

continuing at the same time further exploration of the matter with its members, and in so doing to take into account the comments<sup>4</sup> made on the Bank's further report during the sixteenth session of the Council;

3. *Further invites* the Bank to report to the Council at its seventeenth session on the progress made in these respects.

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#### 483 (XVI). Full employment

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the documentation placed before it for its discussion on the question of full employment, including, *inter alia*, the replies<sup>5</sup> of the governments of Member States to the questionnaire on full employment and balance of payments and the analysis<sup>6</sup> of these replies presented by the Secretary-General, the reports<sup>7</sup> presented by the Secretary-General on measures designed to reconcile the attainment and maintenance of full employment with the avoidance of the harmful effects of inflation, and the report<sup>8</sup> of the International Monetary Fund on the adequacy of monetary reserves,

##### A

*Having in mind* the need for continuing efforts to achieve and maintain high levels of employment,

*Considering* that the problems of reconciling the attainment and maintenance of full employment in the industrialized countries, and the acceleration of the economic development of the less economically-developed countries, with the need of avoiding the harmful effects of inflation, deserve further consideration,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To suggest to Member States that those governments having had experience in dealing with inflationary pressures associated with high levels of economic activity or with the process of economic development in under-developed countries should arrange to give the Council the benefit of their experience and to submit written statements on this subject by 1 December 1953, for circulation to the Council;

(b) To prepare a summary of these statements and to circulate it to the Council for consideration at its seventeenth session;

2. *Decides* to consider at its seventeenth session the advisability of requesting the Secretary-General to appoint a committee of experts for further study of these problems;

3. *Invites* the International Labour Organisation to continue its study of wage policies, including the question of wage policy in relation to the problem of inflation,

<sup>4</sup> See documents E/SR.725 to 731 and 749 and E/AC.6/SR.139 and 140.

<sup>5</sup> See documents E/2408 and Add.1, 2, 3, 4 and Corr.1, 5 and Corr.1 and 6 to 9.

<sup>6</sup> See documents E/2445 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>7</sup> See documents E/2404 and E/2449.

<sup>8</sup> See document E/2454.

and to inform the Council from time to time, as appropriate, of the results of its work in this connexion;

##### B

*Recognizing* that any significant reduction in the level of expenditure on defence, which would of itself be most welcome, could at any time cause a slackening or a fall in the total effective demand on some sectors of the world economy,

*Recognizing*, in this connexion, that any such tendency could be counteracted, *inter alia*, by a more rapid economic development of the less economically-developed countries, as well as by an expansion in the demand for, and internal and international trade in, products coming from the civilian sector of the economy,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite each Member State to indicate, before 1 December 1953, its views on the measures it may consider necessary to prevent foreseeable adverse effects on its economy or on those of other Member States arising from reductions in its defence expenditures;

2. *Decides* to consider at its seventeenth session the possible need for further action with reference to the above-mentioned problems of reconversion, including the advisability of requesting the Secretary-General to provide for further studies either by the committee of experts mentioned under section A, paragraph 2, above or in some other appropriate manner;

##### C

*Recognizing* that the level of the monetary reserves available to Member States is an important factor influencing the possibility of maintaining international economic stability at optimum levels of output, consumption, trade and employment,

*Requests* the International Monetary Fund to continue to keep under review the adequacy of monetary reserves for the purpose of helping countries to meet temporary disequilibria in their balances of international payments, bearing in mind the objectives referred to in paragraph 6 (a) of Council resolution 427 (XIV), and to inform the Council in 1954 of the results of its work in this connexion;

##### D

*Considering* that the removal of obstacles to the development of normal and mutually beneficial trade between countries would help to stimulate business activity and employment,

*Calls upon* all governments, with a view to increasing trade, employment and standards of living, to take all practicable steps to reduce obstacles to the development of normal and mutually beneficial trade between countries, availing themselves, *inter alia*, of any opportunities which may arise as a consequence of improved balance of payments or monetary reserve positions, the maturing of newly-developed industries or an easing of international tensions.

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