



Fifth session
Agenda item 12

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
(CHAPTERS V, VI AND VII)

Report of the Third Committee

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1. The General Assembly, on 26 September 1950, decided to refer to the Third Committee for consideration and report chapters V, VI and VII of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/1345).*

Parts of these chapters were also referred to the Committee under five separate items of the agenda of the fifth session, namely: (a) Draft First International Covenant on Human Rights and measures of implementation [63]; (b) Freedom of information [30]; (c) Advisory social welfare services [31]; (d) Long-range activities for children [64]; (e) Refugees and stateless persons [32]; Reports on each of these items have been submitted to the General Assembly (A/1559, A/1630, A/1436, A/1455, A/1682).

2. The Third Committee considered at its 277th, 278th and 345th meetings those parts of the report of the Economic and Social Council which are not related to the above-mentioned items. An interim report concerning the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press was presented to the 314th plenary meeting of the General Assembly (A/1440).

3. At the 345th meeting, the representative of Chile submitted a draft resolution (A/C.3/L.153) suggesting that the General Assembly take note of chapters V, VI and VII of the report.

~~4. In connexion with the action to be taken by the Committee, the representative~~

* See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 3.

of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, explaining his abstention in the voting, stated that "the Economic and Social Council had no power to make decisions with the participation of a Kuomintang representative who does not represent China and also without the participation of representatives of four of the members of the Council, namely, USSR, China, Poland and Czechoslovakia", and that "such decisions taken in violation of the United Nations Charter are illegal". The representatives of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Poland and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic also indicated that they would abstain for the same reasons.

5. The representative of China stated that the remark of the representative of the USSR was out of order. China was a Member of the United Nations and it was not for any single other Member of the Organization to judge whether or not the participation of the Chinese delegation in the work of the United Nations was legal. The representatives of Chile and Colombia associated themselves with the Chinese representative's comments.

6. The Third Committee adopted, by 43 votes to none, with 5 abstentions, the Chilean draft resolution (A/C.3/L.153).

7. The Third Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly for adoption the following draft resolution, with the understanding that it would, in due course, be incorporated with similar draft resolutions recommended by other Committees to which other chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council had been referred, in order to form a single resolution taking note of the report as a whole:

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The General Assembly,

Takes note of chapters V, VI and VII of the report of the Economic and Social Council.
