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In regard to the Economic and Social Council's resolution 139 (VII) C, the Union Government agrees that the Economic and Employment Commission should serve as a board of experts to give advice and make recommendations to the Economic and Social Council concerning the problems of international economic development and reconstruction, and full employment. The Commission should also advise upon the co-ordination of the activities and recommendations of other specialized agencies in these fields.

The Union Government considers it most important that the functions and terms of reference of the Commission should not clash with those of the specialized agencies expressly constituted to deal with specific economic problems. In making this observation they have in mind the responsibilities already entrusted to the International Monetary Fund in regard to balance of payment questions, and to the International Trade Organization in the field of development of under-developed countries. Other boards whose functions should also be borne in mind to ensure that there will be no over-lapping or duplication of work, are the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization, and the Economic Commissions for Europe and the Far East.

No doubt every effort will be made to include on the Commission persons who by their knowledge of and experience in world economic affairs have gained for themselves distinction in international circles.

Finally the Union Government are agreed that the Commission should be of manageable size, and they therefore consider the present membership to be adequate.
