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ACTION TO ACHIEVE OR MAINTAIN FULL EMPLOYMENT AND
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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The provisional agenda of the fifth session of the General Assembly (A/1293) contains the following item:

"27. Action to achieve or maintain full employment and economic stability: report of the Economic and Social Council (resolution 308 (IV) of 25 November 1949)".

2. The General Assembly, in resolution 308 (IV), approved the action of the Secretary-General in inviting, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 221 E (IX), a group of experts who were asked to prepare, on their own responsibility, a report on national and international measures required to achieve and maintain full employment. This group of experts prepared a unanimous report entitled National and International Measures for Full Employment, which was considered by the Economic and Social Council at its tenth and eleventh sessions. During the eleventh session the Council, after an exhaustive debate based largely on the experts' report, but taking account also of the views of specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations as well as the replies received from Governments to questionnaires issued under resolution 221 E (IX), adopted, on 15 August 1950, resolution 290 (XI).*

3. With respect to paragraph 10 of resolution 308 (IV) requesting the Economic and Social Council to give attention to unemployment and underemployment, especially in under-developed countries, the attention of the General Assembly is drawn to section D of the Economic and Social Council resolution which deals with this matter.

4. An account of the discussion on full employment at the tenth and eleventh sessions of the Economic and Social Council and of the action taken is to be

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* See Official Records of the eleventh session of the Economic and Social Council, Supplement No. 1, page 1.

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found in chapter III of the Council's report to the General Assembly.* The summary records of the discussion in the Council are contained in the records of its plenary meetings 356-358, 389-394 and 411-413.**

5. The attention of the General Assembly is drawn to the following documents relating to this item and which are referred to in chapter III of the report of the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Implementation of Full Employment Policies

Report No. 1, Second Half of 1949.
ST/ECA/5, United Nations Publications,
Sales No. 1950.II.A.1.

(This report contains an analysis of the replies of Governments to an inquiry by the Secretary-General under Economic and Social Council resolution 221 E (IX) which were received by 15 June 1950. All replies are reproduced in full in documents E/1698 and Addenda 1-8).

(b) National and International Measures for Full Employment

E/1584, United Nations Publications, Sales
No. 1949.II.A.3.

(c) Report of the Fifth Session of the Economic and
Employment Commission

E/1600, E/1600/Corr.1, E/1600/Add.1, E/1600/Add.2.

(d) Communication from the International Labour Organisation
containing the resolution adopted by the International
Labour Conference on action against unemployment

E/1744, together with the Report on Action against
Unemployment (ILO Studies and Reports, November,
Series No. 20).

(e) Views of Certain Non-Governmental Organizations on the
Experts' Report on National and International Measures
for Full Employment

E/1695, E/1695/Add.1-4.

* See Official Records of the fifth session of the General Assembly,
Supplement No. 3.

** E/SR.356-358, 389-394 and 411-413.