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NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Applications and Re-Applications for Consultative Status

Report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

Meetings of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations were held at Headquarters on 23 and 24 February 1955. The Committee elected Mr. Victor M. Rivas (Venezuela) Chairman. It had before it documents E/C.2/R.21, E/C.2/R.21/Add.1, E/C.2/R.21/Add.2, E/C.2/R.21/Add.3, E/C.2/R.21/Add.4 and E/C.2/L.17. The summary records of these meetings are given in documents E/C.2/SR.148, E/C.2/SR.149 and E/C.2/SR.150 (restricted).

The Committee, acting in accordance with paragraph 35 (a) of Council resolution 288 B (X) of 27 February 1950, recommends that the Council adopt the following resolutions:

A

INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (E/2694),

1. Decides to place the World Veterans Federation in category A consultative status;
2. Decides to place the International Thrift Institute in category B consultative status;

3. Decides to transfer the International Union of Public Transport, at present on the Secretary-General's register of non-governmental organizations, to category B consultative status;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to place the following organizations on the register of non-governmental organizations referred to in paragraph 17 of Council resolution 288 B (X):

European Union of Coachbuilders

International Container Bureau;

5. Decides to defer consideration of the application for category A consultative status of the Agrupación de Trabajadores Latinoamericanos Sindicalistas until 1956;

6. Decides not to grant the requests for reclassification from register to category B of the following organizations:

International Confederation of Professional and Intellectual Workers

International Federation of Senior Police Officers

International Gas Union

International Union for Protecting Public Morality

World Federation of Democratic Youth;

7. Decides not to grant the requests for category B consultative status of the following organizations:

International Association of Democratic Lawyers

International Organization of Journalists

International Planned Parenthood Federation;

8. Decides not to request the Secretary-General to place the Fédération internationale des résistants, des victimes et des prisonniers du fascisme on the register of non-governmental organizations referred to in paragraph 17 of Council resolution 288 B (X).

B

NATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (E/2694) and in the light of paragraph 9 of Council

resolution 288 B (X) and upon the recommendation of the national government concerned,

Decides to place the Société belge d'études et d'expansion (Belgium) in category B consultative status.

ANNEX

1. At its 148th meeting, the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations decided to continue in the future its practice of considering applications, re-applications for consultative status or requests for a change in status, and reviews of status in closed session.
2. In connexion with the consideration of re-applications for consultative status or requests for a change in status, the Committee adopted the following resolution at its 150th meeting:

The Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations,

Considering that doubt exists as to whether the consideration of a re-application or a request for a change in status by an organization, referred to in the third section of paragraph 35 (a) of Council resolution 288 B (X) refers to action by the Council as well as the Committee,

Expresses the opinion that the above-mentioned section be interpreted to mean that re-application by an organization for status, or a request for a change in status, shall be considered by the Committee at the earliest at its first session of the second year following the session of the Council at which the substance of the previous application or request was acted upon by the Council, unless at the time of such action it was decided otherwise.
