

**513 (XVII). Report of the International Monetary Fund**

*The Economic and Social Council,*  
Takes note of the report<sup>8</sup> of the International Monetary Fund.

*772nd plenary meeting,  
12 April 1954.*

**514 (XVII). Report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*  
Takes note of the report<sup>9</sup> of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

*779th plenary meeting,  
21 April 1954.*

**515 (XVII). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America**

**A**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

1. Takes note of the annual report<sup>10</sup> of the Economic Commission for Latin America;

2. Considers that the work programme of the Commission as established at the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America at its meeting held in Santiago from 8 to 10 February 1954 is of primary importance for the economic development of Latin America;

3. Endorses the order of priorities allocated by the Committee of the Whole to the individual work projects.

*791st plenary meeting,  
30 April 1954.*

**B**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Considering that Italy has expressed interest in attending the sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America to be held at Bogotá in 1955,

Requests the Secretary-General to authorize the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America to invite Italy to attend sessions of the Commission on a basis similar to that provided in paragraph 6<sup>11</sup> of the terms of reference of the Commission for Members of the United Nations not members of the Commission.

*791st plenary meeting,  
30 April 1954.*

<sup>8</sup> See documents E/2496 and Add.1.

<sup>9</sup> See documents E/2511 and Add.1.

<sup>10</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Seventeenth Session, Supplement No. 2.*

<sup>11</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 1, p. 102.*

**516 (XVII). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East**

**A**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Takes note of the annual report<sup>12</sup> of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East for the period 15 February 1953 to 18 February 1954 and of the programme of work and priorities contained therein.

*777th plenary meeting,  
20 April 1954.*

**B**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Noting that Afghanistan has expressed a desire to be included within the geographical scope of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,<sup>13</sup>

Decides to amend paragraph 2<sup>14</sup> of the Commission's terms of reference by adding Afghanistan to the list of territories given in that paragraph.

*777th plenary meeting,  
20 April 1954.*

**517 (XVII). Question of admission to membership in the regional economic commissions of States not Members of the United Nations**

**A**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Noting section B of the draft resolution<sup>15</sup> contained in the ninth report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and resolution 12 (X)<sup>16</sup> contained in the tenth report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East with regard to the amendment of the terms of reference of the Commission,

Noting further that the General Assembly has determined<sup>17</sup> that the following associate members of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East: Cambodia, Ceylon, Republic of Korea, Japan, Laos, Nepal and Viet-Nam are eligible for membership in the United Nations,

1. Decides

(a) To amend paragraph 3<sup>18</sup> of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East to include the countries mentioned in the second preambular paragraph above as members of the Commission, provided that in each case the States apply for such membership and agree to contribute annually such equitable amounts as the General Assembly shall

<sup>12</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Seventeenth Session, Supplement No. 3.*

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, paragraph 212.

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 6, p. 33.

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 6, p. 22.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, Seventeenth Session, Supplement No. 3, p. 23.

<sup>17</sup> See General Assembly resolutions 620 D (VII), 296 B (IV), 296 G (IV), 620 B (VII), 620 E (VII), 296 I (IV) and 620 C (VII).

<sup>18</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 6, p. 33.*

assess from time to time in accordance with procedures established by the General Assembly in similar cases;

(b) To amend paragraph 4<sup>19</sup> of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East to delete the above-mentioned countries therefrom as and when each of them becomes a full member of the Commission;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake such consultations and further steps as may be required to obtain the agreement of the above non-member States and the General Assembly to appropriate contributions by these States to the United Nations budget.

781st plenary meeting,  
22 April 1954.

## B

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Noting that the General Assembly has determined<sup>20</sup> that Austria, Finland, Ireland, Italy and Portugal are eligible for membership in the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to amend paragraph 7<sup>21</sup> of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe to include the countries mentioned in the preambular paragraph above as members of the Commission, provided that in each case the States apply for such membership and agree to contribute annually such equitable amounts as the General Assembly shall assess from time to time in accordance with procedures established by the General Assembly in similar cases;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake such consultations and further steps as may be required to obtain the agreement of the above non-members States and the General Assembly to appropriate contributions by these States to the United Nations budget.

781st plenary meeting,  
22 April 1954.

## 518 (XVII). Transport and communications

### A

#### UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having examined the communications<sup>22</sup> from the Secretary-General setting forth the results of his consultations made in pursuance of Council resolution 468 D (XV) of 15 April 1953 concerning the preparation of the Protocol on a Uniform System of Road Signs and Signals,

Noting that many governments have not yet submitted their observations on the Protocol and that a considerable divergence of views is shown by those observations which have been received,

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>20</sup> See General Assembly resolutions 296 A (IV), 296 C (IV), 296 D (IV), 296 E (IV) and 296 H (IV).

<sup>21</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 1*, p. 98.

<sup>22</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Seventeenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 10, documents E/2523 and Add.1.

1. *Requests* the Transport and Communications Commission to place this matter upon the agenda of its next session with a view to the preparation of appropriate recommendations as to any further action which may be deemed desirable;

2. *Further requests* all governments which have not already done so to submit their observations to the Secretary-General as promptly as possible.

757th plenary meeting,  
31 March 1954.

## B

#### POLLUTION OF SEA-WATER

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 468 B (XV) on pollution of sea-water,

Taking note of the report<sup>23</sup> of the Secretary-General which informs the Council that the United Kingdom Government has convened an *ad hoc* diplomatic conference in London for 26 April next on this subject, and that any convention which might be agreed upon at this conference would be brought within the scope of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization if and when it is set up,

Noting furthermore that the Secretary-General has been invited to be represented at this conference,

*Instructs* the Secretary-General:

(a) To postpone further action with respect to the convening of the committee of experts foreseen in resolution 468 B (XV), pending the outcome of the conference;

(b) To report to the Council at its eighteenth session on the results of the conference to enable the Council to decide whether it is any longer necessary to establish a committee of experts for this purpose.

757th plenary meeting,  
31 March 1954.

## C

#### SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 468 C (XV) on the situation with respect to ratification of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization,

Taking note with appreciation of the report<sup>24</sup> to the United Nations Organization by the fourteen governments which have accepted the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, which was annexed to the report by the Secretary-General on this subject,

*Invites* the Secretary-General to pursue his consultations with the governments of those eligible States which have not so far ratified the Convention with a view:

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*, document E/2522.

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, document E/2520, annex II.