

convention to replace existing international instruments relating to the control of narcotic drugs,

Recalling that the Opium Protocol of 1953 is concerned only with limiting and regulating the cultivation of the poppy plant, the production of, international and wholesale trade in, and use of opium,

Considering that a single convention on narcotic drugs would greatly contribute to the suppression of illicit traffic and drug addiction,

Calls upon the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to give priority at its next session to the elaboration of a single convention.

*805th plenary meeting,
12 July 1954.*

549 (XVIII). Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council,

Having regard to General Assembly resolution 728 (VIII) of 23 October 1953, appealing to the governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations to intensify their efforts to promote, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, solutions for the problems of refugees, through repatriation, resettlement and integration, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 538 B (VI) of 2 February 1952,

Noting that, in spite of the efforts made by the countries of residence which, as a result of their geographical situation, have to face particularly heavy burdens owing to the presence in their territory of large numbers of refugees within the High Commissioner's mandate, there is little hope that—at the present rate of repatriation, resettlement or integration—a satisfactory solution to this problem will be reached within a reasonable period of time,

Noting that some complementary aid has been shown to be necessary to accelerate the implementation of a programme for permanent solutions which will take account, in particular, of opportunities for the resettlement of refugees in the immigration countries,

Having regard to General Assembly resolution 538 B (VI) authorizing the High Commissioner to issue an appeal for funds for the purpose of enabling emergency aid to be given to the most needy groups among the refugees within his mandate,

Noting that the contributions received by the High Commissioner in response to his various appeals have not permitted him to meet the emergency requirements of the most needy refugees,

1. *Expresses the opinion* that the programme submitted by the High Commissioner for granting emergency aid, as well as for the implementation of permanent solutions for the refugee problem, contains constructive elements for an effective attempt at coping with the problem;

2. *Invites* the High Commissioner to make available to the General Assembly, at its ninth regular session, such additional information as might facilitate the

General Assembly's task in its consideration of the High Commissioner's proposals;

3. *Recommends* that, in the event of the General Assembly approving the High Commissioner's proposals:

(a) The General Assembly should ask the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds to institute negotiations with governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations concerning contributions for the High Commissioner's programme;

(b) The question of the desirability and the composition and terms of reference of an Executive Committee to give directives to the High Commissioner on the implementation of his programme should be examined by the Economic and Social Council on the basis of proposals submitted by the High Commissioner after consultation with his Advisory Committee.

*814th plenary meeting,
23 July 1954.*

550 (XVIII). Report of the International Labour Organisation

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report⁶⁴ of the International Labour Organisation.

*809th plenary meeting,
19 July 1954.*

551 (XVIII). Reports of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the reports⁶⁵ of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the years 1952-53 and 1953-54.

*822nd plenary meeting,
30 July 1954.*

552 (XVIII). Report of the World Health Organization

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the annual report⁶⁶ submitted by the World Health Organization to the United Nations.

*802nd plenary meeting,
9 July 1954.*

553 (XVIII). Co-ordination of the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the fifteenth and sixteenth reports⁶⁷ of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and

⁶⁴ See document E/2577.

⁶⁵ See documents E/2589 and E/2590.

⁶⁶ See documents E/2592 and Add.1.

⁶⁷ See documents E/2512, E/2607 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

the review⁶⁸ of the 1955 programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies submitted by the Secretary-General,

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

2. *Expresses satisfaction* with the progress made in the past year towards more effective co-ordination of the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

3. *Urges* continued efforts in this direction with special emphasis on the concentration of efforts in the light of the United Nations priority programmes established by the Council.

*829th plenary meeting,
5 August 1954.*

554 (XVIII). Application from the Romanian People's Republic for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the application⁶⁹ regarding the admission of the Romanian People's Republic to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, transmitted by that organization to the Council in accordance with article II of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Decides to inform the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization that it has no objection to the admission of the Romanian People's Republic to the organization.

*805th plenary meeting,
12 July 1954.*

555 (XVIII). World calendar reform

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the proposal for a reform of the calendar by international agreement contained in document E/2514,

Feeling that to enable further consideration of the proposal it is necessary to obtain the views of governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations on the desirability of calendar reform,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit document E/2514 and any other relevant documents to the governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations, with the request that they study the problem and furnish their views by some time early in 1955;

2. *Decides* to consider the matter again at its resumed nineteenth session, together with the replies received from governments.

*819th plenary meeting,
28 July 1954.*

⁶⁸ See document E/2629.

⁶⁹ See document E/2614.

556 (XVIII). United Nations regional cartographic conference for Asia and the Far East

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 476 A (XV) on the subject of holding regional cartographic conferences,

Taking note of the report⁷⁰ by the Secretary-General on the holding of a regional cartographic conference for Asia and the Far East,

Noting with appreciation the invitation of India to hold the first regional conference for Asia and the Far East in India,

Considering the satisfactory response of the governments concerned to the proposal to hold the conference in India,

1. *Decides* to hold a regional cartographic conference for Asia and the Far East at Dehra Dun (India) in February or early March 1955;

2. *Approves* tentatively the list of items for inclusion in the provisional agenda of the conference as given in Annex I of the Secretary-General's report;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps for the issue of invitations to the governments concerned, and to complete the other arrangements for the holding of the conference after consultation with the competent specialized agencies.

*818th plenary meeting,
27 July 1954.*

557 (XVIII). Organization and operation of the Council and its commissions

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WORK OF THE SECRETARIAT IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the Secretary-General's report⁷¹ on his review of the organization and work of the Secretariat in the economic and social fields and his memorandum⁷² on the control and limitation of documentation,

Recognizing the necessity for the control and limitation of documents, as well as for making a reasonable reduction in the volume of individual documents,

1. *Welcomes* the attention which the Secretary-General is giving to the above matters;

2. *Endorses* the approach adopted by the Secretary-General in the above documents to the problem of the concentration of the efforts and resources of the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

3. *Expresses* its general approval of the suggestions relating to the priorities and programme set forth in

⁷⁰ See documents E/2622 and Add.1 and 2.

⁷¹ See document E/2598.

⁷² See document E/2542.