

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.*

II

PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

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.

(c) Consider the possibility of establishing common objectives and programmes;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, after consultation with the non-governmental organizations and the specialized agencies concerned, to report to the Council on the advisability of convening such a conference in accordance with General Assembly resolution 479 (V).

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

D

POSITION OF PERSONS BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK

The Economic and Social Council

Draws the attention of the Social Commission, other inter-governmental organs and interested non-governmental organizations to:

(a) The discrimination which may, in existing social conditions, be practised against persons born out of wedlock;

(b) The desirability of preparing recommendations with a view to eliminating, with due regard to the necessity of preserving the unity of the family, discrimination which may, in existing social conditions, be practised against persons born out of wedlock, and in particular of preparing recommendations with a view to eliminating the disclosure of illegitimacy in extracts from official documents delivered to third parties.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

E

CONVENTION ON PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Draws the attention* of the General Assembly to the resolution⁵¹ of the Commission on Human Rights relating to the Convention on Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;

2. *Requests* the General Assembly:

(a) To reiterate its appeal to States to accelerate their ratifications or adherences to the Convention;

(b) To undertake all necessary measures designed to assure the widest possible diffusion of the nature, contents, and purposes of the Convention, and in particular make known the list of States having voted for, signed, ratified or adhered to the Convention.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

F

PROTECTION OF NEWLY-CREATED MINORITIES

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends that, in the preparation of any international treaties, decisions of international organs, or other acts which establish new States, or new boundary

⁵¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 8*, paragraph 235.

lines between States, special attention should be paid to the protection of any minority which may be created thereby.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

G

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELDS OF PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Recommends* to the organizations participating in the technical assistance and other programmes providing aid or advice at the request of Member States, that they give sympathetic consideration, within their terms of reference, to the requests which governments may submit for such technical assistance in connexion with measures aimed at the eradication of prejudice or discrimination or at the protection of minorities;

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Secretary-General to render, at the request of Member States of the United Nations, expert technical advice and other services in order to assist these States in the eradication of prejudice or discrimination or in the protection of minorities; and that the services to be so authorized should include, but need not be restricted to, technical expert advice regarding the drafting of legislation and the establishment of administrative and judicial machinery.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

H

PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the resolution⁵² of the Commission on Human Rights relating to the programme of work of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

1. *Commends* the Sub-Commission for its intention to study in a systematic manner concrete aspects of the problem of discrimination and, as a matter of equal priority, to study at its sixth session the problem of minority rights;

2. *Notes* the decision of the Sub-Commission immediately to initiate a study of discrimination in the field of education;

3. *Approves*, in order not to cause any delay in this study, the appointment of a Rapporteur on discrimination in the field of education;

4. *Believes*, however, that future studies which fall within the scope of specialized agencies or other bodies should normally be carried out by the specialized agencies or other bodies directly concerned;

5. *Invites* the appropriate specialized agencies, particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and

⁵² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 8*, paragraph 259.

Cultural Organization, and interested non-governmental organizations to co-operate with the Rapporteur on discrimination in the field of education;

6. *Requests* the Sub-Commission at its sixth session:

(a) To undertake further consideration, in the light of the discussions in the Commission on Human Rights⁵³ and in the Council,⁵⁴ of the general work programme developed by the Sub-Commission at its fifth session and amended and approved by the Commission on Human Rights at its ninth session;⁵⁵

(b) To consider, as regards proposed studies of discrimination, which of the studies should be undertaken by specialized agencies or other bodies concerned and which directly by the Sub-Commission in collaboration with the Secretary-General;

(c) To formulate specific proposals, including procedures to be followed, for the carrying out of studies on discrimination, indicating which studies should be undertaken immediately;

(d) To continue its work regarding the protection of minority rights;

(e) To report on the above matters to the tenth session of the Commission on Human Rights.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

503 (XVI). Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights received under Council resolutions 277 (X) and 474 (XV)

The Economic and Social Council

Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the governments concerned the allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights contained in documents E/2434 and E/2464.

*722nd plenary meeting,
11 July 1953.*

504 (XVI). Report of the Commission on the Status of Women (seventh session)

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report⁵⁶ of the Commission on the Status of Women (seventh session).

*736th plenary meeting,
23 July 1953.*

B

NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the recommendation of the Commission on the Status of Women, at its seventh session, that a

⁵³ See documents E/CN.4/SR.402, 403 and 408.

⁵⁴ See documents E/AC.7/SR.250, 251, 253 and 256 and E/SR.746.

⁵⁵ See document E/AC.7/L.175.

⁵⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 2.*

convention on the nationality of married persons be opened for signature by interested States,

Desiring to expedite by every appropriate means, in accordance with the principles of the Charter and of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the extension to women in all countries of equal rights in the field of nationality,

Requests the Secretary-General to circulate to the governments of Member States, for their comments, the following text of a draft convention on nationality of married persons, the substance of which the Council has not considered, together with the records of the discussions⁵⁷ held and the amendments⁵⁸ submitted at the sixteenth session, with the request that such comments be sent to the Secretary-General by 1 January 1954, to be made available to the Commission on the Status of Women for consideration at its eighth session:

CONVENTION ON THE NATIONALITY OF MARRIED PERSONS

The Contracting Parties,

Recognizing that conflicts in law and in practice with reference to nationality arise as a result of distinctions based on sex,

Recognizing that in article 15 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights the General Assembly of the United Nations has proclaimed that "everyone has the right to a nationality" and that "no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality",

Desiring to co-operate with the United Nations in promoting universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to sex,

Hereby agree as hereinafter provided:

Article 1

Each of the Contracting States agrees that it will make no distinction based on sex either in its legislation or in its practice in regard to nationality.

Article 2

Each of the Contracting States agrees that neither the celebration nor the dissolution of a marriage between one of its nationals and an alien shall affect the nationality of the spouse who is its national.

Article 3

1. Each of the Contracting States agrees that it will, whenever possible, give to the alien spouse of one of its nationals the right to acquire its nationality at his/her request.

2. Each of the Contracting States agrees that this Convention shall not be construed as affecting any existing legislation or practice which gives to the alien spouse of one of its nationals the right to acquire the latter's nationality, either at his/her request or through privileged naturalization procedures.

Article 4

Each of the Contracting States agrees that neither the voluntary acquisition of the nationality of another State nor the renunciation of its nationality by one of its nationals will affect the retention of its nationality by the spouse of such national.

⁵⁷ See documents E/AC.7/SR.241-244.

⁵⁸ See documents E/AC.7/L.156 and E/AC.7/L.159/Rev.1.