

(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 Co-ordination 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

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.

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

⁴⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 11.*

⁴⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 8.*

documents E/CN.4/L.266/Rev.2, E/CN.4/L.267/Rev.1 and E/CN.4/L.268, together with the amendments submitted thereto (documents E/CN.4/L.304/Rev.1, E/CN.4/L.305/Rev.1, E/CN.4/L.306-308 and E/CN.4/L.309/Rev.1) and the records of the discussions thereon (E/CN.4/SR.391 and E/CN.4/SR.403-406) in the Commission on Human Rights;

2. *Requests* Member States and specialized agencies to submit their comments on the draft resolutions and amendments to the Secretary-General in so far as possible by 1 October 1953.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

502 (XVI). Prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities: Report of the Commission on Human Rights (ninth session)

A

MEMBERSHIP AND FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the decision⁴⁷ of the Council of 1 July 1953 to the effect that the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities should in principle be convened as early as possible in 1954, so that its report could be discussed at the tenth session of the Commission on Human Rights,

Having considered the resolution⁴⁸ of the Commission on Human Rights concerning the membership and the future sessions of the Sub-Commission,

Decides that the Sub-Commission shall meet at least once a year and that each session shall last three weeks.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

B

I

ABOLITION OF DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted General Assembly resolution 323 (IV) and Trusteeship Council resolution 127 (VI), on social advancement in Trust Territories, and General Assembly resolution 644 (VII) on racial discrimination in Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Considering that the prevention of discrimination in independent States is as important as prevention of discrimination in Trust and other Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Recommends to all States that they make every possible effort to abolish any legal provisions and administrative or private practices which discriminate against certain sections of the population.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

⁴⁷ See document E/SR.707.

⁴⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 8, paragraph 224.*

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the recommendations to governments contained in draft resolution B in the report⁴⁹ of the Commission on Human Rights concerning the application of special measures for the protection of minorities,

Considering that, before adopting recommendations to that effect, it is necessary to undertake a more thorough study of the whole question, including definition of the term "minority" for the purpose of such recommendations,

1. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to continue their work on the protection of minorities with this consideration in mind, and to submit revised recommendations to the eighteenth session of the Council;

2. *Draws* the attention of both organs to the discussions⁵⁰ on this subject at the sixteenth session of the Council.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

C

CO-OPERATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that a number of non-governmental organizations, including organizations in consultative status with the Council, are actively engaged in activities designed to eradicate prejudice and discrimination,

Considering, however, that unco-ordinated action in this field is conducive to duplication, and furthermore that certain important aspects of the work may be overlooked,

Considering further that some organizations having as their objective the promotion of social progress generally might well be encouraged to devote particular attention to the vital problem of eradicating prejudice and discrimination,

1. *Appeals* to non-governmental organizations active in the field of eradicating prejudice and discrimination, or having as their objective the promotion of social progress generally, to co-ordinate their endeavours in this work;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with competent specialized agencies, to consult the non-governmental organizations in consultative relationship with the Council or the specialized agency concerned, in order to determine if it would be advisable to convene the interested non-governmental organizations in a conference in order that they may:

(a) Exchange views concerning the most effective means of combating discrimination;

(b) Co-ordinate their endeavours in this work if they find it desirable and feasible;

⁴⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 8, Annex V.*

⁵⁰ See documents E/AC.7/SR.250-256 and E/SR.746.