

the draft Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards annexed thereto,

Considering that it is desirable to give Governments an opportunity to make a full study of the draft Convention prepared by the Committee,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the draft Convention and the report of the Committee to the Governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations for their consideration and comments with respect to the text of the Convention and the desirability of convening a conference to conclude a convention, and also to ascertain whether they are prepared to participate in such a conference;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the draft Convention and the report of the Committee to the International Chamber of Commerce and to such other non-governmental organizations in consultative status as may be interested in international commercial arbitration, for their comments; and to the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law, for its information;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report containing the comments of the Governments and non-governmental organizations referred to above, together with such observations as he may have, for submission to the Council at its twenty-first session.

*853rd plenary meeting,
20 May 1955.*

571 (XIX). Population questions

A

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Population Commission (eighth session).¹²

*863rd plenary meeting,
27 May 1955.*

B

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Population Commission on the proposal of the Secretary-General to arrange for a part of the programme of population studies to be carried out by universities and other outside scientific institutions in co-operation with the Secretariat,¹³

1. *Emphasizes* the need to maintain an adequate programme of studies on population trends and their relation to economic and social factors, especially in the development of the less developed countries;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General :

(a) To make an effort to obtain the co-operation of qualified scientific institutions in those parts of the programme of population studies in which such co-operation would be most useful, on the largest scale that is feasible in view of the available financial and other

¹² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/2707).*

¹³ *Ibid.*, paras. 12 to 15.

resources, with adequate safeguards to ensure the maintenance of a high standard of quality and objectivity in the work done by outside scientific institutions on behalf of the United Nations;

(b) To give consideration, in selecting the scientific institutions to be invited to co-operate in portions of the programme, to the importance of an adequate distribution, particularly from a geographical point of view, and to the need for expanding the capacity of existing scientific institutions in certain countries, notably in the less developed regions, for research on the problems of population;

(c) To explore the possibility of establishing standing co-operative relations with qualified scientific institutions in each of the major under-developed regions of the world, which could serve as centres for studies on population problems of importance in the region and for the training of personnel in this field of study on a regional basis;

(d) To explore the possibilities of co-operation in the programme of regional centres of demographic study and training, on the part of scientific institutions in other regions which have highly developed facilities for work in this field, and on the part of non-governmental organizations and private foundations;

3. *Recommends* that Governments, especially of the less developed countries which have expressed the desire to conduct population studies in their countries in accordance with the Population Commission's programme, should (a) consider the possibilities of facilitating co-operation between the Secretariat and qualified scientific institutions in the countries concerned in carrying out portions of the programme of population studies, and (b) give attention in this connexion to possible technical assistance projects for training needed personnel and for aid in the planning and direction of study projects.

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27 May 1955.*

C

The Economic and Social Council,

Having in mind the importance of the questions discussed at the World Population Conference for governmental policies and action programmes, particularly for the economic and social development of the under-developed countries and for the programmes of regional economic commissions,

Recalling the interest aroused by the work of the Secretariat on the interrelationships of demographic, economic and social factors published under the title *The Determinants and Consequences of Population Trends*,¹⁴

1. *Invites* interested Governments, specialized agencies, regional economic commissions and non-governmental organizations to examine the proceedings of the Conference and the work of the Secretariat in the field of population and to give due consideration to demographic factors in programmes of action in the economic and social fields;

¹⁴ ST/SOA/SER.A/17. United Nations publication, Sales No. 1953.XIII.3.

2. *Suggests* to Governments that one way to facilitate this examination would be to create national committees composed of the representatives of interested governmental agencies and institutions, as well as individual experts in the different scientific disciplines concerned, for the purpose of giving advice on the relevance of population studies to policies and action programmes and on further investigations that may be desirable;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Population Commission at its next session on the actions taken pursuant to this resolution.

*863rd plenary meeting,
27 May 1955.*

572 (XIX). Recognition and enforcement abroad of maintenance obligations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 527 (XVII) requesting the Secretary-General to ascertain from States Members of the United Nations and those States non-members of the United Nations which are members of any of the specialized agencies whether they consider it desirable to convene a conference of plenipotentiaries to complete the drafting of the Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Claims for Maintenance, and whether they are prepared to attend such a conference,

Noting from the report of the Secretary-General on the result of the consultations undertaken in pursuance of resolution 527 (XVII)¹⁵ that a substantial number of Governments have given an affirmative answer as to the desirability of calling such a conference and have expressed their willingness to participate in the conference,

Having consulted the Secretary-General as prescribed in General Assembly resolution 366 (IV) approving the rules for the calling of international conferences of States,

1. Decides:

(a) To call a conference of plenipotentiaries to complete the drafting of and to sign the Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Claims for Maintenance;

(b) To invite to this conference the States Members of the United Nations and those States non-members of the United Nations which are members of any of the specialized agencies, and to invite the interested specialized agencies in relationship with the United Nations and non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Council, as well as The Hague Conference on Private International Law and the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law, to participate in the Conference;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make all necessary arrangements for the calling of the conference of plenipotentiaries at Headquarters in accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 366 (IV) and of the present resolution.

*849th plenary meeting,
17 May 1955.*

¹⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 18, document E/2711 and Add.1 and 2.*

573 (XIX). United Nations Children's Fund

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with satisfaction of the reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.¹⁶

*862nd plenary meeting,
27 May 1955.*

574 (XIX). Freedom of information

A

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PROMOTION OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with appreciation the report prepared by the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, on a programme to promote among news personnel wider knowledge of the United Nations, foreign countries and international affairs, pursuant to Council resolution 522 A (XVII),¹⁷

Recalling the report prepared by the Secretary-General, in conjunction with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the encouragement and development of independent domestic information enterprises, pursuant to Council resolution 442 E (XIV) and General Assembly resolution 633 (VII),¹⁸

Noting resolution 839 (IX) adopted by the General Assembly at its ninth session authorizing the Secretary-General to render, at the request of Member States, services which do not fall within the scope and objectives of existing technical assistance programmes, in order to assist these States in promoting freedom of information,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in implementation of Council resolution 522 J (XVII) and General Assembly resolution 839 (IX) :

(a) To take steps, in close collaboration with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to put into operation a programme to promote freedom of information by providing such services as experts, fellowships, and seminars (including proposals such as those set forth in the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁷ bearing in mind the comments made on it at the nineteenth session of the Council);

(b) To include in the analysis of his budget estimates of the economic and social activities of the United Nations for 1956, to be submitted pursuant to rule 34, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure of the Council, an analysis of the estimated costs of this programme;

2. *Urges* the General Assembly to include in the regular budget of the United Nations for 1956 sufficient

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, *Supplements Nos. 2 (E/2662), 2A (E/2676) and 2B (E/2717).*

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, *Annexes*, agenda item 15, document E/2705 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, *Seventeenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document E/2543.