

**596 (XX). Application from the German Democratic Republic for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered the application for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural*

*Organization contained in the note by the Secretary-General,<sup>7</sup>*

*Recommends to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization the rejection of that application.*

*896th plenary meeting,  
7 December 1955.*

**Other decisions taken by the Council**

**Addition of agenda items**

At its 894th meeting, on 5 December 1955, the Council decided to include in the agenda of its resumed twentieth session the following additional items:

Item 24: "Report of the Economic Commission for Latin America (sixth session)"

Item 25: "Application from the German Democratic Republic for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization"

**Election of members of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**

At its 895th meeting, on 6 December 1955, the Council elected Brazil, China, France, the Netherlands, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America members of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations for 1956.

**Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council**

At its 895th meeting, on 6 December 1955, the Council confirmed the following representatives of members of the functional commissions nominated by their Governments:

**TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

Dr. Ching-yuen Hsiao (China)  
Mr. Jaime Nebot (Ecuador)  
Mr. Jean Goursat (France)  
Mr. Erling Föien (Norway)

**STATISTICAL COMMISSION**

Mr. Herbert Marshall (Canada)  
Dr. O. G. Ginebra Henríquez (Dominican Republic)  
Mr. P. C. Mahalanobis (India)  
Mr. G. E. F. Wood (New Zealand)  
Mr. Leonid Moiseevich Koretsky (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic)

**POPULATION COMMISSION**

Dr. Cho-ming Li (China)  
Mr. Alfred Sauvy (France)  
Dr. Roberto Bachi (Israel)  
Mr. Petter Jakob Bjerve (Norway)  
Mr. Leonid Moiseevich Koretsky (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic)

**SOCIAL COMMISSION**

Dr. O. G. Ginebra Henríquez (Dominican Republic)  
Mr. Abdel-Hamid Abdel-Ghani (Egypt)  
Sir Oswald Allen (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

**COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

Mr. René Cassin (France)  
Mr. Rajeshwar Dayal (India)  
Mr. Felixberto M. Serrano (Philippines)  
Mr. Valentin Ivanovich Sapozhnikov (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic)

**COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

Mrs. Georgette Ciselet (Belgium)  
Mrs. Zena Harman (Israel)  
Mrs. Lorne Sayers (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

**Question of the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Council**

At its 895th meeting, on 6 December 1956, the Council decided that the tenth anniversary of the Council should be celebrated at the twenty-second session. In that connexion, the Secretariat was requested to devote special attention, in some of the important documents relating to the world economic situation and the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, to developments over the last ten years. The Secretary-General was also requested to consider the possibility of issuing a brochure which would mark the occasion and bring the work of the Council to the attention of the public. It was understood that these decisions of the Council should not involve any additional expenditure or any lengthening of the twenty-second session.

**Basic programme of the Council for 1956**

At its 898th meeting, on 8 December 1955, the Council worked out its basic programme for 1956 and considered the provisional agenda for its twenty-first session drawn up by the Secretary-General.<sup>8</sup> The Council decided to request the Secretariat, after consultation with members of the Council and specialized agencies, to establish the dates for opening debate on items allocated to the twenty-first session.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 25, document E/2800.

<sup>8</sup> See E/L.688 and Corr.1 and E/L.694.