

2. *Suggests* to Governments that one way to facilitate this examination would be to create national committees composed of the representatives of interested governmental agencies and institutions, as well as individual experts in the different scientific disciplines concerned, for the purpose of giving advice on the relevance of population studies to policies and action programmes and on further investigations that may be desirable;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Population Commission at its next session on the actions taken pursuant to this resolution.

*863rd plenary meeting,
27 May 1955.*

572 (XIX). Recognition and enforcement abroad of maintenance obligations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 527 (XVII) requesting the Secretary-General to ascertain from States Members of the United Nations and those States non-members of the United Nations which are members of any of the specialized agencies whether they consider it desirable to convene a conference of plenipotentiaries to complete the drafting of the Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Claims for Maintenance, and whether they are prepared to attend such a conference,

Noting from the report of the Secretary-General on the result of the consultations undertaken in pursuance of resolution 527 (XVII)¹⁵ that a substantial number of Governments have given an affirmative answer as to the desirability of calling such a conference and have expressed their willingness to participate in the conference,

Having consulted the Secretary-General as prescribed in General Assembly resolution 366 (IV) approving the rules for the calling of international conferences of States,

1. Decides:

(a) To call a conference of plenipotentiaries to complete the drafting of and to sign the Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Claims for Maintenance;

(b) To invite to this conference the States Members of the United Nations and those States non-members of the United Nations which are members of any of the specialized agencies, and to invite the interested specialized agencies in relationship with the United Nations and non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Council, as well as The Hague Conference on Private International Law and the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law, to participate in the Conference;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make all necessary arrangements for the calling of the conference of plenipotentiaries at Headquarters in accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 366 (IV) and of the present resolution.

*849th plenary meeting,
17 May 1955.*

¹⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 18, document E/2711 and Add.1 and 2.*

573 (XIX). United Nations Children's Fund

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with satisfaction of the reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.¹⁶

*862nd plenary meeting,
27 May 1955.*

574 (XIX). Freedom of information

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PROMOTION OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with appreciation the report prepared by the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, on a programme to promote among news personnel wider knowledge of the United Nations, foreign countries and international affairs, pursuant to Council resolution 522 A (XVII),¹⁷

Recalling the report prepared by the Secretary-General, in conjunction with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the encouragement and development of independent domestic information enterprises, pursuant to Council resolution 442 E (XIV) and General Assembly resolution 633 (VII),¹⁸

Noting resolution 839 (IX) adopted by the General Assembly at its ninth session authorizing the Secretary-General to render, at the request of Member States, services which do not fall within the scope and objectives of existing technical assistance programmes, in order to assist these States in promoting freedom of information,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in implementation of Council resolution 522 J (XVII) and General Assembly resolution 839 (IX) :

(a) To take steps, in close collaboration with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to put into operation a programme to promote freedom of information by providing such services as experts, fellowships, and seminars (including proposals such as those set forth in the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁷ bearing in mind the comments made on it at the nineteenth session of the Council);

(b) To include in the analysis of his budget estimates of the economic and social activities of the United Nations for 1956, to be submitted pursuant to rule 34, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure of the Council, an analysis of the estimated costs of this programme;

2. *Urges* the General Assembly to include in the regular budget of the United Nations for 1956 sufficient

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, *Supplements Nos. 2 (E/2662), 2A (E/2676) and 2B (E/2717).*

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, *Annexes*, agenda item 15, document E/2705 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, *Seventeenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document E/2543.