

to ensure on the national level a co-ordinated policy of their delegations to the United Nations and to the different specialized agencies in order that full co-operation may be achieved between the Organization and the specialized agencies . . . ”,

Draws the attention of all Governments to the desirability of taking further steps to ensure such co-ordination.

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The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the statement by the Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs on the financial implications of actions of the Council ⁹⁷,

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of this statement;
2. *Expresses* the hope that the Secretary-General will continue to give careful study to this question and will bring his conclusions to the attention of the Council, whenever he considers it necessary;
3. *Endorses* the Secretary-General's proposal ⁹⁸ that action be suspended on project No. 24 of the programme of work of the Social Commission; ⁹⁹

4. *Endorses* the Secretary-General's proposal ¹⁰⁰ to make available in the United Nations Headquarters Library bibliographical material on works and studies relating to human rights, and *requests* the Secretary-General to suspend action on the preparation of a biblio-

⁹⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 14, document E/2791.*

⁹⁸ See *ibid.*, para. 8.

⁹⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 9 (E/2758), Annex II.

¹⁰⁰ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 14, document E/2791, para. 12.

graphical index to the *Yearbook on Human Rights* pending consultation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization regarding the availability of bibliographical material on that subject and to report to the Council at its twenty-second session on the outcome of those consultations.

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591 (XX). Term of office of members of functional commissions meeting biennially

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that, under its previous resolutions establishing the functional commissions, the term of office of members of these commissions was fixed at three years,

Considering that, in accordance with Council resolution 557 C IV (XVIII), sessions of the Population Commission, the Statistical Commission, the Social Commission and the Transport and Communications Commission are normally convened biennially,

Considering that in order to ensure generally a more effective participation of members in the work of these commissions and to establish as much uniformity as possible with respect to the number of sessions which members of these commissions will normally attend, it is desirable to lengthen their term of office to a period of four years,

Decides that, beginning with the members elected in 1955, the term of office of the members of the Population Commission, the Statistical Commission, the Social Commission and the Transport and Communications Commission shall be four years.

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Other decisions taken by the Council at its twentieth session

Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council

At its 869th meeting, on 8 July 1955, the Council decided to defer until its resumed twentieth session the confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council nominated by their Governments since the close of the nineteenth session.

Question of the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Council

At its 890th meeting, on 3 August 1955, the Council decided to consider at its resumed twentieth session the question whether and by what means the tenth anniversary of the Economic and Social Council should be celebrated.

International machinery for trade co-operation

At its 891st meeting, on 4 August 1955, the Council decided to postpone until its resumed twentieth session consideration of the draft resolution entitled "International Machinery for Trade Co-operation" contained

in the report of the Economic Committee on item 2 of the agenda ¹⁰¹ as well as of the amendments proposed thereto. ¹⁰²

Question of admission of new members to the Economic Commission for Europe

At its 891st meeting, on 4 August 1955, the Council decided to postpone until its resumed twentieth session the question of the admission of new members to the Economic Commission for Europe.

Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly

At its 893rd meeting, on 5 August 1955, the Council agreed to the arrangements for the preparation of its report to the General Assembly described by the Secretary-General in document E/L.668.

¹⁰¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 2, document E/2787/Rev.1.*

¹⁰² *Ibid.*, document E/L.685.