

2. *Recommends* that the work on government finance statistics for these publications be accelerated in so far as possible;

3. *Recommends* that the work on the projected special volume "Public Finance Statistics, 1938-52" be continued;

4. *Recommends* that the "Manual on the Classification of Government Accounts" be distributed to governments of Member States in draft form for their information, observation and comments;

5. *Recommends* to the Secretariat that a public finance questionnaire designed to obtain better data be drafted and distributed to Member States for their comments.

712th plenary meeting,  
4 July 1953.

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### UNITED NATIONS PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND CONCENTRATION OF EFFORT AND RESOURCES

#### I

##### *The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Takes note* of the documents<sup>13</sup> prepared by the Secretary-General;

2. *Commends* the work carried out by the Secretary-General in the fiscal field.

712th plenary meeting,  
4 July 1953.

#### II

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* its resolutions 402 B (XIII) and 451 (XIV),

*Approves* the list included in section VII of the report<sup>14</sup> of the Fiscal Commission (fourth session) of projects in the fiscal field, divided into three groups of priority according to Council resolution 402 B (XIII).

719th plenary meeting,  
9 July 1953.

#### **487 (XVI). Restrictive business practices**

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* the report<sup>15</sup> of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Restrictive Business Practices and the Secretariat's analysis<sup>16</sup> of governmental measures relating to restrictive business practices prepared in accordance with Council resolution 375 (XIII),

*Bearing in mind* that restrictive business practices in international trade may have harmful effects on the attainment of the higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development envisaged in Article 55 of the Charter of the United Nations,

<sup>13</sup> See documents listed in document E/CN.8/67/Rev.1.

<sup>14</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 5.*

<sup>15</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 11.*

<sup>16</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 11A.*

*Recognizing* the necessity of according sufficient time to governments to give thorough study to the proposals of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, and to the Secretary-General to formulate the report and recommendation called for in paragraph 6 of resolution 375 (XIII),

1. *Commends* the *Ad Hoc* Committee and the Secretariat for the thoroughness and dispatch with which the tasks assigned to them have been executed;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To transmit the Committee's report and the Secretariat's analysis to the States Members of the United Nations and of specialized agencies in the economic field, to the specialized agencies concerned, and to interested intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, for examination and any comments they may wish to make;

(b) To circulate to the foregoing such comments as he may receive, together with such analysis as he deems appropriate;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to proceed to implement paragraph 6 of resolution 375 (XIII) when a sufficient number of governments have commented on the Committee's report to provide some indication of attitudes towards the report, and to continue to follow, on the basis of information obtained from governments, the principal legislative, judicial, executive and administrative developments in this field, to summarize relevant information regarding restrictive business practices in international trade which may be contained in official government documents, and to report thereon to the Council before it resumes consideration of this problem;

4. *Decides* to resume consideration of this matter not later than the nineteenth session of the Council.

744th plenary meeting,  
31 July 1953.

#### **488 (XVI). Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**

##### *The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the report<sup>17</sup> of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations presented to the Council at its sixteenth session;

2. *Notes* with approval the continued emphasis on the carrying out of operational activities in the field.

710th plenary meeting,  
3 July 1953.

#### **489 (XVI). Report of the International Civil Aviation Organization**

##### *The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* with appreciation of the report<sup>18</sup> of the International Civil Aviation Organization on its activities in 1952.

716th plenary meeting,  
8 July 1953.

<sup>17</sup> See documents E/2432 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>18</sup> See documents E/2417 and Add.1.