

(a) The major developments in their programmes during the past year and the current year, and planned for the ensuing year, with an indication of priorities established and of any major shifts of emphasis in these programmes;

(b) The extent and nature of participation in co-operative projects and activities with the United Nations and other specialized agencies;

(c) Major developments in their relations with the United Nations and with other specialized agencies;

(d) Specific actions taken pursuant to recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council;

(e) Any other actions taken or contemplated in implementation of their agreements with the United Nations;

(f) A list of meetings held or contemplated with an indication of their purpose;

2. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Coordination to review all aspects of the problem of reporting by the specialized agencies to the United Nations, including the question of the frequency, length, content and method of presentation of their reports, in the light of this resolution and of the Council's discussions,⁴³ and to submit its observations to the Council at its seventeenth session.

*741st plenary meeting,
29 July 1953.*

498 (XVI). Report of the International Labour Organisation

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report⁴³ of the International Labour Organisation.

*709th plenary meeting,
2 July 1953.*

499 (XVI). Report of the World Health Organization

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the annual report⁴⁴ submitted by the World Health Organization to the United Nations;

2. *Notes* with approval the continued emphasis on the development of effective public health services and programmes for the training of health workers.

*708th plenary meeting,
2 July 1953.*

500 (XVI). Annual Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the continuing need for international action on behalf of refugees,

Considering the valuable work which has been performed by the Office of the High Commissioner both in

providing international protection for refugees and in promoting permanent solutions for their problems,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the report⁴⁵ which the High Commissioner has presented to it for transmission to the eighth regular session of the General Assembly;

2. *Recommends* that the Office of the High Commissioner should be continued for a further period of five years;

3. *Draws* the attention of the General Assembly to the importance of making provision for the arrangements of the Office to be reviewed at least one year before the expiry of the period which it will determine.

*714th plenary meeting,
7 July 1953.*

501 (XVI). Report of the Commission on Human Rights (ninth session)

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report⁴⁶ of the Commission on Human Rights (ninth session).

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

B

DRAFT INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the progress made by the Commission on Human Rights in the drafting of the Covenants on Human Rights,

1. *Requests* the Commission to complete the drafting of the Covenants on Human Rights during its tenth session;

2. *Transmits* to the eighth regular session of the General Assembly the report⁴⁶ of the Commission on Human Rights on its ninth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate the report of the Commission to the Member States, the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations concerned for their observations to be submitted not later than 1 January 1954.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

C

DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR WIDER OBSERVANCE OF, AND RESPECT FOR, HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD; AND ANNUAL REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Decides* to transmit to Member States and to the specialized agencies the draft resolutions contained in

⁴³ See documents E/SR.740 and 741.

⁴⁴ See document E/2462.

⁴⁵ See documents E/2416, E/2416/Add.1-5 and Add.5/Corr.1.

⁴⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 11.*

⁴⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 8.*