

563 (XIX). Development of international travel, its present increasing volume and future prospects

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the proposal made by the United States of America concerning the development of international travel, its present increasing volume and future prospects,⁵

Recognizing the importance of international travel in promoting international understanding and cultural relationships, in fostering international trade, in furthering economic development and in contributing towards the improvement of balances of payment,

Taking into account the useful work already performed in this field by national, international and regional organizations, including the United Nations and its regional economic commissions,

1. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies:

(a) To examine the beneficial effect which increased tourism could have on their internal economy, and the part it plays in international trade;

(b) To survey their tourist facilities to determine existing deficiencies, and to encourage the development of transportation, hotel and other needed facilities, amenities and attractions;

(c) To give adequate support to the official organizations engaged in the development of tourism, and to encourage their co-operation with private agencies in this field;

(d) To simplify wherever practicable the entry and exit procedures and formalities applicable to tourists, and to co-operate in the development of international travel arrangements designed to facilitate tourism;

(e) To encourage the exchange of technical advice between countries possessing well-developed tourist programmes and facilities and those with less experience;

2. *Requests* the organs of the United Nations and the appropriate specialized agencies to give favourable consideration to constructive projects which are within their competence and are designed to increase tourist facilities and to promote travel;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study the statistics available relating to tourist travel and to report to the Statistical Commission as early as possible with a view to the establishment of uniform definitions, standards and methods;

4. *Further invites* the non-governmental organizations concerned with tourism to continue and increase their efforts to promote international travel;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its twenty-third session a report on the measures taken in response to this resolution.

*838th plenary meeting,
31 March 1955.*

564 (XIX). Slavery

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Rapporteur⁶ prepared in accordance with its resolution 525 A (XVII),

Noting the report of the Secretary-General⁷ containing the comments of Governments on the draft supplementary convention on slavery included in document E/2540/Add.4,⁸

Noting the comments of the International Labour Organisation on the draft contained in document E/2540/Add.4,

Noting further that many Governments have not yet commented on that draft,

Considering that, in the light of the situation as revealed by the report of the Rapporteur and earlier reports on the subject, it is desirable to prepare a text of a draft supplementary convention which will deal with those practices resembling slavery not covered in the International Slavery Convention of 1926,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Rapporteur and expresses its appreciation of his work;

2. *Decides*:

(a) To appoint a committee consisting of representatives of the Governments of Australia, Ecuador, Egypt, France, India, the Netherlands, Turkey, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia for the purpose of preparing a text of a draft supplementary convention for submission to the Council at its twenty-first session;

(b) To transmit to the committee the draft supplementary convention contained in document E/2540/Add.4, together with all the comments that have been received or may be received on it from Governments, the International Labour Organisation or non-governmental organizations;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to convene the committee at a time and a place to be decided by him in consultation with the Governments represented on the committee;

3. *Invites* all Governments which have not yet commented on the draft contained in document E/2540/Add.4 to do so before the committee convenes;

4. *Decides* to consider at its twenty-first session the draft prepared by the committee.

*847th plenary meeting,
7 April 1955.*

565 (XIX). International Assistance to refugees within the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking account of General Assembly resolution 832 (IX),

⁶ E/2673 and Add.1 to 4.

⁷ E/2679 and Add.1 to 4.

⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Seventeenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 15.

⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 6, document E/2688.