narcotics Control Board, to make all necessary arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of the Board in carrying out its functions,

Recalling its resolution 1196 (XLII) of 16 May 1967 by which it approved administrative arrangements proposed by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Board to ensure the Board's full technical independence, such arrangements to remain in force until 1 March 1974,

Taking into account that the Secretary-General and the Board have agreed that these arrangements should remain in force,

Taking into account also resolution I⁴ of the United Nations Conference to Consider Amendments to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, which expresses the view that the arrangements now in force meet the wishes of the States parties to the Single Convention and to the earlier conventions still in force and which recommends that these procedures should be continued,

1. *Decides* that the administrative arrangements contained in the annex to its resolution 1196 (XLII) should remain in force until the Council decides otherwise in accordance with the procedure provided for in paragraph 20 of that annex;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to implement the arrangements, taking into account the character of the functions of the International Narcotics Control Board and the importance of that organ's full technical independence in the performance of its responsibilities.

V

ILLICIT TRAFFIC

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in its resolution 6 (XXV), decided to establish a Sub-

Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East (see E/5248, para. 487),

Having regard to rule 66 of the rules of procedure of its functional commissions,

1. *Authorizes* the establishment of the aforementioned Sub-Commission;

2. *Decides* that the representatives of the members of the Sub-Commission and of its working groups shall be nominated by their Governments, in consultation with the Secretary-General, and subsequently confirmed by the Council.

VI

CO-ORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ABUSE OF DRUGS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3014 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972,

Considering that, as a result, in particular, of the efforts of the United Nations, Governments and public opinion are now generally interested in the struggle against the abuse of drugs,

Considering that this social scourge is nevertheless continuing to grow and spread to a larger number of countries,

Considering that action by Governments and international organs and organizations must be taken simultaneously on all fronts: prevention of abuse, repression of illicit traffic, control of production, manufacture, distribution and consumption, development of training and education, scientific research, treatment and rehabilitation,

Considering that such multidisciplinary action calls for a better co-ordination of all efforts in order to avoid duplication, wastage and overlapping that might impair the effectiveness of the struggle against this social scourge,

Considering that it has not proved possible to achieve this co-ordination adequately during the past two years, as demonstrated by the increasing number of international meetings, held on this subject, sometimes on the same dates,

Having regard to the urgent need to improve the co-ordination of the measures taken on this subject, so that the knowledge and experience gained can be widely disseminated and utilized in the best interests of all,

Requests the Secretary-General to study the problem of co-ordination and attempt to solve it in the light of the considerations set out above and the views expressed at the twenty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and at the fifty-fourth session of the Economic and Social Council, and to report on the subject.

VII

PERIODICITY OF SESSIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with concern the gravity of the drug problem in all its numerous manifestations,

Bearing in mind the obligations imposed on the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the International Nar-

⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, p. 151.

⁴ See E/CONF.63/9.

cotics Control Board by the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,

Bearing in mind also that biennial sessions do not permit the Commission to fulfil certain of its responsibilities,

Bearing in mind also the urgent matters referred to under the heading "Programme of work and priorities" in the report of the Commission on its twenty-fifth session (E/5248, chap. X),

Recalling its resolution 1156 (XLI) of 5 August 1966 concerning the review and reappraisal of the Council's role and functions, by which it decided that the functional commissions should meet biennially,

1. *Decides* that, pending further study by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the question of holding its regular sessions annually with a view to carrying out its functions and fulfilling its responsibilities more effectively, the Commission shall hold a special session in 1974, if possible after February, in addition to its session scheduled for 1975;

2. *Recommends* that the special session be convened at Geneva at a time when it will not overlap with other meetings, in order to minimize its costs.

VIII

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the International Narcotics Control Board on its work in 1972,⁵

Recalling its resolution 1662 (LII) of 1 June 1972,

Noting with concern the Board's conclusion that abusive consumption of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances is still increasing in volume and in geographical extent, and its warning about the seriousness of the problem of multi-drug abuse,

Noting with satisfaction the Board's assessment that co-operation received by it from national administrations has been perceptibly enhanced,

Noting further that the Board has sent missions to several countries in 1972 and plans similar missions to other countries in 1973,

1. *Urges* Governments to continue to co-operate with the International Narcotics Control Board and with one another, with a view to bringing under control illicit production, manufacturing, distribution of, and traffic in, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

2. *Requests* Governments, in particular those mentioned in the Board's report, to bring that report to the attention of the competent authorities in their administration for their information and for remedial action where recommended;

⁵ E/INCB/17 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.XI.5).

3. *Calls attention* to the Board's offer to assist Governments that request help in assembling the information required to be transmitted to the Board under the international treaties;

4. *Commends* the Board for a most useful and constructive report and for the contribution that the Board has made during 1972 to international drug control.

IX

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE FOR THE FAR EAST REGION OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the importance of regional co-operation in the campaign against illicit production and traffic in drugs,

Taking note of resolution 8 (XXV) of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (see E/5248, para. 497), by which the Commission established an *Ad Hoc* Committee for the Far East Region,

Welcoming the establishment of the *Ad Hoc* Committee,

Recalling that an organizational meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Committee has already been convened at Geneva in 1973, during the twenty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Authorizes the *Ad Hoc* Committee for the Far East Region to make a study tour of the countries of the Far East region, in 1973, with the approval of the Governments concerned, and if necessary to hold a second meeting in Geneva immediately prior to the next session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in order that it can draw together and finalize its conclusions and recommendations to the Commission.

X

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON DRUG ABUSE

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of resolution 10 (XXV) of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs concerning drug abuse (see E/5248, para. 582),

Endorsing the view expressed by the Commission in that resolution that an expert review of information and the body of scientific research on drug abuse, in advance of its sessions, would enable the Commission to carry out more effectively its responsibilities in this field,

1. *Invites* the World Health Organization, as the competent specialized agency, to assist the Commission on Narcotic Drugs by preparing timely analytical reports on the epidemiological pattern of drug abuse for use by the Commission;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available periodically to the World Health Organization all relevant information he may have concerning drug abuse.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council voted on draft resolutions I to X, submitted by the Social Committee in paragraph 26 of its report (E/5331).

Draft resolutions I and II were adopted without objection; draft resolutions III and IV were both adopted by 22 votes to none, with 4 abstentions; draft

resolution V was adopted by 23 votes to 3; draft resolution VI, by 22 votes to none, with 4 abstentions; draft resolution VII, by 23 votes to 4; draft resolution VIII, without objection; draft resolution IX, by 23 votes to 4; and draft resolution X, by 23 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.

For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolutions 1772 (LIV) to 1781 (LIV).



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NEW YORK, 1973

Agenda item 17: Social development:*

- (a) Report of the Commission for Social Development;
- (b) Promotion of the co-operative movement during the Second United Nations Development Decade

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Report of the Social Committee

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[9 May 1973]

1. The Social Committee considered agenda item 17 at its 708th to 713th meetings, held from 24 to 27 April and on 2 May 1973, and at its 715th meeting held on 4 May 1973. Mr. B. Rabetafika (Madagascar), Vice-President of the Council, presided over the 708th to 713th meetings and Mr. N. P. Jain (India), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, presided over the latter part of the 713th and over the 715th meeting. The item had been referred to the Social Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-third session (E/5252);¹

(b) A progress report of the Secretary-General on the promotion of the co-operative movement during the Second United Nations Development Decade (E/5246 and Corr.1).

3. The Committee considered the draft resolutions contained in chapter XIII of the report of the Commission for Social Development and recommended for adoption by the Economic and Social Council, as follows:

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I AND II

4. At the 712th meeting, the Committee had before it amendments submitted by Pakistan (E/AC.7/L.631) to draft resolution I, entitled "Report on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for purposes of social progress", which were later withdrawn by the sponsor at the same meeting.

5. The Committee also had before it amendments submitted by Pakistan (E/AC.7/L.632) which Guinea

joined in sponsoring, as well as amendments submitted by New Zealand (E/AC.7/L.637) to draft resolution II, entitled "Concerning the experience of States in carrying out fundamental democratic social and economic changes for purposes of social progress", which were likewise withdrawn by the sponsors.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of Pakistan, also on behalf of the delegations of Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, Madagascar, Peru, the Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago, and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft resolution (E/AC.7/L.641).

7. At the 713th meeting, following a proposal made by the representative of Trinidad and Tobago, the Committee agreed to replace draft resolutions I and II (see paragraphs 4 and 5 above) by the text of the draft resolution contained in document E/AC.7/L.641 (see paragraph 6 above), of which Chile had also become a sponsor.

8. At the 715th meeting, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced a revised draft resolution (E/AC.7/L.641/Rev.1) entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress" and orally revised paragraph 5 of the draft resolution by deleting the words "long-term work" and inserting after the word "programme" the words "of work".

9. The revised draft resolution read as follows:

[Text identical with that of draft resolution I in paragraph 24 below, with the exception of the eighth and tenth preambular paragraphs, amended as indicated in paragraph 10 below.]

10. At the same meeting, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics proposed the insertion of the word "inter alia" after the word "founded" in the eighth preambular paragraph of the revised draft resolution as well as the replacement of the words "qualitative and structural changes" by the

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 5.*

words "progressive and structural social changes" in the tenth preambular paragraph; the sponsors accepted these proposals.

11. At the same meeting, the Committee, at the request of the representative of the United States of America, voted on draft resolution E/AC.7/L.641/Rev.1 as orally amended, which it adopted by 40 votes to none, with 2 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 24 below, draft resolution I.*)

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

12. At the 712th meeting, the Committee voted on draft resolution III entitled "Unified approach to development analysis and planning" and on the amendments thereto submitted by Pakistan (E/AC.7/L.633):

On a separate vote, requested by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, it adopted the fifth preambular paragraph by 30 votes to none, with 15 abstentions;

It adopted, by 32 votes to none, with 13 abstentions, the first amendment by Pakistan (E/AC.7/L.633) calling for the deletion of the words "of States Members of the United Nations" in the first line of operative paragraph 4;

It adopted, by 30 votes to 3, with 12 abstentions, the second amendment by Pakistan providing for the replacement of subparagraph 4 (d) of the draft resolution by a new text;

It unanimously adopted the third amendment by Pakistan calling for the addition of a new subparagraph (f) at the end of operative paragraph 4;

It adopted draft resolution III, as amended, by 45 votes to none, with 1 abstention. (*For the text, see para. 24 below, draft resolution II.*)

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

13. At the 711th meeting, the representative of the Netherlands introduced amendments (E/AC.7/L.639) to draft resolution IV, entitled "Review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade", calling for the addition of two new operative paragraphs at the end of the draft resolution. The Committee also had before it an amendment submitted by Pakistan (E/AC.7/L.634).

14. At the 712th meeting, the Committee voted on draft resolution IV and the amendments thereto, as follows:

It adopted, by 41 votes to 2, with 3 abstentions, the amendment by Pakistan (E/AC.7/L.634) calling for the replacement of operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution by a new text;

It adopted, by 42 votes to none, with 4 abstentions, the first amendment by the Netherlands (E/AC.7/L.639) calling for the addition of a new operative paragraph 3;

It adopted, by 42 votes to 4, the second amendment by the Netherlands (E/AC.7/L.639) calling for the addition of a new operative paragraph 4;

It adopted unanimously draft resolution IV, as amended. (*For the text, see para. 24 below, draft resolution III.*)

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

15. At the 712th meeting, the Committee voted on draft resolution V entitled "Migrant workers" and the amendments thereto, as follows:

It adopted an amendment submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (E/AC.7/L.636) calling for the rewording of the second preambular paragraph, by 36 votes to none, with 8 abstentions;

It adopted unanimously an amendment submitted by Tunisia, Turkey and Yugoslavia (E/AC.7/L.640) providing for the addition of the words "and the requirements of respect for human rights and human dignity" at the end of operative paragraph 1;

It adopted draft resolution V, as amended, by 45 votes to none, with 1 abstention. (*For the text, see para. 24 below, draft resolution IV.*)

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

16. At the 712th meeting, the Committee adopted, by 37 votes to none, with 9 abstentions, draft resolution VI entitled "Convening of a United Nations conference for an international convention on adoption law". (*For the text, see para. 24 below, draft resolution V.*)

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

17. At the same meeting, the Committee unanimously adopted draft resolution VII entitled "The aged and social security". (*For the text, see para. 24 below, draft resolution VI.*)

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

18. At the same meeting, the Committee voted on draft resolution VIII entitled "Needs and aspirations of youth" and on the amendments thereto, submitted by Pakistan (E/AC.7/L.635):

It adopted unanimously the first, second and third amendments by Pakistan to paragraph 1 of the draft resolution;

It adopted the fourth amendment by Pakistan to paragraph 3 of the draft resolution by 40 votes to none, with 2 abstentions;

It adopted the fifth amendment by Pakistan to paragraph 3 of the draft resolution by 43 votes to none, with 2 abstentions;

It adopted draft resolution VIII, as amended, by 41 votes to none, with 4 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 24 below, draft resolution VII.*)

19. At the 709th meeting, the representative of Poland, also on behalf of the delegation of Finland, introduced a draft decision (E/AC.7/L.638) entitled "Promotion of the co-operative movement during the Second United Nations Development Decade" which the Committee adopted, without objection, at its 712th meeting. (*For the text, see para. 24 below, draft decision A.*)

20. At the 712th meeting, the Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the Council that it transmit resolution 5 (XXIII) entitled "Review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade" adopted by the Commission for

Social Development, and contained in chapter XII of its report, to the Committee on Review and Appraisal at its second session, and to consider it at the Council's fifty-fifth session when it took up the item on review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy. The Committee adopted the proposal without objection. (*For the text, see para. 24 below, draft decision B.*)

21. At the same meeting, the Chairman also proposed that the Committee recommend to the Council that it consider resolution 6 (XXIII) entitled "Programme objectives for the medium-term plan 1974-1977" adopted by the Commission for Social Development, and contained in chapter XII of its report, at its fifty-sixth session when it took up the biennial work programme and budget for 1974-1975 and the medium-term plan for 1974-1977. The Committee adopted the proposal without objection. (*For the text, see para. 24 below, draft decision C.*)

22. At the same meeting, the Chairman informed the Committee that, in accordance with paragraphs 7 and 71 of the report of the Commission for Social Development, the Council had to confirm the appointment of seven members, nominated by the Commission, to the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development for a four-year term of office beginning on 2 July 1973. In view of the fact that Mr. Luis H. Fajardo (Colombia) was no longer eligible for membership on the Board of the Institute, a telegram had been received from the Chairman of the Commission, asking that the nomination of Mr. Fajardo's replacement be deferred to the fifty-fifth session of the Council and that the Committee recommend to the Council to confirm the appointment of the remaining six members, at its present session. The Committee adopted the proposal without objection. (*For the text see para. 24 below, draft decision D.*)

23. At the 715th meeting, the Committee adopted, without objection, a draft decision, in which it took note of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-third session. (*For the text, see para. 24 below, draft decision E.*)

Recommendations to the Council

24. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of draft resolutions I to VII below:

I

NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN ACHIEVING FAR-REACHING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOCIAL PROGRESS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1581 A (L) of 21 May 1971 and 1667 (LII) of 1 June 1972, in which the Council recognized the great importance of carrying out appropriate structural social and economic changes for the achievement of social progress and development and for that purpose considered it appropriate to study the experience of the various countries of the world in this field,

Having studied the report of the Secretary-General² prepared on the basis of replies by Governments to

his questionnaire on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress,

Noting that social progress has been achieved through the efforts of Governments and through voluntary and co-operative efforts and that such changes are built on a democratic basis,

Recognizing that the great variation in levels of economic growth and the differences between the political systems, cultures and aspirations of Member States necessarily influence the degree of utilizing the experience gained by individual Member States,

Having regard to the fact that the peoples of the world, striving to achieve the goals of social progress and a higher standard of living, are increasingly placing their hopes in State measures and in the active participation of the population in the process of social changes to achieve the above-mentioned goals for the benefit of all the people and in particular the working force,

Sharing the concern of the Governments of many countries at the inadequacy of their rates of economic and social development, which are often slowed by existing economic and social structures, as well as by the lack of effective international co-operation and by external interference in the internal affairs of States,

Bearing in mind that the strengthening of national independence and the achievement of the ultimate goals of social progress depend fundamentally on internal basic social changes for purposes of strengthening national independence, achieving the democratization of society and improving social and economic structures, and on the reaffirmation of the principle of the inadmissibility of external interference in any form, including interference by multinational corporations,

Recalling the Declaration on Social Progress and Development³ which recommends that countries should carry out democratically based structural changes and reforms, and in particular that, in accordance with article 2 of that Declaration, social progress and development shall be founded, *inter alia*, on respect for the dignity and value of the human person and on the recognition and effective implementation of civil and political rights as well as of economic, social and cultural rights without any discrimination,

Deploring the persistence of poverty, illiteracy, disease, poor housing and social inequities and recognizing the national and international responsibility to eradicate these evils,

Bearing in mind that the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade⁴ will be achieved if both the developed and developing countries carry out progressive and structural social changes in their respective societies,

Further bearing in mind that the efforts of the developing countries in achieving the far-reaching social and economic changes require the fulfilment by the developed countries of their obligations towards the developing countries,

1. Expresses its thanks to the Secretary-General for his report, which reflects various approaches towards the goal of achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for purposes of social progress;

² General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).

⁴ General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

2. *Stresses* the great importance of fundamental internal democratic social and economic changes designed to safeguard national independence and to ensure a speedy improvement in the well-being of the population;

3. *Regards* it as its task to promote the implementation of article 18 (b) of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, that is, the promotion of democratically based social and institutional reforms and motivation for change basic to the elimination of all forms of discrimination and exploitation and conducive to high rates of economic and social progress, and draws the attention of Governments to this recommendation;

4. *Recommends* that appropriate measures should be taken at all levels to ensure more active participation by the entire population, including the working force, in the production, preparation and execution of economic and social development policies and programmes designed to achieve far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress, taking into account the experience of other Governments in this field;

5. *Further recommends* that the Secretary-General should, in consultation with the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, continue the study of national experience in carrying out fundamental democratic social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress, make a detailed analysis of this question in his reports on the world social situation and include it in the programme of work of the Commission for Social Development;

6. *Decides* to include this question in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session and recommends its inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

II

UNIFIED APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS AND PLANNING

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind the vital importance of the implementation of policies and objectives recommended by the General Assembly in its resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, as well as in its resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 2681 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1494 (XLVIII) of 26 May 1970,

Having examined the preliminary report of the Secretary-General on a unified approach to development analysis and planning,⁵

Noting in particular the idea expressed in the report that development is a dynamic and integrated process that could, in certain cases, call for profound social changes and structural transformations,

Taking into consideration the fact that social development is related to a favourable international political climate and that the United Nations, in particular the

Economic and Social Council, should play an important role in promoting social development in connexion with the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, as recommended in General Assembly resolution 2880 (XXVI) of 21 December 1971,

Endorsing the idea expressed in the report of the need, in addition to national income growth indices, to develop adequate means for the assessment of national income distribution among various groups of the population with a view to providing practical guidance for the policy measures aimed at the elimination of mass poverty and unemployment, ensuring fuller use of manpower resources and broader access to education, health and other social services,

Taking into account the report of the Secretary-General on the Expert Group Meeting on a Unified Approach to Development Analysis and Planning, held at Stockholm from 6 to 10 November 1972,⁶

Bearing in mind that comprehensive and unified national planning is a more effective approach than partial or sectoral planning, which could result in unbalanced development,

1. *Considers it appropriate* to regard comprehensive and unified national planning as a means of achieving balanced social and economic development;

2. *Believes* that a practical application of a comprehensive and unified approach to development planning may call for social and economic structural changes;

3. *Recognizes* that a strengthening of the public sector could be vital for a comprehensive and unified national planning;

4. *Recommends* that Governments should:

(a) Closely tie up planning with national goals;

(b) Pursue a policy which would be directed at establishing social equality and justice and at improving standards of living for the bulk of the population;

(c) Encourage wider participation and co-operation in the development process—in setting the goals, implementing the plans and enjoying the benefits of development;

(d) Implement the goals, targets and policy measures of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, taking into account the recommendations of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development;

(e) Examine their development strategies, national plans and structures from the point of view of their conformity with the requirements of a unified approach and the principles of social development and peace in the world;

(f) Co-operate with each other in order to achieve the above ends;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue studies of the question of a unified approach to development analysis and planning, taking into account the International Development Strategy and the need for its implementation, which is a prerequisite for achieving the full integration of economic

⁵ E/CN.5/477.

⁶ E/CN.5/490.

and social components of the development of each country, particularly of the developing countries;

(b) To take into account, in the completion of the final report, the views expressed by the members of the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-third session (see E/5252, chap. III) and, while ensuring that the cross-sectoral integration and regionalization of planning are further studied, to see to it that the report is prepared in such a way as to be of the greatest possible practical use to planners, decision-makers and administrators;

(c) To submit the results of this study, together with suitable recommendations, as appropriate, to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session and to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-fourth session;

(d) To ensure that the Committee for Development Planning and the Committee on Review and Appraisal are kept informed of any ongoing work, including the results of any studies on a unified approach to development analysis and planning;

(e) To include the question of a unified approach to development analysis and planning as a separate item on the agenda of the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

III

REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2681 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and 2771 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971 and Council resolutions 1581 (L) of 21 May 1971 and 1666 (LII) of 1 June 1972,

1. Notes that, owing to the lack of appropriate documentation, the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-third session was handicapped in fulfilling the task assigned to it with regard to the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, contained in General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970;

2. Requests the Secretariat to prepare appropriate and specific documentation and to submit it to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-fourth session, for the purpose of assessing the realization of social development objectives both in the developed and the developing countries;

3. Invites the specialized agencies concerned, the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to co-operate with the Secretary-General in the preparation of the relevant data;

4. Invites the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development to undertake, as a matter of priority, further studies on the establishment of social standards and indicators for the purpose of appraising social progress and development in the context of the International Development Strategy and to submit the results of these studies, through the Secretary-General, to the Commission for Social Development in time for its twenty-fourth session.

IV

MIGRANT WORKERS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-third session (E/5252),

Noting with satisfaction that the Conference of European Ministers Responsible for Social Welfare, held at The Hague from 22 to 26 August 1972, was able to give due and positive consideration to the situation of migrant workers,⁷ mentioned also in the course of the United Nations Interregional Seminar on Industrial Social Welfare, held at Moscow from 16 October to 5 November 1971,⁸

Aware that labour migration all over the world has acquired a magnitude that urgently calls for specific examination and action by the United Nations, especially since migration has become an important factor influencing the general social and economic situation and relations among countries,

Noting that migratory movements result, on the whole, from the existing differences in levels of development and the unsatisfactory progress of national and international efforts to narrow the gap between developed and developing countries,

Aware that the increased migration of workers generates great problems both for the countries of immigration and emigration, and of the fact that this segment of the population, although receiving certain material benefits, faces numerous difficulties and hardships,

Considering the contribution of migrant workers, especially of skilled workers, to the economic development of receiving countries and the loss sustained by their countries of origin as a result of their migration, in terms of the cost of their training and their technical and professional expertise,

Noting with satisfaction that the International Labour Organisation has already initiated a programme of action in conformity with resolution III of 22 June 1971 adopted by the International Labour Conference at its fifty-sixth session, concerning action for promoting the equality of migrant workers in all social and labour matters, and that the question of migrant workers has been placed on the agenda of the 1974 session of the International Labour Conference with a view to adopting further international standards relating to equality of opportunity and treatment of migrant workers and their social protection,

1. Affirms the need for the United Nations to consider the situation of migrant workers in an interrelated manner and in relation with general factors, including economic, political, social and cultural factors and the requirements of respect for human rights and human dignity;

2. Invites the Governments of emigration and immigration countries to give due attention to the situation of migrant workers and their families, and to take, on a continuous basis, action aimed at improving their position, protecting them from discrimination and various hardships, creating job opportunities in the countries from which they have emigrated, as well as giving due attention to the international aspect of this problem;

⁷ See E/CN.5/479.

⁸ See E/CN.5/484.

3. *Further, invites* the Governments of emigration and immigration countries to ensure to migrant workers and their families, through bilateral agreements on labour recruitment, the protection of social security and assistance schemes, appropriate housing, their ethnic integrity and cultural inheritance, protection from large-scale dismissal, as well as comprehensive measures for their training;

4. *Decides* to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the question of migrant workers and requests the Secretary-General to invite the International Labour Organisation to make available to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-fourth session and to the Council the results of its programme of action on migrant workers, including the progress achieved on this subject at the 1974 session of the International Labour Conference;

5. *Also invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission for Social Development, in co-operation with all the specialized agencies concerned, a supplementary report on the welfare of migrant workers and their families, with particular attention to the educational needs of their children.

V

CONVENING OF A UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON ADOPTION LAW

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into consideration General Assembly resolution 3028 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and the note by the Secretary-General on the question of convening a United Nations conference for an international convention on adoption law,⁹

Considering that the lack of sufficient legislation on the question of adoption and differences between the existing laws on this question create difficult juridical and social problems which could, *inter alia*, affect the interests of persons to be adopted,

Keeping in mind the need to develop adoption and foster care practices in order to provide for children the family atmosphere indispensable to their development and to their integration into society,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the international organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, concerned with child welfare, and/or with expertise in the field of international law:

(a) To obtain through a questionnaire to Governments current information on policies, programmes and laws for the protection of children for adoption and foster placement, and their views on the question of sponsoring an international conference on adoption law, including the scope of such a conference;

(b) To bring up to date the study entitled: *Comparative Analysis of Adoption Laws*,¹⁰ taking into account particularly any international legal instruments concluded on the matter, especially at the regional level;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a concise report, based on the information referred to in paragraph 1 above, for the consideration of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session and of the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

⁹ E/CN.5/491.

¹⁰ ST/SOA/30 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 56.IV.5).

VI

THE AGED AND SOCIAL SECURITY

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 2842 (XXVI) of 18 December 1971, entitled "Question of the elderly and aged",

Recalling its resolutions 1405 (XLVI) and 1406 (XLVI) of 5 June 1969,

Taking note of the corresponding reports of the Secretary-General, particularly the one on the United Nations Interregional Seminar on Industrial Social Welfare,¹¹

Considering social security and social welfare to be integral parts of the social and economic development of society as a whole,

Recognizing that adequate social security is of the greatest importance to the aged,

Bearing in mind article 11 (a) of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,¹² which envisages the provision of comprehensive social security schemes and social welfare services, the establishment and improvement of social security and insurance schemes for all persons who, because of illness, disability or old age, are temporarily or permanently unable to earn a living, with a view to ensuring a proper standard of living for such persons and for their families and dependants,

Affirming the important role of Governments in developing effective social security programmes through concerted efforts of national and local authorities, appropriate organizations and the population itself,

Considering that the protection of the aged is an important part of any comprehensive social security scheme and that such schemes should be an integral part of the social and economic development of society as a whole, and considering therefore that the protection of the aged cannot be dealt with in isolation,

1. *Considers* social security to be an integral part of national programmes for improving the well-being of the population, particularly for the aged, within the framework of the State's long-term social and economic planning;

2. *Calls upon* Governments to assume responsibility for guiding and planning social security in all sectors along with the development of legislation in the field of social security programmes;

3. *Recommends* that Governments should carry out, as far as national circumstances permit, especially in the developed countries, the necessary social security measures within the framework of general planning and, in particular, should:

(a) Seek to ensure that the aged, the disabled and those who suffer the loss of the breadwinner receive adequate social security payments;

(b) Introduce and expand social security schemes with due regard for the groups of workers with special needs, in particular women;

(c) Improve treatment under social security schemes for immigrant workers and their families;

(d) Provide sufficient institutions for the care of aged persons requiring medical treatment;

¹¹ E/CN.5/484.

¹² General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).

(e) Ensure, where possible, the vocational training and employment of the handicapped;

(f) Seek to ensure that aged persons protected by social welfare programmes can take part, to the extent of their capacities, in creative activities, which would give them moral satisfaction;

4. *Calls* for the participation of the whole community, including the trade unions, in the field of social security as well as in the improvement of the general well-being of the population;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give constant attention to these problems and to reflect them in reports on the world social situation;

6. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to include in its work programme for 1974-1977 questions relating to the place of social security in the system of social and economic planning and development and, in this connexion, requests the Secretary-General to consult with the International Labour Organisation regarding the preparation of a comparative study of social security systems, social security planning, and the role and responsibility of the State in this matter;

7. *Decides* to consider this question at its fifty-sixth session.

VII

NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF YOUTH

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on youth,¹³

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2770 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971 on youth, its problems and needs and its participation in social development, and 3022 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 on channels of communication with youth and international youth organizations, and Council resolution 1727 (LIII) of 28 July 1972 and General Assembly resolution 3018 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 on mass poverty and unemployment,

Noting that the report of the Secretary-General adequately treats youth as an integral part of society as a whole and in relation to the situation in the world,

Aware that, while youth forms part of different social segments of the population, it nevertheless feels most strongly the impact of inequities in national, regional and international development,

Mindful that, because of the prevalence of mass poverty and the inequitable distribution of wealth and services in the world, most young people continue to experience serious problems in achieving their aspirations and in satisfying their basic individual, social and economic needs, in particular with regard to health, education, training, employment and opportunities to participate in national, regional and international development,

Recognizing the increasingly influential and responsible role which youth is playing in matters relating to the maintenance of peace throughout the world and the protection of human rights,

Recognizing the need to assist youth to combat discrimination, *apartheid* and other types of policies of oppression and exploitation, which seriously affect

the task of meeting the social needs and requirements of youth,

Emphasizing the importance of the full participation of youth in the development process for the realization of the objectives stated in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,¹⁴

Noting with concern the findings of the report that most of the present arrangements of Governments and the United Nations system to deal with the needs and aspirations of youth are inadequate,

Convinced of the need to strengthen the role of Governments and the United Nations in promoting measures to meet the needs and aspirations of youth at the national, regional and international levels,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of youth to employment, education, shelter, health care and the fulfilment of other social and cultural needs;

2. *Takes note* of the proposals for action contained in the report of the Secretary-General and recommends them to Governments, in particular those relating to the need for Governments:

(a) To gear their educational policies and programmes to the task of ensuring educational opportunities and education more relevant to the preparation of youth for full participation in all aspects of life and development;

(b) To formulate health policies and implement health programmes to ensure that youth will be physically able to take advantage of the increasing opportunities open to them;

(c) To adopt all possible means to increase job opportunities in order to reduce or eliminate unemployment of young people;

(d) To increase opportunities for youth to participate in all aspects of national and international life, especially in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Calls upon* Governments and international, regional and non-governmental organizations, in co-operation with the representatives of youth, to review and appraise their policies and programmes for youth in the light of the report of the Secretary-General, with a view to meeting more satisfactorily their needs and in order to enable them to play a more effective role in promoting economic and social development and peace in the world;

4. *Urges* the organizations in the United Nations system to give special attention, in the process or review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, to questions of youth in development, particularly with regard to relevant education, training, employment and participation in decision making;

5. *Calls upon* the concerned organizations in the United Nations system to strengthen their advisory services at the national, regional and international levels, devoting particular attention to the participation of youth in economic and social development;

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of the decision of the General Assembly in its resolution 3022 (XXVII) to convene an *Ad Hoc* Advisory Group on Youth to advise the Secretary-General on activities that should be

¹³ E/CN.5/486 and Corr.1, Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

¹⁴ General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

undertaken by the United Nations to meet the needs and aspirations of youth.

25. The Committee further recommends to the Council the adoption of draft decisions A to E below:

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the progress report submitted by the Secretary-General (E/5246 and Corr.1) in implementation of paragraph 6 (a) of its resolution 1668 (LII) entitled "Promotion of the co-operative movement during the Second United Nations Development Decade":

1. Takes note with appreciation of the progress report of the Secretary-General;

2. Decides to transmit the report, together with the comments of Governments, as contained in the summary records of its meetings, to the Committee on Review and Appraisal at its second session, to assist it in its work.

B

The Economic and Social Council decides to transmit resolution 5 (XXIII) entitled "Review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade", adopted by the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-third session (see E/5252, chap. XII), to the Committee on Review and Appraisal at its second session and, taking into account the comments made thereon, to consider the Commission's preliminary comments and proposals contained in that resolution at the fifty-fifth session of the Council when taking up the item on review and appraisal of

progress in implementing the International Development Strategy.

C

The Economic and Social Council decides to consider resolution 6 (XXIII) entitled "Programme objectives for the medium-term plan 1974-1977" adopted by the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-third session (*ibid.*), at the fifty-fifth session of the Council when taking up the biennial work programme and budget for 1974-1975 and the medium-term plan for 1974-1977.

D

The Economic and Social Council confirms the nomination of the following six members on the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, for a four-year term beginning on 2 July 1973:

Mr. Jacques Delors (France)
Mr. Gunnar Karl Myrdal (Sweden)
Mr. Khaleeq Ahmed Naqvi (India)
Mr. H. M. A. Onitiri (Nigeria)
Mr. Berislav Sefer (Yugoslavia)
Mrs. Eleanor Bernert Sheldon (United States of America)

It decides to postpone to the fifty-fifth session the confirmation of a seventh member on the Board, to be nominated in replacement of Mr. Luis H. Fajardo (Colombia).

E

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-third session (E/5252).

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1855th meeting, on 16 May 1973, the Council voted on the draft resolutions and the draft decisions submitted by the Social Committee in paragraphs 24 and 25 of its report (E/5328).

Draft resolution I was adopted by 24 votes to none, with 1 abstention; draft resolution II, by 25 votes to none, with 1 abstention; draft resolution III, without objection; draft resolution IV was adopted unanimously; draft resolution V was adopted by 19 votes to none, with 8 abstentions; draft resolution VI, without objection; and draft resolution VII by 22 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.

Draft decisions A to E were adopted without objection.

For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolutions 1746 (LIV) to 1752 (LIV) and "Decisions".



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ANNEXES

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Agenda item 18: Human rights questions:*

- (a) Report of the Commission on Human Rights;
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DOCUMENT E/5345

Report of the Social Committee

[Original: English]
[17 May 1973]

1. The Social Committee considered agenda item 18 at its 716th to 723rd meetings, held from 7 to 14 May 1973 under the chairmanship of Mr. B. Rabetafika (Madagascar), Vice-President of the Council. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it the following documents:

For subitem (a):

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its twenty-ninth session (E/5265);

Note by the Secretary-General entitled "Elimination of racial discrimination" (E/5237 and Add.1 and 2), transmitting information received from non-governmental organizations;

Letter dated 9 May 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/5333);

For subitem (b):

Report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights, prepared in accordance with Council resolution 1599 (L) (E/5245);

Progress report of the International Labour Organisation (E/5251);

Letter dated 4 May 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/5325).

3. At the 717th meeting, on the proposal, of the Chairman, the Committee decided to consider the 12 draft resolutions and 7 decisions calling for action by the Economic and Social Council, as set forth in chapter XXI of the Commission's report (E/5265) according to subject matter rather than in the order in which they appeared in that chapter.

4. In addition, three draft resolutions were submitted by delegations in the course of the Committee's

consideration of the item (E/AC.7/L.646, 647 and 650).

A. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Draft resolution I: "Activities of non-governmental organizations to combat racism and racial discrimination"

5. At the 718th meeting, the representative of Italy orally proposed the insertion of the words "and during the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination" at the end of paragraph 2 of the draft resolution.

6. At the 720th meeting, the Committee adopted, without objection, the amendment proposed by the representative of Italy.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, as orally amended, by 42 votes to none, with 1 abstention. (For the text, see para. 45 below, draft resolution I.)

Draft resolution E/AC.7/L.647: "Role of non-governmental organizations in the programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination"

8. At the 719th meeting, the representative of Pakistan, also on behalf of the delegations of Ghana and India, introduced draft resolution E/AC.7/L.647. In introducing the draft resolution, the representative of Pakistan orally revised the operative paragraph by deleting the words "consider its" and inserting the words "draw up appropriate recommendations".

9. At the 720th meeting, the Committee unanimously adopted the draft resolution, as revised (E/AC.7/L.647). (For the text, see para. 45 below, draft resolution II.)

Draft resolution X: "Draft convention on the suppression and punishment of the crime of apartheid"

10. At the 719th meeting, the representative of New Zealand introduced amendments (E/AC.7/L.648) to draft resolution X, calling for the addition of a third preambular paragraph, the addition of a new operative paragraph after paragraph 1, and the addition of a new phrase in operative paragraph 1.

11. At the 720th meeting, the representative of New Zealand orally revised her second amendment (E/AC.7/L.648) to read as follows:

"Requests the Secretary-General to ask the International Law Commission to consider the draft Convention as a matter of urgency at its present session, and to transmit whatever comments it may have on it to the General Assembly in time for its twenty-eighth session".

12. At the same meeting, the Committee voted on the draft resolution and the amendments thereto. The results were as follows:

By 20 votes to 9, with 15 abstentions, the first amendment proposed by New Zealand was rejected;

By 30 votes to 5, with 9 abstentions, the second amendment proposed by New Zealand, as orally revised, was rejected;

By 30 votes to 4, with 10 abstentions, the third amendment by New Zealand was rejected;

Draft resolution X was adopted by 32 votes to 2, with 11 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 45 below, draft resolution III.*)

13. At the 719th and 720th meetings, the Committee considered decisions 1, 2 and 4 contained in chapter XXI of the report of the Commission.

Draft decision 1: "Draft programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination"

14. At the 720th meeting, the Committee unanimously recommended that the Economic and Social Council should submit to the General Assembly the draft programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination set out in resolution 1 (XXIX) of the Commission on Human Rights. (*For the text, see para. 46 below, draft decision 1.*)

Draft decision 2: "Further studies on racial discrimination"

15. At the 720th meeting, the Committee was informed by the representative of the Secretary-General of the revised financial implications involved should it decide to recommend to the Council the adoption of draft decision 2.

16. The Committee adopted, without objection, the Chairman's proposal to recommend to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of a draft decision whereby it would request the Special Rapporteur of the study entitled *Racial Discrimination*¹ to update that study with special emphasis on discrimination based on colour, taking into account the opinions and views expressed in the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its

twenty-fifth session, in the Commission on Human Rights at its twenty-ninth session and in the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fourth session, so that the updated study might be considered by the Sub-Commission at its twenty-eighth session. (*For the text, see para. 46 below, draft decision 2.*)

Draft decision 4: "Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts"

17. At the 719th meeting, the representative of New Zealand orally proposed the deletion of the word "the" before the word "use" in decision 4 (c) which the Committee accepted without objection.

18. At the 720th meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision 4, as orally amended, by 37 votes to none, with 8 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 46 below, draft decision 3.*)

REPORTS AND STUDIES OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

Draft resolution III: "Draft principles relating to equality in the administration of justice"

19. At the 721st meeting, at the request of the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Committee voted on draft resolution III, which it adopted by 33 votes to none, with 4 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 45 below, draft resolution IV.*)

Draft resolution IV: "Study of discrimination in the matter of political rights and draft general principles on freedom and non-discrimination in the matter of political rights"

20. At the 721st meeting, the Committee adopted, without objection, draft resolution IV. (*For the text, see para. 45 below, draft resolution V.*)

Draft resolution V: "Study of discrimination against persons born out of wedlock and draft general principles on equality and non-discrimination in respect of such persons"

21. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted, without objection, draft resolution V. (*For the text, see para. 45 below, draft resolution VI.*)

Draft resolution VII: "Study of discrimination in respect of the right of everyone to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country, and draft principles on freedom and non-discrimination in respect of that right"

22. At the 721st meeting, the representative of Italy, also on behalf of the delegations of Denmark, Sweden, and Trinidad and Tobago, introduced an amendment (E/AC.7/L.651) calling for the addition of an operative paragraph at the end of the draft resolution.

23. At the same meeting, the Committee, by 20 votes to 4, with 10 abstentions, adopted the amendment.

24. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution VII, as amended, by 33 votes to 4. (*For the text, see para. 45 below, draft resolution VII.*)

¹ United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.XIV.2.

EXPLOITATION OF LABOUR THROUGH ILLICIT AND
CLANDESTINE TRAFFICKING

Draft resolution II

25. At the 721st meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution II, without objection. (*For the text, see para. 45 below, draft resolution VIII.*)

QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PROTECTION OF
THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT
CITIZENS OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY LIVE

Draft resolution VI

26. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted, by 27 votes to none, with 8 abstentions, draft resolution VI. (*For the text, see para. 45 below, draft resolution IX.*)

QUESTION OF THE PUNISHMENT OF WAR CRIMINALS
AND OF PERSONS WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES
AGAINST HUMANITY

Draft resolution VIII

27. At the 721st meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution VIII by 26 votes to none, with 10 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 45 below, draft resolution X.*)

QUESTION OF THE REALIZATION OF THE ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS CONTAINED IN THE
UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND
IN THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, AND THE STUDY OF
SPECIAL PROBLEMS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Draft resolution IX

28. At the 722nd meeting, the Committee adopted, without objection, draft resolution IX. (*For the text, see para. 45 below, draft resolution XI.*)

YEARBOOK ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Draft resolution XI

29. The Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (E/AC.7/L.649) transmitting a statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution XI.

30. At the 722nd meeting, the Committee unanimously adopted draft resolution XI. (*For the text, see para. 45 below, draft resolution XII.*)

OTHER DECISIONS

Draft decision 3: "Teaching of human rights in universities, and development of an independent scientific discipline of human rights"

31. At the 722nd meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision 3 by 32 votes to none, with 5 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 46 below, draft decision 4.*)

Draft decision 5: "Periodicity of the sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and its subsidiary bodies"

32. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision 5 by 34 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

(*For the text, see para. 46 below, draft decision 5.*)

Draft decision 6: "Rationalization and improvement of the system of periodic reports on human rights"

33. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision 6 by 35 votes to none, with 2 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 46 below, draft decision 6.*)

Draft decision 7: "Periodic reports on human rights"

34. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision 7, by 32 votes to none, with 8 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 46 below, draft decision 7.*)

Draft resolution E/AC.7/L.646: "Preparation of an international code of police ethics"

35. At the 722nd meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, also on behalf of the delegations of the Netherlands and Sweden, introduced draft resolution E/AC.7/L.646.

36. At the same meeting, the representative of Chile orally proposed the replacement of the word "advise" in the first operative paragraph by the words "transmit its recommendations to"; and in paragraph 2, the replacement of the word "advice" by the word "recommendations". Both amendments were accepted by the sponsors.

37. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (E/AC.7/L.646) as amended, by 34 votes to 5, with 2 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 45 below, draft resolution XIII.*)

Draft resolution XII: "Report of the Commission on Human Rights"

38. At the 723rd meeting, the Committee adopted, without objection, draft resolution XII in which it recommended that the Economic and Social Council take note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its twenty-ninth session. (*For the text, see para. 45 below, draft resolution XIV.*)

B. ALLEGATIONS REGARDING INFRINGEMENT
OF TRADE UNION RIGHTS

Draft resolution E/AC.7/L.650: "Question of the absence and infringements of trade union rights"

39. At the 722nd meeting, the representative of Ghana, also on behalf of the delegations of Chile, Egypt, Kenya, Mali, Pakistan and the Sudan, introduced draft resolution E/AC.7/L.650. In introducing the draft resolution, the representative of Ghana orally revised paragraph 13 by adding at the end of the paragraph the words "and the Security Council".

40. At the same meeting, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics proposed the addition of the word "gross" before the word "infringements" in the third preambular paragraph, as well as in the heading; the proposal was accepted by the sponsors.

41. Algeria, Madagascar, the Niger, Uganda and Zaire joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

42. At the 723rd meeting, the Committee, at the request of the representative of Spain, voted on the draft resolution, as amended, which it adopted by

37 votes to none, with 4 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 45 below, draft resolution XV.*)

Draft decision

43. At the 722nd meeting, the representative of Ghana orally proposed a draft decision concerning the letter from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the Secretary-General (E/5325).

44. At the 723rd meeting, at the request of the representative of Spain, the Committee voted on the draft decision and adopted it by 36 votes to none, with 6 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 46 below, draft decision 8.*)

Recommendations to the Council

45. The Social Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the draft resolutions I to XV below:

I

ACTIVITIES OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 2 (XXIX) of 9 March 1973 (see E/5265, chap. XX),

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2785 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971 and Council resolutions 1588 (L) and 1591 (L) of 21 May 1971,

Having examined the reports of non-governmental organizations submitted pursuant to those resolutions (see (E/5237 and Add.1 and 2),

1. *Notes with interest* the various activities of non-governmental organizations in combating racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid* and related matters;

2. *Invites* the non-governmental organizations which have a special interest in the elimination of racism and racial discrimination and which act in good faith and without political motivation to intensify their efforts, with a view to reaching new heights during the twenty-fifth anniversary year of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and during the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

3. *Requests* the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to take account of the reports received from non-governmental organizations in its deliberations.

II

ROLE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PROGRAMME FOR THE DECADE OF ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Mindful of the deliberations of the Commission on Human Rights, at its twenty-ninth session, on the activities of non-governmental organizations to combat racism and racial discrimination (see E/5265, paras. 51-56),

Recognizing the importance of defining and formulating at the earliest possible time the role of non-governmental organizations in the programme for the Decade

of Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Requests the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to draw up appropriate recommendations regarding the role of non-governmental organizations in the Programme for the Decade of Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, during its meetings at the fifty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Council, and to submit them to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session through the Economic and Social Council at its resumed fifty-fifth session.

III

DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF *Apartheid*

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2922 (XXVII) of 15 November 1972,

Having considered the draft convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid* (see E/5265, chap. XX, resolution 16 (XXIX), annex),

1. *Approves* the draft Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, should consider and approve the draft Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*.

IV

DRAFT PRINCIPLES RELATING TO EQUALITY IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

The Economic and Social Council,

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 5 (XXIX) of 20 March 1973 (see E/5265, chap. XX), and Economic and Social Council resolution 1785 (LIV) of 18 May 1973,

"Considering that the comments received from Governments² pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXVIII) show the diversity of approach and the variety of issues faced by Governments in relation to the draft principles relating to equality in the administration of justice³ set out in resolution 3 (XXIII) of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

"1. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Abu Rannat for his study;⁴

"2. Calls upon Member States to give due consideration, in formulating legislation and taking other measures affecting equality in the administration of justice, to the above-mentioned draft principles, which may be regarded as setting forth valuable norms, with a view to arriving at an elaboration of an appropriate international declaration or instrument."

² See E/CN.4/1112 and Add.1-8.

³ See E/CN.4/1077.

⁴ *Study of Equality in the Administration of Justice* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.XIV.3).

V

STUDY OF DISCRIMINATION IN THE MATTER OF POLITICAL RIGHTS AND DRAFT GENERAL PRINCIPLES ON FREEDOM AND NON-DISCRIMINATION IN THE MATTER OF POLITICAL RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 6 (XXIX) of 20 March 1973 (see E/5265, chap. XX),

Considering that the *Study of Discrimination in the Matter of Political Rights*⁵ and the draft general principles on freedom and non-discrimination in the matter of political rights, prepared by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and annexed thereto, have been the subject of preliminary consideration and have been sent to the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and to non-governmental organizations in consultative status, for comments and observations,

Considering that the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Hernán Santa Cruz, has introduced his study to the Commission on Human Rights and made a statement thereon,

1. Expresses its warm appreciation to the Special Rapporteur, for his study;

2. Expresses its appreciation also to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

3. Draws the attention of Governments, international and regional intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other institutions and bodies concerned to the draft general principles on freedom and non-discrimination in the matter of political rights, and expresses the hope that they will take them into account, together with the relevant provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁶ when considering the question of discrimination in the matter of political rights;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the draft general principles to the attention of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights at their first meeting, with a view to their transmission to the human rights committee to be established under that Covenant;

5. Decides that the Commission on Human Rights should retain the question of the realization of political rights on its agenda.

VI

STUDY OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK AND DRAFT GENERAL PRINCIPLES ON EQUALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION IN RESPECT OF SUCH PERSONS

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 7 (XXIX) of 20 March 1973 (see E/5265, chap. XX),

Considering that the *Study of Discrimination against Persons Born out of Wedlock*⁷ and the draft general principles on equality and non-discrimination in respect of such persons, drawn up by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and annexed thereto, which are dealt with in the above-mentioned resolution, cover many matters which

are under consideration by the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on the Status of Women,

1. Expresses its warm appreciation to the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Voitto Saario, for his study;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to Governments, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status, for their comments and observations, the draft general principles on equality and non-discrimination in respect of persons born out of wedlock;

3. Invites the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on the Status of Women to consider, as appropriate, the *Study of Discrimination against Persons Born out of Wedlock* and the draft general principles relating thereto, in the light of the comments received by the Secretary-General under paragraph 2 above;

4. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to consider the question again at its thirty-first session.

VII

STUDY OF DISCRIMINATION IN RESPECT OF THE RIGHT OF EVERYONE TO LEAVE ANY COUNTRY, INCLUDING HIS OWN, AND TO RETURN TO HIS COUNTRY, AND DRAFT PRINCIPLES ON FREEDOM AND NON-DISCRIMINATION IN RESPECT OF THAT RIGHT

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1694 (LII) of 2 June 1972,

Noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 12 (XXIX) of 23 March 1973 (see E/5265, chap. XX),

Affirming the importance of the rights mentioned in article 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the enjoyment of which is essential,

1. Expresses its warm appreciation to the Special Rapporteur, Mr. José D. Ingles, for his *Study of Discrimination in Respect of the Right of Everyone to Leave any Country, Including his Own, and to Return to His Country*;⁸

2. Affirms the need for Governments, with respect to the enjoyment of the right of everyone to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country, to bear in mind the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, the provisions of article 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and other relevant provisions of the Declaration the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights⁹ and the Charter of the United Nations;

3. Draws the attention of Governments, international and regional intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other institutions and bodies concerned, to the draft principles on freedom and non-discrimination in respect of the right of everyone to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country, adopted by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in its resolution 2 (XV), and expresses the hope that they will take into account the relevant provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as the relevant United Nations decisions and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, when considering legislation or regulations

⁵ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 63.XIV.2

⁶ See General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁷ United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.3.

⁸ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 64.XIV.2.

⁹ See General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

dealing with the question of freedom and non-discrimination in respect of the right of everyone to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the draft principles to the attention of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights at their first meeting, with a view to their transmission to the human rights committee to be established under that Covenant.

5. *Decides* that the Commission on Human Rights should retain on its agenda the question of the right of everyone to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country, and to consider it at three-year intervals coinciding with its discussion of the periodic reports on civil and political rights.

VIII

EXPLOITATION OF LABOUR THROUGH ILLICIT AND CLANDESTINE TRAFFICKING

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1706 (LIII) of 28 July 1972 and General Assembly resolution 2920 (XXVII) of 15 November 1972,

Recalling the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which proclaim that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the Declaration, without distinction of any kind,

Considering that effective action to prevent exploitation of the victims of illegal trafficking in labour requires comprehensive measures designed to enhance the protection of human rights in respect of foreign workers,

1. *Urges once again* States to ratify the relevant conventions of the International Labour Organisation, in particular the Convention concerning Migration for Employment (Revised 1949),¹⁰ and to conclude, as appropriate, bilateral agreements relating to migration for employment;

2. *Welcomes* the valuable work being undertaken by the International Labour Organisation to strengthen the international machinery for the protection of migrant workers and the decision of its Governing Body to place this matter on the agenda of the fifty-ninth session of the International Labour Conference, and expresses the hope that the Conference will take action leading to the adoption of measures which will have the effect of affording adequate protection to all migrant and other foreign workers and will reduce the opportunities for labour to be exploited by illicit or clandestine trafficking;

3. *Requests* the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to consider this question as a matter of priority at its twenty-sixth session, in the light of United Nations instruments in the field of human rights, and to recommend what further measures may be necessary for the protection, without distinction, of the human rights of foreign workers, taking into account the discussion of this question in the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights;

4. *Requests* the Commission on the Status of Women to examine the question of the exploitation of the victims of clandestine traffic in labour, especially young

women, taking into account in this connexion the discussion in the Commission on Human Rights (see E/5265, chap. V), and to report to the Economic and Social Council;

5. *Requests* Member States to submit to the Secretary-General such material, studies and suggestions as they deem relevant, for transmission to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and the Commission on the Status of Women at their next sessions, with reference to paragraphs 3 and 4 above;

6. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to consider this question as a matter of priority at its thirtieth session.

IX

QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT CITIZENS OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY LIVE

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the principles of the sovereign equality of States and of non-interference in domestic affairs,

Emphasizing that non-citizens must observe the laws in force in the States in which they reside, and particularly must refrain from activities prejudicial to the political and economic interests of these States,

Recalling the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which proclaim that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the Declaration, without distinction of any kind,

Noting, however, that in practice States often make certain distinctions between their own nationals and others,

Noting further that, while these distinctions are provided for in certain international instruments in the field of human rights, no general examination has been made by the United Nations of the extent to which such instruments are applicable to individuals who are not citizens of the State in which they live,

1. *Requests* the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to consider as a matter of priority, at its twenty-sixth session, the problem of the applicability of existing international provisions for the protection of human rights to individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live, to consider what measures in the field of human rights, including the possibility of a declaration, would be desirable, and to submit appropriate recommendations to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirtieth session;

2. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to consider this question as a matter of priority at its thirtieth session on the basis of the report of the Sub-Commission at its twenty-sixth session;

3. *Urges* States, pending the adoption of further measures in this field, to accord the highest practicable level of protection to all individuals who are not their citizens but who are nevertheless under their jurisdiction;

4. *Calls upon* all States to respect the right of individuals to communicate with duly appointed consular officials sent by the State of which they are nationals and, as appropriate, to have access to them, in accordance with the relevant rules of international law;

5. *Decides* to consider this question at its fifty-sixth session.

¹⁰ See *Conventions and Recommendations, 1919-1966* (International Labour Office, Geneva, 1966), Convention No. 97, p. 743.

X

QUESTION OF THE PUNISHMENT OF WAR CRIMINALS
AND OF PERSONS WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES
AGAINST HUMANITY*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2583 (XXIV) of 15 December 1969, in which the Assembly drew attention to the special need for international action in order to ensure the prosecution and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 3020 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, in which the Assembly expressed the conviction that the effective punishment of war crimes and crimes against humanity is an important element in preventing such crimes and putting an end to them, as well as in ensuring better protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and promoting co-operation between peoples and international peace and security,

1. *Endorses* the draft principles of international co-operation in the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity;

2. *Endorses* the inclusion in the agenda of the thirty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights of the question of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity;

3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly should, at its twenty-eighth session, consider the draft principles of international co-operation in the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity, and that it should adopt the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 2583 (XXIV) of 15 December 1969, 2712 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, 2840 (XXVI) of 18 December 1971 and 3020 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972,

"Taking into account the special need for international action in order to ensure the prosecution and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity,

"Having considered the draft principles of international co-operation in the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity,

"Declares that the United Nations, in pursuance of the principles and purposes set forth in its Charter concerning the promotion of co-operation between peoples and the maintenance of international peace and security, proclaims the following principles of international co-operation in the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity:

"1. War crimes and crimes against humanity, whenever or wherever they are committed, shall be subject to investigation and the persons against whom there is evidence that they have committed such crimes shall be subject to tracing, arrest, trial and, if found guilty, to punishment.

"2. States shall co-operate with each other on a bilateral and multilateral basis with a view to halting and preventing war crimes and crimes against

humanity, and shall take the domestic and international measures necessary for that purpose.

"3. States shall assist each other in detecting, arresting and bringing to trial persons suspected of having committed such crimes and, if they are found guilty, in punishing them.

"4. Persons against whom there is evidence that they have committed war crimes and crimes against humanity shall be subject to trial and, if found guilty, to punishment, as a general rule in the countries in which they committed those crimes. In that connexion, States shall co-operate on questions of extraditing such persons.

"5. States shall co-operate with each other in the collection of information and evidence which would help to bring to trial the persons indicated in paragraph 4, and shall exchange such information.

"6. In accordance with article 1 of the Declaration on Territorial Asylum of 14 December 1967, States shall not grant asylum to any person with respect to whom there are serious reasons for considering that he has committed a crime against peace, a war crime or a crime against humanity.¹¹

"7. States shall not take any legislative or other measures which may be prejudicial to the international obligations they have assumed in regard to the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

"8. In co-operating with a view to the detection, arrest and extradition of persons against whom there is evidence that they have committed war crimes and crimes against humanity and, if found guilty, their punishment, States shall act in conformity with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, and of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations."¹²

XI

QUESTION OF THE REALIZATION OF THE ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS CONTAINED IN THE
UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN
THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SO-
CIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, AND STUDY OF SPECIAL
PROBLEMS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN DEVEL-
OPING COUNTRIES*The Economic and Social Council,*

Noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 14 (XXIX) of 30 March 1973 (see E/5265, chap. XX) and in particular, Council resolution 1689 (LII) of 2 June 1972,

Considering that the study by the Special Rapporteur on the question of the realization of economic, social and cultural rights¹³ requires careful consideration by the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies before the Commission on Human Rights can make a thorough examination of it,

Considering that the replies to the requests which the Council made to each regional economic commis-

¹¹ See General Assembly resolution 2312 (XXII).

¹² See General Assembly resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

¹³ E/CN.4/1108 and Add.1-9.

sion and to the Committee on Review and Appraisal and the Committee for Development Planning under paragraphs 3 and 4 of Council resolution 1689 (LII) are not likely to be available to the Commission on Human Rights until its thirtieth session at least,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 421 E (V) of 4 December 1950, which states that, when deprived of economic, social and cultural rights, man does not represent the human person whom the Universal Declaration of Human Rights regards as the ideal of the free man,

Considering that the economic and social situation of developing countries has not improved sufficiently, thereby gravely impeding the full realization of economic, social and cultural rights and requiring, in conjunction with the efforts and programmes of interested States, improved international co-operation,

1. *Takes note with warm appreciation* of the study made by the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Manouchehr Ganji;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward the Special Rapporteur's study to States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies, and States parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice for their comments and observations, to be received by 1 November 1973 in order that they may be submitted in time for consideration, together with further recommendations of the Special Rapporteur, by the Commission on Human Rights at its thirtieth session;

3. *Authorizes* the Special Rapporteur to carry out further consultations, as he deems necessary, with the bodies of the United Nations concerned, the specialized agencies and appropriate regional intergovernmental organizations;

4. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur to complete his study, taking into consideration comments and observations by Governments, specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations, as well as the views expressed at the twenty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights, and to report to the Commission at its thirtieth session;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with appropriate assistance;

6. *Further requests* the specialized agencies, the regional economic commissions and the bodies of the United Nations concerned, as well as other intergovernmental organizations, to provide the Special Rapporteur with the appropriate assistance needed for the successful accomplishment of his task;

7. *Recommends* that priority consideration be accorded to this question by the Commission on Human Rights at its thirtieth session, with a view to the Commission's taking final action on the report.

XII

YEARBOOK ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 275 C (X) of 17 February 1950, 303 H (XI) of 9 August 1950, 683 D (XXVI) of 21 July 1958 and 826 D (XXXII) of 27 July 1961,

Further recalling its resolution 1693 (LII) of 2 June 1972, in which the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Periodic Reports of the Commission on Human Rights was di-

rected to examine the effectiveness of the present system of collecting and disseminating information about the realization of human rights, giving particular attention to the *Yearbook on Human Rights* and its relation to periodic reports on human rights,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Periodic Reports on its special session;¹⁴

2. *Decides* henceforth to issue the *Yearbook on Human Rights* every two years, beginning with the *Yearbook* for 1973-1974;

3. *Further decides* that the *Yearbook on Human Rights* should comprise three sections, as follows:

(a) A section on national developments during the period, relating to human rights as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and containing concise narrative accounts by Governments of legislative and other developments, arranged under subject headings;

(b) A section on Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories compiled in accordance with Council resolution 275 C (X) and arranged in the same way as the section on national developments;

(c) A section on international developments containing material on international agreements and a brief account of United Nations activities in the field of human rights during the period;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to request Governments to submit:

(a) Concise accounts, in narrative form, of national developments during the period under review, arranged under subject headings;

(b) Texts of laws, court decisions and other relevant documentation, which would be retained for reference purposes and referred to in foot-notes to the narrative account, but which would not be reproduced;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To urge Governments to submit their contribution to the *Yearbook* within the time-limit set and in one of the official languages of the United Nations;

(b) To consult with those Governments which have not submitted contributions within the time-limit about the possibility of reproducing relevant material he has received from them in response to other requests for information on human rights topics;

(c) To urge Governments to appoint correspondents as envisaged in Council resolution 303 H (XI);

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider ways of making the *Yearbook on Human Rights* widely known;

7. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Periodic Reports to keep under review suggestions for improving the *Yearbook on Human Rights*, including the possibility of a topical section containing more detailed information concerning development with respect to rights covered by the current cycle of periodic reports.

XIII

PREPARATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CODE OF POLICE ETHICS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1694 (LII) of 2 June 1972, *Noting* the decision of the Commission on Human Rights (see E/5265, chap. XX) to defer consideration

¹⁴ E/CN.4/1104.

of its agenda items concerning crime prevention and control and the question of an international code of police ethics from the twenty-ninth to the thirtieth session,

Noting further that the Commission on Human Rights has been unable for many years to consider the agenda item on an international code of police ethics,

Mindful of the need to ensure proper co-ordination of those aspects of the United Nations work on crime prevention and control which are of interest both to the Commission on Human Rights and the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control,

1. *Invites* the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control to consider the possibility of including in its work programme the question of preparing an international code of police ethics and to transmit its recommendations to the Commission on Human Rights, at an appropriate future session, of the desirability, scope and possible content of an international code of police ethics;

2. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to consider the question of the preparation of an international code of police ethics, at an appropriate future session, on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control.

XIV

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its twenty-ninth session (E/5265).

XV

QUESTION OF THE ABSENCE AND GROSS INFRINGEMENTS OF TRADE UNION RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1216 (XLII) of 1 June 1967, 1302 (XLIV) of 28 May 1968, 1412 (XLVI) of 6 June 1969, 1509 (XLVIII) of 28 May 1970 and 1599 (L) of 21 May 1971,

Having examined the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights (E/5245) prepared in accordance with Council resolution 1599 (L),

Gravely concerned at the absence and gross infringements of trade union rights in Namibia, Southern Rhodesia and the African Territories under Portuguese domination,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the work done by the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts and takes note of its conclusions and recommendations;

I. NAMIBIA

2. *Strongly condemns* the detention without trial of striking African workers in Ovamboland and their forcible return to the reserves, and calls for their immediate and unconditional release;

3. *Notes with concern* the continued absence of a trade union system in Namibia;

4. *Requests* the International Labour Organisation to study ways and means by which the trade union rights for the people of Namibia should be ensured;

II. SOUTHERN RHODESIA

5. *Condemns* the existence of the so-called transit camps for recruitment of forced labour, the practice of segregation and reservation in employment between black and white workers and the importation of white immigrant workers into Southern Rhodesia to perform jobs that could be done by the people of Zimbabwe;

6. *Also condemns* the discriminatory treatment of the African workers in Southern Rhodesia causing increasing unemployment among African workers;

7. *Notes with deep concern* the gradual withdrawal of the limited trade union rights in Southern Rhodesia;

8. *Requests* the International Labour Organisation to continue to study and review the conditions of work of black labour in Southern Rhodesia;

III. AFRICAN TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE DOMINATION

9. *Notes with deep concern* the existence of a form of forced labour and the discriminatory hierarchy of labour codes in Angola and Mozambique;

10. *Condemns* the existence of transit centres and other similar camps for the African workers, as well as the conditions prevailing in these camps;

11. *Recommends* that, as the objectives of the various conventions of the International Labour Organisation have not been fully attained, that Organisation should consider all possible means for strengthening the implementation by Portugal of the conventions to which it is a party;

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12. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts to continue to monitor the system of recruitment of African workers, as well as the disparities in wages between black and white workers in South Africa, Namibia, Southern Rhodesia and the African Territories under Portuguese domination and to report to the Economic and Social Council not later than at its fifty-eighth session;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution and the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts to the attention of the Governments of Member States, the Special Committee on Apartheid, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the United Nations Council for Namibia, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Security Council;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution and the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts to the General Assembly.

46. The Committee further recommends the adoption by the Council of the following draft decisions:

1. Draft programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The Economic and Social Council decides to submit to the General Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, the draft programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination set out in Commission on Human Rights resolution I (XXIX) (see E/5265, chap. XX).

2. Further studies on racial discrimination

The Economic and Social Council requests the Special Rapporteur of the study entitled *Racial Discrimination*¹⁵ to update that study with special emphasis on discrimination based on colour, taking into account the opinions and views expressed in the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its twenty-fifth session, in the Commission on Human Rights at its twenty-ninth session, and in the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fourth session, so that the updated study might be considered by the Sub-Commission at its twenty-eighth session.

3. Report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the relevant organs of the United Nations, to explore ways and means of providing assistance to the victims of the situation referred to in Commission on Human Rights resolution 19 (XXIX) (see E/5265, chap. XX), particularly the political prisoners and members of their families;

(b) Calls upon the Secretary-General and the United Nations Council for Namibia to take into consideration the conclusions and recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts on Namibia¹⁶ in their activities relating to Namibia;

(c) Invites the General Assembly to bring to the notice of the Security Council the reported aerial bombardment of and use of poisonous chemical substances in the liberated areas by the Government of Portugal;¹⁷

(d) Recommends that arrangements be made for adequate and sufficient financial resources and staff for the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts to carry out its mandate;

(e) Invites the Secretary-General to give wide publicity to the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts;¹⁸

(f) Reminds the Special Committee on *Apartheid* and the International Law Commission to expedite their comments and suggestions on the study of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts concerning the question of *apartheid* from the point of view of international penal law.¹⁹

4. Teaching of human rights in universities, and development of an independent scientific discipline of human rights

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the fact that the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 17 (XXIX) (see E/5265, chap. XX), favours the establishment of a centre for teaching and research in the field of human rights within the framework of the United Nations University established under General Assembly resolution 2951 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972.

5. Periodicity of the sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and its subsidiary bodies

The Economic and Social Council takes note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 20 (XXIX)

(see E/5265, chap. XX) concerning the periodicity of the sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.

6. Rationalization and improvement of the system of periodic reports on human rights

The Economic and Social Council endorses the general recommendations and the recommendations concerning periodic reports on human rights, contained in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Periodic Reports on its special session,²⁰ the texts of which are set out in the annex below:

ANNEX

A. General recommendations

(1) The present system of gathering and disseminating information on human rights, in particular through the periodic reports and the *Yearbook on Human Rights*, should be maintained with appropriate improvements.

(2) Governments should be requested to submit their reports and contributions within the time-limit set by the Secretary-General.

(3) Governments should be requested to submit such reports and contributions in one of the official languages of the United Nations.

(4) Further consideration should be given to the possibility of establishing a closer relationship between the periodic reports system and the *Yearbook on Human Rights*.

B. Recommendations concerning periodic reports on human rights

(5) The present system of periodic reports should be maintained.

(6) The Committee did not concur with the changes in recommendation 10 of the Joint Inspection Unit²¹ and recommends that:

(a) Periodic reports should continue to be published in full in four languages;

(b) The present analytical summaries prepared by the Secretariat should continue to be reproduced in four languages;

(c) The subject and country indexes should also be continued.

(7) The Commission on Human Rights and its *Ad Hoc* Committee on Periodic Reports should keep under continuing review the possibility of refining and improving the present system of periodic reports.

7. Periodic reports on human rights

The Economic and Social Council draws the attention of the General Assembly to the importance of the periodic reports system and invites the Assembly to urge States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to co-operate fully in submitting reports under that system.

8. Human Rights

The Economic and Social Council, having taken note of the letter dated 4 May 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/5325), rejects the contents of the letter and the baseless attacks on the members of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts as well as the Commission on Human Rights.

¹⁵ United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.XIV.2.

¹⁶ E/CN.4/1111, chap. VI, sect. B.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, sect. D (100).

¹⁸ E/CN.4/1111.

¹⁹ E/CN.4/1075 and Corr.1.

²⁰ E/CN.4/1104, para. 27 A and B.

²¹ See A/8319 and Corr.1, part A, sect. IX.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council voted on draft resolutions I to XV and draft decisions 1 to 8 submitted by the Social Committee in paragraphs 45 and 46 of its report (E/5345.)

Draft resolution I was adopted by 25 votes to none, with 1 abstention; draft resolution II was adopted without objection; draft resolution III by 18 votes to 2, with 6 abstentions; draft resolution IV by 22 votes to none, with 3 abstentions; draft resolutions V and VI were adopted without objection; on a separate vote requested by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, paragraph 5 of draft resolution VII was adopted by 12 votes to 5, with 7 abstentions, and the draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 19 votes to 4, with 2 abstentions; draft resolution VIII was adopted without objection; draft resolution IX, by 20 votes to none, with 5 abstentions; draft resolution X, by 22 votes to none, with 3 abstentions; draft resolutions XI and XII were adopted without objection; draft resolution XIII, by 21 votes to 4, with 1 abstention; draft resolution XIV was adopted without objection; and draft resolution XV, by 22 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.

Draft decisions 1 and 2 were adopted without objection; draft decisions 3, 4 and 5, by 22 votes to none, with 4 abstentions; draft decision 6, by 24 votes to none, with 1 abstention; draft decision 7, by 20 votes to none, with 6 abstentions; and draft decision 8, by 21 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

For the final texts, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolutions 1782 (LIV) to 1796 (LIV), and "Decisions".

CHECK LIST OF DOCUMENTS

NOTE. This check list includes the documents mentioned during the consideration of agenda item 18 which are not reproduced in the present fascicle.

Document No.	Title	Observations and references
E/5237 and Add.1 and 2	Elimination of racial discrimination: information received from non-governmental organizations: note by the Secretary-General	Mimeographed
E/5245	Report of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights prepared in accordance with Council resolution 1599 (L)	Ditto
E/5251	Progress report of the International Labour Organisation	Ditto
E/5265	Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its twenty-ninth session (26 February-6 April 1973)	<i>Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6</i>
E/5325	Letter dated 4 May 1973 from the representative of Portugal to the Secretary-General	Mimeographed
E/5333	Letter dated 9 May 1973 from the representative of Greece to the Secretary-General	Ditto
E/L.1549	Administrative and financial implications of the decision taken by the Social Committee at its 720th meeting: note by the Secretary-General	Ditto
E/AC.7/L.646	Netherlands and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution	See E/5345, paras. 35-37
A/AC.7/L.647	Ghana, India and Pakistan: draft resolution	<i>Ibid.</i> , paras. 8 and 9
E/AC.7/L.648	New Zealand: amendments to draft resolution X contained in document E/5265 (chap. XXI)	Mimeographed
E/AC.7/L.649	Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution XI contained in document E/5265 (chap. XXI)	Ditto
E/AC.7/L.650	Algeria, Chile, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Niger, Pakistan, Sudan, Uganda and Zaire: draft resolution	See E/5345, paras. 39-42
E/AC.7/L.651	Denmark, Italy, Sweden and Trinidad and Tobago: amendment to draft resolution VII contained in document E/5265 (chap. XXI)	<i>Ibid.</i> , paras. 22 and 23



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FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION

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Agenda item 19: Report of the Working Group on Rationalization*

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DOCUMENT E/5352

Report of the Co-ordination Committee

[Original: English]
[17 May 1973]

1. The Co-ordination Committee considered agenda item 19 at its 465th to 469th, 471st and 473rd to 479th meetings, held from 24 to 30 April and from 3 to 16 May 1973 under the chairmanship of Mr. Wilhelm Breitenstein (Finland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it the report of the Working Group on Rationalization (E/5259); a note by the Secretariat regarding the dates on which documents prepared for the fifty-fourth session were distributed (E/AC.24/L.436), and chapter V of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its thirteenth session (E/5273).¹

3. At the 465th meeting, the representative of Pakistan, also on behalf of the delegations of Brazil, Chile, Egypt, India, Japan, Kenya, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Romania, the Sudan and Yugoslavia, introduced draft resolution E/AC.24/L.441; and the representative of the Philippines, also on behalf of Brazil, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Sudan and Zaire, introduced draft resolution E/AC.24/L.443.

4. At the 466th meeting, the representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised draft resolution E/AC.24/L.443 by adding a new paragraph to the operative part, reading as follows:

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fifth session of the progress made in implementing paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 2847 (XXVI)."

At the same meeting Trinidad and Tobago joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

5. At the 467th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/AC.24/L.443, as orally revised, unanimously. (For the text, see para. 25 below, draft resolution I.)

¹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7.

6. At the 469th meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland introduced the draft resolutions and draft decisions contained in documents E/AC.24/L.444, E/AC.24/L.445, E/AC.24/L.446, E/AC.24/L.447 and E/AC.24/L.448. At the same meeting, the representative of Ghana joined the sponsors of draft resolution E/AC.24/L.441.

7. At the 471st meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom introduced draft resolution E/AC.24/L.450, and orally revised it by adding, in the second preambular paragraph, the word "both" before the words "developed and developing countries", and by inserting the words "which shall consist of 32 members to be elected at the fifty-fifth session of the Council" between the words "Commission" and "shall" in paragraph 2.

8. At the 473rd meeting, the representative of the Netherlands introduced revised draft resolution E/AC.24/L.441/Rev.1, also on behalf of the delegations of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Romania, the Sudan and Yugoslavia.

9. At the 474th meeting, the representative of the Netherlands, also on behalf of the delegations of Denmark, Japan, Kenya and Pakistan, introduced draft resolution E/AC.24/L.455.

10. At the 475th meeting, the representative of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic orally proposed an amendment to draft decision E/AC.24/L.446, which would add the words "with the exception of the regional economic commissions" after the words "Decides that its subsidiary bodies".

11. At the 476th meeting, the representative of the Netherlands introduced a further revised text of the draft resolution (E/AC.24/L.441/Rev.2) also on behalf of the delegations of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Romania, the Sudan and Yugoslavia.

12. At the 447th meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom introduced revised draft resolutions E/AC.24/L.445/Rev.1 and E/AC.24/L.448/Rev.1. He also withdrew draft decision E/AC.24/L.447 and announced that his delegation would not press for a vote on draft resolution E/AC.24/L.450 at this time. At the same meeting, the representative of Pakistan proposed an amendment to draft resolution E/AC.24/L.444, which would add the words "especially those referred to it by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development" after the words "for discussion of specific topics" in paragraph 1. At the same meeting, the representative of New Zealand joined the sponsors of draft resolution E/AC.24/L.441/Rev.2.

13. At the 478th meeting, the representative of the United States of America withdrew a draft resolution submitted by his delegation (E/AC.24/L.452).

14. At the 479th meeting, the representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised the draft resolution in document E/AC.24/L.441/Rev.2 by rewording the title of section V to read "*The United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency*", by inserting in paragraph 13 the words "and the IAEA" between the words "the specialized agencies" and "the Council" in the first sentence, and between the words "the specialized agencies" and "are also invited" in the last sentence, and by adding, after the words "the operational field" the words "and on aspects of the relationship between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency, within the competence of the Council as set forth in the Charter". He also deleted, in paragraph 16 (a) the words "the United Nations Development Programme Governing Council, the United Nations Children's Fund Executive Board".

15. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution in document E/AC.24/L.441/Rev.2, as orally revised, by consensus. (*For the text, see para. 25 below, draft resolution II.*)

16. At the same meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom orally revised the draft resolution in document E/AC.24/L.444 by substituting the word "organizations" for the word "organs" in paragraph 1, and by accepting an oral amendment proposed by the representative of Brazil, substituting the words "desirability and feasibility" for the word "possibility" in the same paragraph. He also accepted the oral amendment proposed by the representative of Pakistan at the 477th meeting (see para. 12 above).

17. On separate votes, at the request of the representative of Ghana, the Committee decided, by 18 votes to 11, with 13 abstentions, to retain the words "including the desirability and feasibility of" in paragraph 1, and, by 19 votes to 10, with 13 abstentions, to retain the words "and the further possibility of extending and making more flexible the membership of the Advisory Committee" in the same paragraph. Draft resolution E/AC.24/L.444, as a whole, as orally revised, was adopted by 28 votes to 7, with 6 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 25 below, draft resolution III.*)

18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted by 32 votes to 1, with 9 abstentions, the oral amendment proposed by the representative of the Ukrainian SSR (see para. 10 above) to the draft decision in E/AC.24/L.446. On a separate vote, the Committee rejected the proposed deletion of the words "either"

and "ad hoc", by 14 votes to 12, with 14 abstentions. The draft decision (E/AC.24/L.446), as a whole, as amended, was adopted by 32 votes to 2, with 8 abstentions. (*For the text, see paragraph 26 below, draft decision A.*)

19. At the same meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom orally revised the draft resolution in document E/AC.24/L.448/Rev.1 by adding, in paragraph 1, the words "without prejudice to rule 17 of its rules of procedure", after the word "Decides"; by replacing the word "request" by the word "deadline" in paragraph 2, and by adding after that word a new sentence to read "in cases where the General Assembly has requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council, the Secretary-General shall inform the Council at its organizational meetings when he will be able to submit the required documentation". He also added, at the end of paragraph 2, a new sentence reading "he shall, nevertheless, make every effort to complete and submit the documentation in question and shall inform the members of the body concerned of the date on which it will be submitted". The Committee then adopted the draft resolution in E/AC.24/L.448/Rev.1, as orally revised, by consensus. (*For the text, see para. 25 below, draft resolution IV.*)

20. At the same meeting, the representative of the United States introduced and orally revised the draft decision in document E/AC.24/L.451/Rev.3 by replacing the words in subparagraph (c) "and the Council itself will" by the words "which will also". The representative of Pakistan, also on behalf of the delegations of Denmark, Japan, Kenya and the Netherlands, submitted the revised draft resolution contained in document E/AC.24/L.455/Rev.1. The representative of France then formally proposed, under rule 66 of the Council's rules of procedure, that consideration of the draft decision E/AC.24/L.451 (Rev.3) and the draft resolution E/AC.24/L.455/Rev.1 be deferred to the Council's fifty-sixth session (*for the text of the draft decision and the draft resolution, see para. 24 below*). The proposal by the representative of France was adopted by 17 votes to 11, with 3 abstentions. (*For the text, see para. 26 below, draft resolution C.*)

21. At the same meeting the Committee adopted draft resolution E/AC.24/L.445/Rev.1 by consensus. (*For the text, see para. 25 below, draft resolution V.*)

22. At the same meeting, the representative of Canada, also on behalf of the United States, introduced the draft decision in document E/AC.24/L.453/Rev.1. The representative of Kenya proposed an oral amendment to subparagraph (b) which would then read "Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its fifty-sixth session, after consultations with Member States on all aspects of the present relationship between the two Committees and to recommend possible solutions to problems of overlapping and duplication". The oral amendment was accepted by the sponsors. The Committee then adopted the draft decision in document in E/AC.24/L.453/Rev.1, as orally revised, by 35 votes to none, with 4 abstentions. (*For the text, see paragraph 26 below, draft decision B.*)

23. The draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom (E/AC.24/L.450), on which the Committee did not vote (see para. 12 above), read as follows:

"*The Economic and Social Council,*

"*Stressing the great importance it attaches to further strengthening its efforts to advance the polit-*

ical, social and economic status of women especially in the developing countries and the least developed among them,

"*Concerned* that problems concerning the status of women should be looked at in the context of the over-all social situation in both developed and developing countries and not as a separate and unrelated question,

"*Concerned* that, although there has been a high level of representation by women in the Commission on the Status of Women, the numbers of women representatives in other organizations of the United Nations system concerned with economic and social development has frequently been insufficient,

"*Anxious* to ensure as far as possible that United Nations work in the field of the status of women should be directed towards the promotion of true equality between men and women in as wide a context as possible,

"1. *Decides* to merge the Commission for Social Development with the Commission on the Status of Women;

"2. *Decides* that the new combined Commission, which shall consist of 32 members to be elected at the fifty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Council shall act as a preparatory and advisory body to the Economic and Social Council over the whole range of social development policy and make recommendations to the Council on promoting the economic, social and cultural rights set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with particular reference to promotion of equal rights between men and women;

"3. *Decides further* that the new combined Commission shall hold its first meeting in 1974;

"4. *Decides also* that the new combined Commission should be renamed to take account of its wider functions, and requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with interested Member Governments, to submit a report on possible nomenclature and terms of reference to the first session of the new combined Commission for consideration and recommendation to the Council;

"5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange, through the appropriate media, for the purposes and potential of the new combined Commission to be brought to the attention of as wide a public audience as possible, and in particular to international, national and local women's organizations, so that these may play their full role in the promotion of the work of the new Commission;

"6. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the need to ensure adequate participation of women in the work of the various bodies of the United Nations system."

24. Draft decision E/AC.24/L.451/Rev.3 and draft resolution E/AC.24/L.455/Rev.1, which the Committee proposed be deferred to the fifty-sixth session of the Council (see para. 20 above) read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council decides (a) to suspend sessions of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination until 1975, beginning with the fourteenth session which was to have commenced on 22 May 1973, without prejudice to the Committee's future; (b) that an *ad hoc* group, including

the bureau of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, will assist the Council in examining those parts of the Secretary-General's 1974-1975 biennial work programme and budget and 1974-1977 medium-term plan which relate to economic, social and human rights activities, at its fifty-fifth session; (c) that during the period of this suspension, the continuing functions of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination will be assumed by the Co-ordination Committee which will also supplant the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in the Joint Meetings with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination; (d) to review at its fifty-ninth session the need for an (intergovernmental) body different from the Co-ordination Committee of the Council to deal with programme budgeting and co-ordination functions; and (e) requests the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to prepare and circulate a provisional agenda for the Joint Meetings of the Co-ordination Committee and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination."

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"*The Economic and Social Council,*

"*Conscious* of its functions under the Charter as the principal organ of the United Nations for international economic and social co-operation,

"*Desiring* to strengthen the exercise of its responsibilities in the fields of programme formulation and co-ordination,

"*Believing* that in discharging its functions in these fields the Council requires the assistance of a standing advisory body possessing the necessary expertise,

"*Recalling* that the reconstitution of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination was founded on a specific directive of the General Assembly in resolution 2579 (XXIV),

"1. *Decides* in principle to consider at its fifty-sixth session, in the light of the introduction of the system of medium-term planning and programme budgeting and its relevant decisions on programming and co-ordination, taking into account the functions of the General Assembly's Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the establishment of a standing advisory body on programme and co-ordination, composed of persons nominated by Governments and selected on the basis of equitable geographic distribution and their personal qualifications and experience;

"2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Council on the modalities for the establishment of such an advisory body;

"3. *Decides* that, until a decision is taken on the basis of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this resolution, the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination will assist the Council in the examination of those parts of the Secretary-General's 1974-1975 biennial work programme and budget and the 1974-1977 medium-term plan which relate to economic, social and human rights activities;

"4. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination that, due to the difficulties experienced with the preparation of the necessary documentation, it consider the establishment of an *ad*

hoc working group from among its members to meet at a suitable date to perform the task referred to in paragraph 3;

"5. *Decides further* that, until a decision is taken on the basis of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this resolution, the continuing functions of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination will, as a temporary measure, be assumed by the Co-ordination Committee of the Council;

"6. *Requests further* the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to prepare and circulate a provisional agenda for the joint meetings of CPC and ACC."

Recommendations to the Council

25. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of draft resolutions I to V below:

I

ENLARGEMENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1621 (LI) of 30 July 1971 on the enlargement of the membership of the Economic and Social Council,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 2847 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 on the enlargement of the Economic and Social Council,

Aware that early ratification by Member States of the amendment to Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations, enlarging the membership of the Economic and Social Council to fifty-four, would facilitate the implementation of procedural and structural reform measures for the rationalization of the work of the Council,

Noting that, in spite of the length of time that has elapsed, many Member States have not yet ratified the amendment to Article 61 of the Charter,

1. *Urges* all Member States which have not yet done so, particularly the permanent members of the Security Council, to ratify the amendment at an early date, pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 2847 (XXVI), with a view to making the amendment effective before the convening of the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly, if possible;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fifth session of the progress made in implementing paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 2847 (XXVI).

II

RATIONALIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL

The Economic and Social Council,

Conscious of its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations as the central forum for discussion and policy recommendations on issues relevant to the world economic and social situation and for the promotion of human rights,

Reaffirming the need for the renewed commitment of all Member States, regardless of their level of development or their social or economic systems, to

world-wide co-operation within the framework of the United Nations in order to bring about the necessary fundamental improvement in the world economic and social order, thereby creating a more just and rational world economic and social order for the benefit of all peoples and nations,

Considering that, within the relevant provisions of the Charter, the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade²—especially when complemented by the inclusion after due consideration, as appropriate, by the Economic and Social Council or the General Assembly, of emerging concepts such as collective economic security, the relationship between environment and development and new methods and norms of international co-operation and in the light of the new politico-economic developments which have taken place since its adoption—provides a comprehensive body of principles to guide the policies and programmes of all the institutions of the United Nations system and its Member States in their activities related to economic and social co-operation,

Convinced that both short-term and long-term measures for the reorganization and reorientation of its own activities and its subsidiary organs are required to strengthen the role of the United Nations in international economic and social co-operation and, in particular during the Second United Nations Development Decade, to secure the implementation of the goals and policy measures of the International Development Strategy,

Having considered the report of its Working Group on Rationalization (E/5259),

1. *Decides* that henceforth the Council shall so orient its deliberations as to focus attention on major issues and emerging developments on which action is necessary to bring about more equitable and harmonious economic and social relationships, in particular through the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade in a dynamic way. It shall, for this purpose, and in full accord with its functions under the Charter, make policy recommendations to Governments of Member States and establish adequate policy guidelines and directives for the activities of the United Nations system;

2. *Decides* to this end, that the Council shall in alternate years concentrate its attention on: (a) the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy, in particular during the summer session; and (b) other areas which require policy guidance and action;

3. *Decides further* that the Council shall annually discharge its continuing responsibilities under the Charter, especially in the consideration of programming and co-ordination matters and human rights, in the assessment of the world economic and social situation, as well as in the performance of those tasks resulting from decisions of competent organs of the United Nations;

I. Review and appraisal

4. *Reaffirms* that the process of the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy shall provide the opportunity to examine, in the comprehensive and interdisciplinary manner required, the

² General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

progress made in the implementation of the goals and policy measures contained in the Strategy, and to reach broad conclusions therefrom which could provide the necessary dynamism to international co-operation in the economic and social field;

5. *Decides* that, to that effect, the review and appraisal shall be undertaken by each organ which has responsibility in a particular field or sector of the International Development Strategy, that each organ shall examine all the relevant information and (a) assess the progress made in implementing the goals and policy measures in its field of competence, (b) identify the reasons for any shortfall, (c) recommend measures designed to overcome the obstacles to progress, including new goals and policy measures as required. The results of all sectoral or regional reviews shall be transmitted to the Committee on Review and Appraisal, in accordance with the relevant decisions on this matter. The Committee for Development Planning, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2801 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, shall submit its expert comments to the Committee on Review and Appraisal, on the basis of all the data and information available to it from the sectoral and regional reviews, concentrating on the interdisciplinary sectors where more than one body has responsibility. The Committee on Review and Appraisal shall (i) examine the obstacles and reasons for shortfalls identified in the various sectoral and regional reviews, and (ii) on their basis as well as on its own conclusions, recommend the measures to overcome the obstacles and shortfalls, including new or revised goals and policy measures as required. In submitting these recommendations the Committee on Review and Appraisal should not, normally, reopen discussions of the policy measures and goals which have been agreed upon in the sectoral body concerned. It shall, however, submit its suggestions to harmonize any apparent conflict in the conclusions and/or recommendations of the sectoral reviews. The report of the Committee on Review and Appraisal shall be considered by the Council, together with the result of all the sectoral and regional reviews. The Council, in its deliberations, shall concentrate on the recommendations made to it by its Committee on Review and Appraisal and those contained in the sectoral and regional reviews and attempt to reach agreement on the measures required to implement the Strategy's provisions, as well as such new goals and policy measures as it feels necessary. The conclusions and recommendations of the Council shall be transmitted to the General Assembly, which will finally decide on these and revise the International Development Strategy accordingly, as required;

6. *Decides* that the Council, in order to ensure the support of all countries and peoples for the objectives and activities of the United Nations in the field of development, will continue to take all appropriate action to keep world public opinion increasingly informed of the implementation of the goals and policy measures of the Strategy, in particular through the activities of the Office of Public Information and the Centre for Economic and Social Information and the information services of the United Nations organs concerned;

II. The Council's functions in the alternate year

7. *Decides* that in the alternate year the Council shall concentrate on the examination of problems and

areas of present or potential significance for development and international co-operation including, in particular, new problems or concepts of a global or interdisciplinary nature which require adequate conceptualization, political action or proper co-ordination of operational implementation. Such problems and areas shall include those identified during the course of the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy or suggested by (i) Member States, (ii) the General Assembly, (iii) other United Nations organs and sectoral or regional bodies, or (iv) the Secretary-General. In these years, the Council shall also carry out a comprehensive policy review of operational activities throughout the United Nations system;

III. The Council's continuing functions

A. Special sessions

8. *Recalls* that the Council may be convened at any time in special session under the provisions of Article 72, paragraph 2, of the Charter and in accordance with rules 4 and 5 of its rules of procedure;

B. Co-ordination and programming

9. *Decides* that the Council organ delegated the functions of programming and co-ordination shall:

(a) Examine and co-ordinate the programme objectives submitted by the Council's subsidiary bodies, in the light of the system of medium-term planning and programme budgeting;

(b) Consider, on a sector-by-sector basis, the activities and programmes of the agencies of the United Nations system in order effectively to perform its functions as co-ordinator of the system and to enable it to ensure that the work programmes of the United Nations and its agencies are compatible and mutually complementary;

(c) Make recommendations for the adoption of the programmes of the United Nations, taking into account the relevant policy decisions and the need to avoid overlapping and duplication;

(d) Recommend guidelines for the agencies of the United Nations system on their programmes and activities, taking into account their respective functions and responsibilities and the need for coherence and co-ordination throughout the system;

10. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, within the limits of its competence, in order to enable effective review of programmes of inter-organizational interest and to synthesize and harmonize programmes on a system-wide basis, to extend the prior consultation procedure to the medium-term plans of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, utilizing, as appropriate, the technique of programme budgeting;

C. Human rights

11. *Reaffirms* that the Council, in order to fulfil its responsibilities under Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter to promote universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms, shall consider the reports of its functional bodies responsible in the field of human rights and, on that basis, it shall (a) make appropriate recommendations to the General Assembly in this field, and (b) examine and approve the work programmes of the United Nations in the field of human rights;

IV. Structural changes

12. *Decides* that a review of the terms of reference of its subsidiary bodies should be undertaken, and that this review should be made on the basis of an assessment and reorientation of their role, particularly in the implementation of the International Development Strategy, taking due account of the responsibilities of the other organs and agencies of the United Nations system. The autonomous organizations, regional economic commissions and specialized agencies are also requested, where necessary, to undertake a similar review of their subsidiary bodies;

V. The United Nations and specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

13. *Decides* that, in view of the profound changes in world-wide economic co-operation within the United Nations system which have taken place since the conclusion of the present agreements between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Council shall review the existing agreements with a view to strengthening the coherence of the system and its capacity to fulfil, in particular, the objectives of the International Development Strategy in an effective and co-ordinated manner. The Secretary-General is requested for this purpose to submit to the Council, at its fifty-seventh session, a descriptive and analytical report on the past and present relationship between the United Nations and the specialized agencies, in particular in the operational field and on aspects of the relationship between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency, within the competence of the Council as set forth in the Charter. The executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency are also invited to present their views on this matter to the Council, through the Secretary-General;

VI. The Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations

14. *Decides*, in view of the need for the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to have the structural, managerial and technical means to support the Secretary-General in carrying out the functions required of him in the economic and social field by the Council, to invite the Secretary-General to submit his views and recommendations for the further restructuring of the Department as early as possible for the Council's consideration and appropriate recommendations for final decision by the General Assembly;

VII. The task and duties of the President of the Council

15. *Requests* its President, in consultation with the other officers and the Secretary-General, to initiate, as and when required, consultations with Member States and the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations system, both during and before its regular and special sessions, for the purpose of preparing those sessions and their agendas and, in general, of facilitating the task of the Council, in the light of the consultations referred to above;

VIII. Calendar of conferences

16. *Decides* that the calendar of conferences shall be so arranged that:

(a) The Council's body responsible for co-ordination, the Committee for Development Planning, the Commission on Human Rights and its Sub-Commission and the regional economic commissions meet every year unless any of these organs decide or have decided otherwise with the concurrence of the Council;

(b) All other subsidiary and expert or advisory bodies meet biennially, unless the Council decides otherwise, and their meetings be so timed as to ensure the submission of their reports in good time for the relevant sessions of the Council and, where appropriate, to the Committee on Review and Appraisal, and spaced so as not to overlap or follow too closely upon each other and so as to ensure that their programme objectives are fully reflected in the work programme and budget to be submitted biennially to the Council;

17. *Requests* other organizations and agencies to ensure that the meetings of their review and appraisal bodies are so timed as to make the results available in time for the over-all review and appraisal of the progress achieved within the framework of the International Development Strategy;

IX. Level of representation

18. *Considers* that the desired strengthening of the central role of the Council in the United Nations system of economic, social and humanitarian activities could be assisted if Member States were represented at the highest possible political, diplomatic or expert level, including, when appropriate, the ministerial level.

III

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Conscious of the important work already performed by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and of the importance of the provision of expert advice in the field of science and technology to the Council, and particularly its Committee on Science and Technology for Development,

Recognizing that the unique and essential contribution of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development is to provide a pool of specialized scientific advice not otherwise available to the Council,

Desirous of further strengthening the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to assist it to meet increasing demands from the Council and its Committee on Science and Technology for Development,

Recognizing the difficulty of ensuring that the full range of scientific disciplines are adequately represented in a single formally constituted body,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek the views of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations concerned, on ways in which the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development can be strengthened, including the desirability and feasibility

of the establishment of sessional sub-committees of the Advisory Committee on specific topics and the further possibility of extending and making more flexible the membership of the Advisory Committee with a view to increasing the expertise available for discussion of specific topics, especially those referred to it by the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at meetings of the Advisory Committee;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the conclusions of his consultations together with his own analysis of the situation and his own recommendations to the Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its second session.

IV

MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1623 (LI) and 1624 (LI) of 30 July 1971,

Further recalling the decision taken at its 1837th meeting, during its fifty-third session, relating to the submission of documentation,

Concerned at the late submission of many of the documents relating to items in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session,

1. *Decides*, without prejudice to rule 17 of its rules of procedure, that, except in the case of reports of subsidiary and other bodies on meetings which have concluded twelve weeks or less before the opening of the session of the Council, items on the Council's agenda shall be automatically postponed to the following session when the documentation called for has not been made available to members of the Council six weeks before the opening of the session;

2. *Decides* that, before any resolution or decision involving the preparation of documentation for submission by specific dates is adopted by the Council or any of its subsidiary bodies, the Secretary-General shall indicate to that body whether he will be able to comply with the deadline; in cases where the General Assembly has requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council, the Secretary-General shall inform the Council at its organizational meetings when he will be able to submit the required documentation; should the Secretary-General subsequently find that he is unable to submit documentation by the date specified, he shall immediately so inform the members of the body concerned, giving the reasons; he shall, nevertheless, make every effort to complete and submit the documentation in question and shall inform the members of the body concerned of the date on which it will be submitted;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take early measures to improve the present record in the production of documents for the Council and its subsidiary bodies;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take steps to ensure that documents submitted to the Council, its subsidiary bodies and functional commissions conform strictly to the provisions of paragraph 8 of Council resolution 1623 (LI).

V

JOINT MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind the importance of ensuring the highest possible degree of co-ordination between the activities of the organs of the United Nations system,

Desirous of ensuring that this co-ordination should be as effective as possible at all levels,

1. *Recommends* that the formal group dialogue which characterizes the existing annual meetings between the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should develop into a more active working discussion of questions currently on the agenda of the Council, particularly those with system-wide implications and those where problems of co-ordination between the agencies and organs of the United Nations system have arisen or appear likely to arise in the future;

2. *Invites* the agencies and organizations of the United Nations system to participate more actively at the appropriate level both in the discussions of the Council and also of its subsidiary bodies, bearing in mind particularly the need for the contributions of the agencies to the policy-determining discussions of the Council and its subsidiary bodies to be both action oriented and made at a sufficiently early stage in the policy elaboration process;

3. *Decides* to review the progress made in the implementation of this resolution at its fifty-eighth session.

26. The Committee further recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of draft decisions A to C below:

A

The Economic and Social Council decides that its subsidiary bodies, with the exception of the regional economic commissions, may not create either standing or *ad hoc* intersessional subsidiary bodies without prior approval by the Council.

B

The Economic and Social Council (a) decides to consider at its fifty-sixth session the entire question of the interrelationship of the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Science and Technology for Development; and (b) requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its fifty-sixth session, after consultations with Member States on all aspects of the present relationship between the two Committees and to recommend possible solutions to problems of overlapping and duplication.

C

The Economic and Social Council decides to defer to its fifty-sixth session consideration of the revised draft decision submitted by the United States of America (E/AC.24/L.451/Rev.3) and of the revised draft resolution submitted by Denmark, Japan, Kenya, the Netherlands and Pakistan (E/AC.24/L.455/Rev.1).

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council voted on draft resolutions I to V and draft decisions A to C submitted by the Co-ordination Committee in paragraphs 25 and 26 of its report (E/5352). Draft resolutions I and II were adopted without objection; draft resolution III was adopted by 23 votes to 4; draft resolutions IV and V were adopted without objection. On a separate vote requested by the representative of Brazil, the words "either" and "or" in draft decision A were adopted by 18 votes to 5, with 4 abstentions, and the draft decision as a whole was adopted by 25 votes to none, with 2 abstentions; draft decision B was adopted by 22 votes to none, with 5 abstentions and draft decision C by 13 votes to 5, with 9 abstentions.

For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolutions 1767 (LIV) to 1771 (LIV) and "Decisions".



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Agenda item 20: Study on regional structures*

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DOCUMENT E/5338

Report of the Co-ordination Committee

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1. The Co-ordination Committee considered agenda item 20 at its 467th, 469th to 471st and 473rd to 476th meetings, held from 26 to 30 April, on 3 May, and from 7 to 11 May 1973, under the chairmanship of Mr. Wilhelm Breitenstein (Finland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it a report of the Secretary-General (E/5127) and chapter VII of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its thirteenth session (E/5273).¹

3. At the 474th meeting, the representative of Sweden, also on behalf of the delegation of Finland, introduced draft resolution E/AC.24/L.456, and the representative of the Philippines, also on behalf of the delegations of Indonesia and Malaysia, introduced draft resolution E/AC.24/L.457.

4. At the 475th meeting the representative of Sweden, also on behalf of the delegation of Finland, introduced and orally corrected the revised draft resolution in E/AC.24/L.456/Rev.1.

5. At the 476th meeting, the representative of Turkey orally proposed the addition of a new second preambular paragraph to draft resolution E/AC.24/L.456/Rev.1, which would read:

"Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 2687 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and Council resolution 1442 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969, dealing with the role of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut in the Second United Nations Development Decade, as well as other resolutions of the Assembly and the Council dealing with decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions as enumerated in Council resolution 1442 (XLVII)".

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7.*

The proposal of the representative of Turkey was accepted by the sponsors. At the same meeting, the representative of Canada proposed an oral amendment to draft resolution E/AC.24/L.456/Rev.1, rewording paragraph 3 (a) to read:

"(a) The opinions of the Member States of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut"; the amendment was accepted by the sponsors.

6. The Committee then adopted draft resolution E/AC.24/L.456/Rev.1, as orally amended, by consensus. (For the text, see para. 10 below, draft resolution I).

7. At the same meeting, the representative of the Philippines, also on behalf of the delegations of Indonesia and Malaysia, introduced revised draft resolution E/AC.24/L.457/Rev.1. The representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland proposed the following amendments which were accepted by the sponsors:

(a) Deleting the words "with satisfaction" in the fourth preambular paragraph;

(b) Inserting the words "pending the presentation of the report of the Secretary-General proposed in draft resolution I," after the words "Requests the Secretary-General" in paragraph 1;

(c) Rewording paragraph 2 to read:

"2. Further requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive heads of the organizations and specialized agencies, to include in the report referred to in paragraph 1, a report on the effectiveness of any intersecretariat meetings which may have been held as a result of paragraph 1, to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth session".

At the same meeting, the representative of Brazil proposed that the words "and under the authority and supervision of the legislative bodies of the regional commissions concerned" be inserted after the words "Whenever necessary" in paragraph 1; the sponsors

were unable to accept this amendment. At the request of the representative of Brazil, the Committee voted on the amendment, which was adopted by 10 votes to 4, with 25 abstentions.

8. The Committee adopted draft resolution E/AC.24/L.457/Rev.1 as a whole, as orally revised and amended, by 36 votes to none, with 4 abstentions. (For the text, see para 10 below, draft resolution II.)

9. Also at the 476th meeting, the representative of Turkey proposed that the Committee adopt the following draft decision:

"The Economic and Social Council invites the Secretary-General to determine the financial and staffing needs of each regional economic commission in respect of initiating and implementing operational programmes in the respective region and to report to the Council at its fifty-seventh session, together with his suggestions on how each one may be provided with the means and resources necessary to fulfil this role for the benefit of its number countries, in accordance with their wishes".

The Committee decided, that in view of the fact that the proposal of the representative of Turkey was suggested after the time-limit for the submission of draft resolutions and decisions under this item, it was not in a position to consider that delegation's proposal. It agreed, however, to include it in the report of the Committee to the Council.

Recommendations to the Council

10. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of draft resolutions I and II below:

I

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 and 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 2687 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and Council resolution 1442 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969, dealing with the role of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut in the Second United Nations Development Decade, as well as other resolutions of the Assembly and the Council dealing with decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions as enumerated in Council resolution 1442 (XLVII),

Stressing the importance of enhancing the role and the usefulness for Member States of the regional offices in the United Nations system,

Mindful of the need of facilitating the application of an integrated approach,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Regional co-operation: study on regional structures" (E/5127);

2. Reaffirms that the regional economic commissions, in their respective regions, are the main general economic and social development centres within the

United Nations system, and calls upon all the organizations and agencies in the system to work closely with the regional economic commissions to achieve the overall economic and social development objectives at the regional level;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the study referred to in paragraph 4 below and any related recommendations, to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth session a further report on regional structures of the United Nations system aimed at their gradual simplification and adjustment to the realities, needs and aspirations of each region; on the basis of an in-depth analysis of the regional structures of the United Nations system as well as the terms of reference of the respective regional offices, and requests the Secretary-General, in preparing this report, to take into account also:

(a) The opinions of the Member States of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut;

(b) The conclusions of current discussions between the United Nations Development Programme and the regional economic commissions;

(c) The points of view of the specialized agencies concerned whose opinions will be requested by the Secretary-General and, wherever feasible, as expressed by their respective regional conferences;

4. Requests the Joint Inspection Unit, for its part, to include in its work programme an in-depth study of the matter, including such recommendations as it may deem appropriate to achieve the above-mentioned purposes.

II

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2687 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and Council resolution 1442 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969, dealing with the role of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut in the Second United Nations Development Decade, as well as other resolutions of the Assembly and the Council dealing with decentralization of the economic and social activities of the United Nations and strengthening of the regional economic commissions as enumerated in Council resolution 1442 (XLVII),

Aware that the regional economic commissions, since their establishment by the Economic and Social Council, have effectively contributed to the promotion of regional and subregional co-operation for economic and social development in their respective regions,

Further aware of existing arrangements for co-ordination between the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Regional co-operation: study on regional structures" (E/5127) prepared in accordance with Council resolution 1553 (XLIX) of 30 July 1970, particularly the recommendations and measures contained in chapter VIII of that report,

1. Requests the Secretary-General, pending the submission by him of the report requested in paragraph 3 of draft resolution I, in co-operation with the executive heads of the organizations and specialized agencies of

the United Nations system, to organize regional intersecretariat meetings, whenever necessary, and under the authority and supervision of the legislative bodies of the regional economic commissions concerned, to be held under the chairmanship of the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions and with the participation of the United Nations organizations concerned and all the interested specialized agencies, with a view to improving, at the regional level, co-operation and co-ordination in the implementation of

economic and social activities approved by the respective policy-making organs concerned;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive heads of the organizations and specialized agencies in the United Nations system, to include in his report, referred to in paragraph 1 above, a study on the effectiveness of any intersecretariat meetings which may have been held pursuant to paragraph 1, to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth session.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1855th meeting, on 16 May 1973, the Council adopted the two draft resolutions submitted by the Co-ordination Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (E/5338). Draft resolution I was adopted without objection. Two oral amendments to paragraph 1 of draft resolution II were submitted: the first, by the representative of the United Kingdom proposed that the word "legislative" be replaced by the word "intergovernmental"; the second, by the representative of the United States, proposed the deletion of the words "and supervision". After adopting both amendments without objection, the Council adopted draft resolution II, as amended, without objection.

For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolutions 1756 (LIV) and 1757 (LIV).



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Agenda item 21: Tourism*

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DOCUMENT E/5337

Report of the Co-ordination Committee

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[14 May 1973]

1. The co-ordination Committee considered agenda item 21 at its 472nd, 473rd, 475th and 476th meetings, held on 4, 7, 9 and 11 May 1973, under the chairmanship of Mr. Wilhelm Breitenstein (Finland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it the following documents:

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the work of the United Nations system of organizations and of its planning and co-ordination (E/5148 and Corr.1);

Report of the Secretary-General on co-operation and relationships between the United Nations and the future World Tourism Organization (E/5167 and Add.1);

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a review of the activities of the International Union of Official Travel Organizations (IUOTO) (E/L.1535);

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the text of resolution 37 (III), adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (E/L.1536);

Chapter VIII of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its thirteenth session (E/5273).¹

3. At the 473rd meeting, the Assistant Secretary-General for Inter-Agency Affairs reported orally to the Committee on the outcome of the discussion of the *Ad Hoc* Interagency Meeting on Tourism held at Headquarters on 26 and 27 April 1973, and on the action taken to effect the exclusion of the representatives of Chiang Kai-shek from membership in IUOTO and the future World Tourism Organization, in accordance with

the request of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (see E/5273, para. 66 (b) and (c)).

4. At the 473rd meeting, the representative of Kenya, also on behalf of the delegations of Argentina, Brazil, Madagascar, the Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Yugoslavia and Zaire, introduced draft resolution E/AC.24/L.454.

5. At the 475th meeting, the representative of Brazil, also on behalf of the delegations of Argentina, Barbados, India, Kenya, Madagascar, the Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zaire, introduced the revised draft resolution in document E/AC.24/L.454/Rev.1.

6. At the 476th meeting, the representative of Kenya, also on behalf of the delegations of Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, India, Madagascar, the Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zaire, introduced a further revised text of the draft resolution (E/AC.24/L.454/Rev.2); and the representative of Pakistan, also on behalf of the delegations of Argentina, Chile, Romania and the Sudan, introduced the draft resolution in document E/AC.24/L.458.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of India, orally revised, on behalf of the sponsors, the draft resolution in document E/AC.24/L.454/Rev.2 by inserting, in paragraph 1, the words "and other bodies concerned" between the words "the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development" and "to make".

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted by consensus the revised draft resolution in document E/AC.24/L.454/Rev.2 (*for the text, see para. 9 below*), and the draft decision in document E/AC.24/L.458. (*For the text, see para. 10 below.*)

Recommendations to the Council

9. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The Economic and Social Council,

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7.*

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2529 (XXIV) of 5 December 1969, 2802 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

Endorsing the recommendations in resolution 37 (III) of 13 May 1972, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, concerning the development of tourism,²

Considering the important role that international tourism could play in the development of the economies of developing countries,

Considering also that receipts from international tourism may constitute an important item in the balance of payments of the developing countries and may also have a favourable effect by generating additional employment and income for the populations of those countries,

Taking into account the experience of the last decade, in which, according to available data, while on the one hand there has been a substantial expansion of international tourism and of foreign exchange earnings from this source for the developing countries as a whole, on the other hand the bulk of receipts from international tourism has gone to developed countries,

Mindful of the need to enhance the understanding of the economic significance of tourism, its ramifications, costs, potential benefits to the developing countries, and any other relevant aspects,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the International Union of Official Travel Organizations, in consultation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other bodies concerned, to make a study on the impact of international tourism on the economic development of developing countries, with special emphasis on the actual revenue earned by the developing countries and the proportion of the developing countries' gross revenue from this tourism accruing to the developed tourist-exporting countries,

² See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third session, vol. I, Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

and to suggest, for consideration by the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, the necessary national and international measures aimed at ameliorating the position of the developing countries in the international tourism market;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to submit the above-mentioned study, together with his recommendations, including a report on the actions taken to implement the objectives and provisions of resolution 37 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council;

3. Reiterates the unanimous invitation to Member States contained in resolution 37 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to take the earliest possible decision regarding the ratification of the statutes of the World Tourism Organization, the establishment of which has been recommended by the General Assembly in its resolutions 2529 (XXIV) and 2802 (XXVI) so that it may start to function at the earliest opportunity and contribute effectively to the development of tourism in general and its rapid growth in the developing countries in particular;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session through the Economic and Social Council, a progress report on the status of the statutes of the World Tourism Organization.

10. The Committee further recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the statement made by the representative of the Secretary-General at the 472nd meeting of the Co-ordination Committee on the question of implementation by the International Union of Official Travel Organizations of General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) and of the reply received from the Secretary-General of that organization. While expressing satisfaction at the prompt action taken so far in the matter, the Council invites the General Assembly of IUOTO to take appropriate steps to ensure the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) as soon as possible.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1855th meeting, on 16 May 1973, the Council adopted without objection the draft resolution and the draft decision submitted by the Co-ordination Committee in paragraphs 9 and 10 of its report (E/5337). For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolution 1758 (LIV) and "Decisions".



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DOCUMENT E/5294

Report of the Co-ordination Committee

[Original: English]
[26 April 1973]

1. The Co-ordination Committee considered agenda item 22 at its 464th and 465th meetings, held on 23 and 24 April 1973, under the chairmanship of Mr. Wilhelm Breitenstein (Finland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (E/5249), and a note by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 34 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council on the administrative and financial implications of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 16 and 17 of that report (E/5249/Add.1).

3. At the 464th meeting, the Chairman orally proposed a draft decision for the consideration of the Committee. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the draft decision proposed by the Chairman until it had been circulated as an official document.

4. At the 465th meeting, the Committee had before it the draft decision proposed by the Chairman (E/AC.24/L.442). The representative of the Philippines orally proposed that the words "and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV)" be added at the end of paragraph (c).

5. At the same meeting the Committee agreed to the oral proposal of the representative of the Philippines.

6. The draft decision, as amended, was adopted unanimously. (*For the text, see para. 7 below.*)

Recommendation to the Council

7. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Second United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (E/5249) and the recommendations of the Conference contained therein;

(b) Endorses the recommendation of the Conference that the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on Geographical Names should henceforth be called the "United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names";

(c) Accepts with appreciation the invitation of the Government of Greece to hold the third United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names at Athens from 1 to 22 June 1977, bearing in mind the administrative and financial implications of holding such a Conference (E/5249/Add.1) and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1854th meeting, on 4 May 1973, the Council adopted, without objection, the draft decision submitted by the Co-ordination Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (E/5294). For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1, "Decisions"*.



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DOCUMENT E/5302

Report of the Co-ordination Committee

[Original: English]
[1 May 1973]

1. The Co-ordination Committee considered agenda item 23 at its 470th meeting, held on 30 April 1973, under the chairmanship of Mr. Wilhelm Breitenstein (Finland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it a progress report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the subject (E/5261).

3. At the 470th meeting, the representative of Denmark introduced a draft resolution (E/AC.24/L.449) also on behalf of the delegations of Argentina, Egypt, Finland, France, Ghana, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mali, the Netherlands, the Niger, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Yemen and Yugoslavia. At the same meeting, Austria, Brazil and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

4. The draft resolution (E/AC.24/L.449), was adopted unanimously. (*For the text, see para. 5 below.*)

Recommendation to the Council

5. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:
The Economic and Social Council

Recalling its resolution 1655 (LII) of 1 June 1972 and General Assembly resolution 2958 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972,

Having considered the progress report (E/5261) prepared by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees pursuant to Council resolution 1705 (LIII) of 27 July 1972 and the statement made on behalf of the High Commissioner,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the continuing efforts of the Government of the Sudan to achieve a peaceful and lasting settlement in the southern part of the country;

2. *Commends* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the efficient manner in which he has been co-ordinating the relief, resettlement and rehabilitation operations in southern Sudan;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those organizations within the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations, and individual Governments which responded to the appeals of the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Refugees by providing assistance to southern Sudanese returnees and displaced persons in an effective and helpful manner;

4. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 1655 (LII) and 1705 (LIII) in which, *inter alia*, it urged the international community to render the maximum possible assistance to the Government of the Sudan in this endeavour;

5. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to report again on this relief, rehabilitation and resettlement effort to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fifth session.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1854th meeting, on 4 May 1973, the Council adopted unanimously the draft resolution submitted by the Co-ordination Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (E/5302). For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1, resolution 1741 (LIV)*.



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Agenda item 24: Transport questions:*

- (a) United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic;
- (b) Transport of dangerous goods

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DOCUMENT E/5295

Report of the Co-ordination Committee

[Original: English]
[2 May 1973]

1. The Co-ordination Committee considered agenda item 24 at its 462nd, 463rd and 466th meetings, held on 19, 23 and 25 April 1973, under the chairmanship of Mr. Wilhelm Breitenstein (Finland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee. The question had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April, 1973.

2. The Committee had before it two reports of the Secretary-General, one on the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic (E/5250) and the other on the transport of dangerous goods (E/5241).

3. At the 463rd meeting, the representative of Brazil introduced draft resolution E/AC.24/L.438, also on behalf of the delegation of Canada; the representative of Canada introduced draft resolution E/AC.24/L.439, also on behalf of the delegations of Japan, New Zealand and the United States of America; and the representative of the United States of America introduced the draft resolution E/AC.24/L.440, also on behalf of the delegations of France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

4. At the same meeting, the representative of France orally submitted an amendment to paragraph 2 of draft resolution E/AC.24/L.438, which proposed adding the words "as well as the financial and administrative implications of that meeting" at the end of the paragraph. The oral amendment was accepted by the sponsors of the draft resolution.

5. At the 466th meeting, the representative of the United States of America orally revised paragraph 3 (e) of draft resolution E/AC.24/L.440 to read:

"(e) To publish the illustrated glossary in the English and French versions approved by the Committee of Experts and in Spanish, Russian and Chinese".

6. The Committee was informed that, should it decide to recommend to the Council the adoption of

draft resolution E/AC.24/L.440, as orally revised, there would be financial implications in the amount of \$9,200 relating to paragraph 3 (a) and \$9,000 relating to paragraph 3 (e). The total financial implications would, therefore, be \$18,200.

7. The Committee adopted draft resolution E/AC.24/L.438, as orally amended, without objection. (For the text, see para. 10 below, draft resolution I.)

8. The Committee adopted draft resolution E/AC.24/L.439 without objection. (For the text, see para. 10 below, draft resolution II.)

9. The Committee adopted draft resolution E/AC.24/L.440, as orally revised, without objection. (For the text, see para. 10 below, draft resolution III.)

Recommendations to the Council

10. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

I

CONTAINER STANDARDS FOR INTERNATIONAL
MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having considered resolution 4 on container standards for international multimodal transport¹ unanimously adopted by the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic, held at Geneva from 13 November to 2 December 1972,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the Conference (E/5250),

1. *Decides* that an *ad hoc* intergovernmental group be convened in co-operation with other concerned organizations of the United Nations, as appropriate, at

¹ See E/CONF.59/44.

the end of 1975, in order to assess the work done by the International Organization for Standardization and to determine what future action to take in this field, with a view to considering the practicability of eventually drawing up an international agreement on container standards;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with other concerned organizations of the United Nations, to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session a report suggesting the terms of reference of the group and a provisional agenda of its meeting, as well as the financial and administrative implications of that meeting.

II

INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS AND THEIR IDENTIFICATION AND MARKING

The Economic and Social Council,

Mindful of the need to establish standards of safety in the transportation of goods, particularly in view of the widespread introduction of unitization and containerization of cargoes, so as to comprehend as part of the total world transportation system those commodities posing a danger to the persons engaged in their transport and to the human environment,

Considering that the various existing systems of identification, classification and labelling of dangerous goods, each of which apparently is unique to its particular mode of transport, whether road, rail, air, marine or inland water transport, do not lend themselves to an effective functioning of an integrated intermodal transport system,

Recalling the work already done in this respect by the Economic and Social Council under its resolution 1488 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970, and its application to maritime transport made by the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization in its resolution A.81 (IV).

Recalling also recommendation 71 of the Action Plan adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment² on the release to the environment of toxic or dangerous substances,

Noting with approval resolution 5 on intermodal carriage of dangerous goods and their identification and marking³ adopted by the United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic, held at Geneva from 13 November to 2 December 1972,

1. *Invites* the international organizations concerned to foster the adoption of a single system of identification, classification and labelling of dangerous goods at the earliest practicable opportunity;

2. *Requests* the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods:

(a) To continue to investigate the divergencies currently existing in the modal practices applicable to the transport of dangerous goods in respect of their classification, identification, labelling and packaging;

(b) To report to the Economic and Social Council on the progress of its investigations and recommendations concerning the steps that should be taken with a view to bringing about uniformity in the various modes;

3. *Requests* Governments and the international organizations concerned to co-operate with and assist the

Committee of Experts in its investigation to the fullest possible extent.

III

TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that dangerous goods account for an increasingly large proportion of international trade,

Noting the growth in the number of new substances appearing on the market and the advance in transport techniques,

Taking into account that the intermodal carriage of these goods necessitates thorough harmonization of the rules governing the various modes of carriage,

Conscious that the carriage of such goods in complete safety needs to be ensured without the development of this important trade being thereby hampered,

Noting the attention paid to the recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods⁴ by Governments which implement them in the forms of national regulations and by international organizations whose regulations are modelled on or incorporate them,

Noting that the work of the Committee of Experts must advance at a pace matching that of technical progress so as to be able to meet the needs of Governments and of the international organizations concerned,

Recalling resolutions 645 G (XXIII) of 26 April 1957, 724 C (XXVIII) of 17 July 1959, 871 (XXXIII) of 10 April 1962, 994 (XXXVI) of 16 December 1963, 1110 (XL) of 7 March 1966, and 1488 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970,

Noting the programme of work for 1973-1974 proposed by the Committee of Experts (see E/5241, para. 24),

1. *Commends* the experts and rapporteurs on their excellent work;

2. *Decides* to add to the terms of reference of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods the grouping of dangerous goods along the lines indicated in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 5 of resolution 1488 (XLVIII);

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of the report by the Committee of Experts on its seventh session:⁵

(a) To amend the recommendations of the Committee of Experts in accordance with the proposals contained in its report on its seventh session and to publish the amendments so adopted in the form of a supplement to the recommendations;

(b) To circulate the aforesaid supplement to Governments of Member States, to the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and to the other international organizations concerned;

(c) To take the measures necessary at the Secretariat level to enable the work called for under the programme of work proposed by the Committee of Experts to be prepared;

(d) To convene meetings of the Committee of Experts and of its subsidiary bodies in the light of the programme of work;

² See A/CONF. 48/14 and Corr.1, chap. II.

³ See E/CONF. 59/44.

⁴ See *Transport of Dangerous Goods* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.70.VIII.2), vols. I-IV.

⁵ E/CN.2/CONF.5/49 and Add.1.

(e) To publish the illustrated glossary in the English and French versions approved by the Committee of Experts and in Spanish, Russian and Chinese;

4. *Invites* Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other International organizations con-

cerned to transmit to the Secretary-General such comments as they may wish to make on the amended recommendations and to inform him, if possible, within six months following the receipt of the supplement containing the amendments adopted by the Committee of Experts, to what extent the recommendations will be applied.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1854th meeting, on 4 May 1973, the Council adopted, without objection, the three draft resolutions submitted by the Co-ordination Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (E/5295). For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolutions 1742 (LIV), 1743 (LIV) and 1744 (LIV).



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Agenda item 25: Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination*

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DOCUMENT E/5353

Report of the Co-ordination Committee

[Original: English]
[17 May 1973]

1. The Co-ordination Committee considered agenda item 25 at its 475th, 476th, 478th and 479th meetings, held on 9, 11, 15 and 16 May 1973, under the chairmanship of Mr. Wilhelm Breitenstein (Finland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its thirteenth session (E/5273).¹ Chapters V, VII and VIII of the report were considered by the Committee in connexion with item 19 (Report of the Working Group on Rationalization), item 20 (Study on regional structures) and item 21 (Tourism). The views of members of the Committee who commented on the report as a whole are reported in the summary record of the Committee's 479th meeting.

Recommendation to the Council

3. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7.*

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its thirteenth session (E/5273);

(b) Decides that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination should not begin its fourteenth session before 29 May 1973;

(c) Decides that the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC) should consult with the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) on the most appropriate time for CPC to meet in the near future, taking into account ACABQ's own timetable for its examination of the Secretary-General's work programme and budget for 1974-1975 and medium-term plan for 1974-1977;

(d) Requests the Secretariat to provide the Council, before the conclusion of its fifty-fourth session, with information on the availability of documentation relating to the items on the agenda of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination for its fourteenth session.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council voted on the draft decision submitted by the Co-ordination Committee in paragraph 3 of its report (E/5353).

By 12 votes to 2, with 13 abstentions, the Council adopted a proposal by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the agenda for the fourteenth session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination should contain only the item entitled "Work programme and budget for 1974-1975 and the medium-term plan, 1974-1977".

By 6 votes to 6, with 15 abstentions, the Council rejected a proposal by Brazil that the fourteenth session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination be cancelled and that the question of the work programme and budget for

1974-1975 and the medium-term plan for 1974-1977 be examined by the Council, through its Co-ordination Committee, at its fifty-fifth session.

By 26 votes to none, with 1 abstention, the draft decision, as amended, was adopted.

For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1, "Decisions"*.



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Agenda item 27: Measures to be taken following the floods in Tunisia*

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DOCUMENT E/5292**

Report of the Co-ordination Committee

[Original: English]
[23 April 1973]

1. The Co-ordination Committee considered agenda item 27 at its 462nd meeting, held on 19 April 1973, under the chairmanship of Mr. Edouard Ghorra (Lebanon), Vice-President of the Council, and later under the chairmanship of Mr. Wilhelm Breitenstein (Finland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee. The question had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it a letter dated 12 April 1973 from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the Secretary-General (E/5279), containing an explanatory note relating to the inclusion of the item in the Council's agenda, and a draft resolution submitted by the delegations of Lebanon and Madagascar (E/AC.24/L.437).

3. At the 462nd meeting, the representative of Madagascar introduced and orally revised draft resolution E/AC.24/L.437, also on behalf of the delegation of Lebanon; Algeria, Kenya, Mali, the Niger, the Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey and Zaire had also joined the sponsors. At the same meeting, the delegations of Austria, Egypt, Pakistan and Yugoslavia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

4. At that meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs, whose Office serves as a liaison point at Headquarters for disaster relief matters, made a statement on behalf of the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator on the steps taken so far by the United Nations system to render assistance to the Government of Tunisia for the devastated areas.

5. On the oral proposal of the representative of Pakistan, the sponsors agreed to the following amendments to the draft resolution:

(a) In paragraph 2, the insertion of the word "expression" instead of "outpouring", the insertion of the words "as well as" instead of "already displayed and", and the insertion of the words "repair the loss caused by the floods;" instead of "stem the dangers of these floods";

(b) In paragraph 3, the insertion of the words "the Tunisian Government for" after the words "is provided to";

(c) In paragraph 4, the replacement of the words "devote as much as possible of their resources" by the words "provide all possible assistance", and the insertion of the words "in response" after the words "Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,";

(d) In paragraph 5, the addition of the word "urgently" between the words "should" and "consider", and the replacement of the words "with the necessary diligence" by the words "and respond expeditiously to".

6. The sponsors also agreed, on the oral proposal of the representative of the Philippines, that the United Nations Institute for Training and Research need not be mentioned among the organizations listed in paragraph 4 of the draft resolution.

7. The draft resolution (E/AC.24/L.437), as amended, was adopted unanimously. (*For the text, see para. 8 below.*)

Recommendation to the Council

8. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that certain areas of Tunisia have recently suffered the effects of floods which caused great loss of human life and material losses and caused serious damage to the economy of the country,

Bearing in mind that it is in conformity with the principle of international solidarity enunciated in the Charter of the United Nations to render assistance to Members of the United Nations who are the victims of major natural disasters,

Recalling the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions on assistance in cases of disaster, particularly Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and 2959 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972,

** Incorporating document E/5292/Corr.1.

1. *Expresses its deep sympathy* to the people and Government of Tunisia for the loss of human life and the ravages caused by the recent natural disasters;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the general expression of friendship and solidarity as well as the assistance in relief operations provided by several countries and international organizations, which has helped Tunisia to repair the loss caused by the floods;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the measures taken by the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to ensure that the most prompt and effective assistance is provided to the Tunisian Government for the devastated areas;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Administrator of the Programme, the specialized agencies and the organizations and programmes concerned, particularly the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund and the Economic Commission for Africa, as well as the Food and Agriculture Organiza-

tion of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme and the International Labour Organisation, to provide all possible assistance within the framework of their respective programmes, in liaison with the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, in response to any requests made by the Government of Tunisia for assistance in the reconstruction work provided for in its initial emergency programme;

5. *Expresses its desire* that the Governing Council and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme should urgently consider and respond expeditiously to any requests for assistance within their competence that the Government of Tunisia may submit in connexion with its special medium-term and long-term rehabilitation programmes.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1853rd meeting, on 27 April 1973, the Council adopted unanimously the draft resolution submitted by the Co-ordination Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (E/5292). For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolution 1736 (LIV).



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**Agenda item 28: Implementation of Security Council resolution 329 (1973)
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DOCUMENT E/5350

Report of the Economic Committee

[Original: English]
[17 May 1973]

1. The Economic Committee considered agenda item 28 at its 625th and 633rd meetings, held on 11 and 17 May 1973 under the chairmanship of Mr. John Vivian Scott (New Zealand), Vice-President of the Council. The item had been referred to the Committee by the Council at its 1852nd meeting, held on 17 April 1973.

2. The Committee had before it a report by the Secretary-General on the subject (E/5299).

3. At the 625th meeting, the representative of Kenya, also on behalf of the delegations of Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, China, Colombia, Egypt, Finland, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, the Niger, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Sweden, Tunisia, Uganda, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zaire introduced the draft resolution in document E/AC.6/L.498/Rev.1, and announced that Denmark, Indonesia and Trinidad and Tobago had become sponsors.

4. At the same meeting, the delegations of New Zealand, Peru and Venezuela also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

5. At the 633rd meeting, Senegal joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution unanimously. (*For the text, see para. 7 below.*)

Recommendation to the Council

7. The Committee accordingly recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:
The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Security Council resolutions on the question of Southern Rhodesia, and in particular resolution 232 (1966) of 16 December 1966, declaring that the situation in Southern Rhodesia constituted a threat to international peace and security,

Recalling further Security Council resolutions 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968 and 277 (1970) of 18 March 1970 imposing mandatory sanctions against Southern Rhodesia, particularly their provisions requesting the international community to extend assistance to Zambia with a view to helping it overcome economic problems arising from the implementation of Security Council resolutions on Southern Rhodesia,

Taking into account Security Council resolutions 327 (1973) of 2 February 1973 and 329 (1973) of 10 March 1973, in particular paragraph 6 of the latter requesting the Economic and Social Council to consider periodically the question of economic assistance to Zambia,

Taking note of resolution 240 (XI) of 22 February 1973, adopted at the Second Meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,¹

1. *Commends* the Government of Zambia for its decision to sever all remaining economic and trade relations with Southern Rhodesia, in compliance with the decisions of the Security Council;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 329 (1973) concerning the question of economic assistance to Zambia (E/5299);

3. *Further takes note* of the urgent economic needs of Zambia as indicated in the report of the Special Mission of the Security Council, including annex I thereto,² as well as in the report of the Secretary-General;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to mobilize with immediate effect all forms of financial, technical and material assistance to Zambia to enable it to carry out its policy of economic independence from the racist régime of Southern Rhodesia and so that it may over-

¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5253)*, part III.

² *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-eighth Year, Special Supplement No. 2 (S/10896/Rev.1)*.

come the present economic difficulties, maintain the normal flow of traffic and enhance Zambia's capacity to implement fully the mandatory sanctions policy;

5. *Requests* all specialized agencies and organizations in the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the Universal Postal Union, the World Meteorological Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Tele-

communication Union, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to support the efforts of the Secretary-General;

6. *Appeals* to all States to support the efforts of the Secretary-General by providing with immediate effect technical, financial and material assistance;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fifth session on the progress made in implementing the present resolution;

8. *Decides* to consider periodically the question of economic assistance to Zambia as envisaged in Security Council resolution 329 (1973).

ACTION TAKEN BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council adopted unanimously the draft resolution submitted by the Economic Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (E/5350). For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolution 1766 (LIV).