

States concerned for their comments, and to report to the Council at a subsequent session;

5. *Invites* Governments of Member States to comment on the proposals and recommendations of the Secretary-General mentioned in paragraph 4 above;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to convene in 1958 in Tokyo a second regional cartographic conference for Asia and the Far East, including the preparation of a provisional agenda and the sending of invitations to Governments of States Members of the United Nations or of members of the specialized agencies, and to the specialized agencies and other inter-governmental organizations.

*922nd plenary meeting,
2 May 1956.*

601 (XXI). Report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.⁸

*902nd plenary meeting,
18 April 1956.*

602 (XXI). Report of the International Monetary Fund

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the International Monetary Fund.⁹

*904th plenary meeting,
19 April 1956.*

603 (XXI). Convention on Road Traffic adopted at the United Nations Conference on Road and Motor Transport (Geneva, 19 September 1949)

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the Secretary-General's note¹⁰ on the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic drawing its attention to the expiry on 26 March 1957 of the provision contained in paragraph 6 of article 24 of that Convention reading as follows:

" During a period of five years beginning with the entry into force of this Convention, any driver admitted to international traffic under the provisions of the International Convention relative to Motor Traffic signed at Paris on 24 April 1926, or of the Convention

⁸ International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, *Tenth Annual Report, 1954-1955*, Washington, D. C. (E/2802), *Appendices to the Tenth Annual Report, 1954-1955* (E/2802/Add.1), and document E/2802/Add.2.

⁹ International Monetary Fund, *Annual Report of the Executive Directors for the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 1955*, Washington, D.C. (E/2801), and document E/2801/Add.1.

¹⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 22, document E/2818 and Add.1.

on the Regulation of Inter-American Automotive Traffic opened for signature at Washington on 15 December 1943, and holding the documents required thereunder, shall be considered as fulfilling the requirements of this article".

Taking into account the opinion expressed by the Transport and Communications Commission in paragraph 34 of the report on its seventh session,¹¹ and also resolution 185 adopted by the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe at its thirteenth session,

Recognizing the difficulties and delay involved in formally amending the Convention,

1. *Recommends* prompt ratification of the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic by all eligible Governments which have not already done so, in order to achieve at the earliest possible date the desirable world-wide uniformity in administrative procedures provided by the Convention;

2. *Recommends* Governments of States which are or may become parties to the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic to examine the possibility of continuing, as an administrative measure, to apply the provisions of paragraph 6 of article 24 of that Convention for an additional period of three years, up to 26 March 1960;

3. *Instructs* the Secretary-General to communicate the above recommendation to the Governments mentioned in paragraph 2 and to request them to inform him of their position with respect to this recommendation;

4. *Instructs further* the Secretary-General to inform Governments of States which are parties or are eligible to become parties to the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic of the replies received under paragraph 3.

*914th plenary meeting,
26 April 1956.*

604 (XXI). Recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 570 (XIX) of 20 May 1955, requesting the Secretary-General to ascertain from the Governments mentioned therein whether they consider it desirable to convene a conference to conclude a convention on the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards, and whether they are prepared to participate in such a conference,

Noting from the report of the Secretary-General¹² on the result of the consultation undertaken in pursuance of resolution 570 (XIX)¹³ that a substantial number of Governments have expressed themselves in favour of convening a conference to conclude a convention on the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards,

¹¹ *Idem, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 4* (E/2696).

¹² E/2822 and Corr.1.

¹³ E/2822/Add.1 to 5.