

on this question, so that it may reconsider them in the light of the Council's discussions.

*820th plenary meeting,
29 July 1954.*

546 (XVIII). Conference of non-governmental organizations interested in the eradication of prejudice and discrimination

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report⁴⁷ by the Secretary-General on the advisability of convening a conference of non-governmental organizations interested in the eradication of prejudice and discrimination,

Noting that the majority of non-governmental organizations consider it advisable to convene such a conference in accordance with General Assembly resolution 479 (V),

1. *Decides* to authorize the Secretary-General to convene such a conference in which interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council may:

(a) Exchange views concerning the most effective means of combating discrimination;

(b) Co-ordinate their endeavours in this work if they find it desirable and feasible;

(c) Consider the possibility of establishing common objectives and programmes;

2. *Determines* that each non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council shall be invited to send an authorized representative to the conference;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights:

(a) To prepare the provisional agenda of the Conference, bearing in mind the objectives set forth in paragraph 1 above and the related comments of the non-governmental organizations given in the Secretary-General's report;

(b) To decide upon the appropriate duration of the conference which, in any case, should not exceed three days;

(c) To fix the date and place of the conference during the period set aside for the eleventh session of the Commission on Human Rights, in order that it may use any facilities provided for but not fully required by the Commission;

(d) To make other necessary arrangements in connexion with the conference;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite interested specialized agencies:

(a) To make available to the conference relevant studies;

(b) To make such observations as they deem appropriate to the conference;

5. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to direct the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to include in its sub-

⁴⁷ See documents E/2608 and Add.1 and 2.

sequent report to the Commission its observations on the proceedings of the conference.

*824th plenary meeting,
3 August 1954.*

547 (XVIII). Status of women

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report⁴⁸ of the Commission on the Status of Women (eighth session).

*805th plenary meeting,
12 July 1954.*

B

CONVENTION ON POLITICAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Convention on Political Rights of Women, approved by General Assembly resolution 640 (VII) of 20 December 1952, was opened for signature and ratification or accession by States Members of the United Nations on 30 March 1953,

Noting also that, by resolution 793 (VIII) of 23 October 1953, the General Assembly invited signature and ratification of, or accession to, this Convention by non-member States which are or become members of one or more of the specialized agencies of the United Nations or are or become Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice,

Considering its resolution 504 E (XVI) of 23 July 1953, by which it urged Member States which have not yet done so to sign and ratify or accede to this Convention,

Reiterates its appeal to Member States of the United Nations and *recommends* to non-member States which have been so invited by the General Assembly, to sign, ratify or accede to the Convention on the Political Rights of Women.

*805th plenary meeting,
12 July 1954.*

C

DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the recommendation⁴⁹ made by the Commission on the Status of Women at its eighth session that a convention on the nationality of married women be opened for signature and ratification or accession by interested States,

Considering that the time is appropriate for an international convention on the nationality of married

⁴⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 6.*

⁴⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6, Chapter IV.