

RESOLUTIONS

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during its resumed nineteenth session from 16 to 27 May 1955

567 (XIX). Report of the Transport and Communications Commission (seventh session)

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Transport and Communications Commission (seventh session).¹

854th plenary meeting,
20 May 1955.

B

UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 518 A (XVII) on a uniform system of road signs and signals,

Bearing in mind the recommendations of the Transport and Communications Commission as to further action which might be desirable concerning this problem,

1. Recommends to Governments that they consider the provisions of the draft Protocol on a Uniform System of Road Signs and Signals as recommended practices when revising their systems of road signs and signals either unilaterally or bilaterally, or in regional agreements, in order to further the progressive achievement of uniformity in this field;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to report to the Transport and Communications Commission at its ninth session on the progress in the implementation by Governments of this recommendation.

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20 May 1955.

C

LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the considerations and recommendations of the Transport and Communications Commission concerning the licensing of motor vehicle drivers,

Noting in particular that the minimum uniform regulations for the licensing of motor vehicle drivers, recom-

¹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/2696).

mended by the Committee of Experts, have in general been favourably received by those Governments which have already communicated their views to the Secretary-General, and that these recommendations in fact cover the substance of the provisions of the draft amended annex 8 to the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic,

Further noting that the Commission decided not to pursue, for the time being, the attempt to amend annex 8,

Invites the Secretary-General, in the light of the relevant suggestions contained in his report to the Commission :²

(a) To continue the inquiry with Governments of States Members of the United Nations or of any of the specialized agencies regarding the minimum uniform regulations and to request those which have not already done so to submit their observations and to indicate what steps they have taken or contemplate taking with a view to implementing the recommendations of the Committee of Experts;

(b) To approach competent non-governmental organizations with respect to the possible action which they might suitably take in this matter;

(c) To request the World Health Organization to give such further assistance as may be needed in connexion with the preparation of recommendations on the mental and physical fitness of drivers;

(d) To circulate the Handbook for Medical Practitioners, once it has been completed by the World Health Organization, to the Governments mentioned under (a) above, as a supplement to the report and recommendations of the Committee of Experts, with the request that Governments consider the contents of the Handbook in connexion with their domestic regulations and practices in the field;

(e) To present a report to the Transport and Communications Commission on the progress of the above not later than at its ninth session.

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20 May 1955.

D

PASSPORTS AND FRONTIER FORMALITIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the opinion of the Transport and Communications Commission that in view of the time that has

² E/CN.2/154 and Add.1.

elapsed since the last inquiry was sent to Governments concerning the implementation of the Recommendations of the Meeting of Experts on Passports and Frontier Formalities held in Geneva in 1947, it would now be desirable for the Secretary-General to address a new inquiry to Governments in order to secure official information on the progress achieved with respect to those Recommendations,

Further noting that the suggestion that the standard visa format established by the International Civil Aviation Organization be used for international travel by all means of transport has received a considerable measure of support from Governments,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General to address a new inquiry to Governments, requesting information on the progress made with respect to the implementation of the Recommendations of the 1947 Meeting of Experts and to report to the Commission at its eighth session;

2. *Recommends* to Governments that, as a recommended practice, they consider the possibility of making use of the International Civil Aviation Organization standard visa format for international travel by all means of transport.

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20 May 1955.*

E

TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted the opinion of the Transport and Communications Commission that the problem of transport of dangerous goods requires an urgent solution, in view in particular of the increasing regional activities in this field which should not be retarded and should be adapted to world-wide developments,

Invites the Secretary-General :

(a) To circulate the report of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods³ to Governments of States Members of the United Nations and of any of the specialized agencies and to the interested international organizations, requesting their views and comments, in particular as to whether they agree with the report and if not, to what part of it they have objections and for what reasons;

(b) To reconvene the Committee of Experts as soon as he has received a sufficient number of replies from Governments and international organizations in order to :

(i) Examine those replies and establish final recommendations;

(ii) Recommend a procedure for keeping the list of principal dangerous goods up to date;

(iii) Consider further the problem of packaging when the preparatory work recommended by the experts in their report has been terminated;

(c) To circulate to Governments and interested international organizations the final recommendations of the experts as soon as they are completed;

³ E/CN.2/143 and Corr.1.

(d) To report to the Transport and Communications Commission at its eighth session on the progress in this matter.

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20 May 1955.*

F

WORK PROGRAMME AND PRIORITIES FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS PROJECTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 497 C (XVI) and 557 A (XVIII),

Having considered the work programme and priorities for transport and communications projects recommended by the Transport and Communications Commission in resolution 5 adopted at its seventh session,⁴

Having noted the subsequent developments set forth in the Secretary-General's note,⁵ regarding the *Transport and Communications Review*,

1. *Decides* to delete from the work programme the project : Preparation and editing of the *Transport and Communications Review*;

2. *Approves* the work programme recommended by the Commission, as amended;

3. *Invites* the Transport and Communications Commission, in carrying out its work programme, to take into consideration the importance of transport and communications in integrated economic development and in international trade.

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568 (XIX). Restrictive business practices

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the reports prepared by the Secretary-General⁶ and the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Restrictive Business Practices,⁷ and the comments transmitted by Governments, specialized agencies, inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations pursuant to Council resolutions 375 (XIII) and 487 (XVI),⁸

Noting with satisfaction that these reports indicate that a number of Governments have undertaken new measures, or strengthened existing measures, to prevent or control restrictive business practices or their harmful effects; and that there is a growing awareness of the fact that, even though the precise form or effect of restrictive business practices differs throughout the world, these practices may have harmful effects upon economic development, employment and international trade,

Recognizing that national action and international co-operation are needed in order to deal effectively with restrictive business practices affecting international

⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 4*, para. 117.

⁵ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 11, document E/2744.

⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplements Nos. 3 (E/2671) and 3A (E/2675).

⁷ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/2380).

⁸ E/2612 and Add.1 to 3.