

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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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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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.

trade, but taking into account the fact that international action in this field would not be effective without sufficient support from States Members of the United Nations,

1. *Reaffirms* its continuing concern with the existence in international trade of restrictive business practices which have harmful effects on the attainment of higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development;

2. *Urges* Governments to continue the examination of restrictive business practices with a view to the adoption of laws, measures and policies which will counteract such effects;

3. *Recommends* Member States to continue to communicate to the Secretary-General information concerning laws, measures and policies adopted by them in respect of such restrictive business practices;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General :

(a) To circulate to Member States any further information received from Governments;

(b) To circulate to Member States the views of appropriate inter-governmental bodies and agencies in respect of this question;

(c) To assist in making such arrangements—at the request of interested Governments—as may be appropriate to enable them to avail themselves of any opportunities to share the experience gained in countries having an established body of law and practices in this field;

(d) To suggest further consideration of the matter at a later session of the Council; and, for this purpose, to continue to summarize information concerning restrictive practices in international trade and to prepare a bibliography on the nature of restrictive business practices and their effect on economic development, employment and international trade.

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569 (XIX). World pulp and paper resources and prospects

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with appreciation the analysis of the world pulp and paper problem presented in the report on *World Pulp and Paper Resources and Prospects* prepared by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in co-operation with the secretariats of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Noting with satisfaction the report on the Latin American Meeting of Experts in the Pulp and Paper Industry held in Buenos Aires in 1954 under the joint auspices of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Technical Assistance Administration,⁹

Believing that, while the world pulp and paper situation no longer calls for immediate action of an emergency nature, effort is required to expand capacity in the less developed areas whenever such expansion is economically

⁹ E/CN.12/361-FAO/ETAP No. 462-ST/TAA/SER.C/19 (see E/2697).

sound, in order to ensure that consumption standards in those areas rise to levels commensurate with the material, educational, scientific and cultural progress desired by Governments,

Recalling the recommendations adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at the seventh session of its Conference in November 1953,¹⁰ concerning the development of pulp and paper resources by Governments and private investors, and the factors to be examined prior to committing new resources to this purpose,

1. *Transmits* the reports to States Members of the United Nations and to the specialized agencies for their study and guidance in connexion with requests for technical and financial assistance and programmes for the development of pulp and paper resources;

2. *Recommends* that sympathetic consideration be given to requests for technical assistance under the Expanded Programme from interested Governments in the field of development of pulp and paper resources and the planning and development of pulp and paper industries with due regard to national and regional resources, facilities and markets;

3. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Organization, within its existing programmes of work, to continue its efforts to promote an orderly long-term development of pulp and paper production throughout the world, acting as heretofore in close collaboration with other specialized agencies and organs of the United Nations, including the regional commissions and, in particular, to :

(a) Encourage the provision of personnel training facilities and promote the exchange of information concerning forestry, research in forest products and agricultural by-products, and pulp and paper technology;

(b) Pay special attention to problems of plantation culture and the utilization of non-traditional materials and to measures capable of leading to an expansion of newsprint production in the less developed areas on an economic basis;

(c) Continue to provide to Member States on request, advice and assistance in all these fields, not only within the scope of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, but also as part of its regular programme;

4. *Expresses* the hope that, whenever appropriate, private capital will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to participate in any necessary development of pulp and paper resources.

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570 (XIX). Enforcement of international arbitral awards

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Enforcement of International Arbitral Awards¹¹ and

¹⁰ FAO, *Report of the 7th Session of the Conference, 23 November-11 December 1953* (Rome, March 1954).

¹¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 14, document E/2704 and Corr.1.*