

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

### 614 (XXII). World economic situation

#### A

#### MEASURES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE CO-OPERATION

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting with satisfaction* that the relaxation of international tension creates conditions favourable to the development of economic and trade relations between States,

*Recognizing* that the further expansion of world trade is one of the most important factors favouring the economic development of countries and the improvement of economic relations between all countries, thus making for peace throughout the world,

*Taking into account* the steps so far taken by the Council, especially in resolution 531 C (XVIII) of 4 August 1954 on the removal of obstacles to international trade and means of developing international economic relations, in resolution 579 A (XX) of 4 August 1955 on the expansion of world trade, and, in particular, in resolution 592 (XX), of 7 December 1955, on international machinery for trade co-operation.

1. *Strongly urges* Governments not to slacken their efforts to develop international trade;

2. *Invites* the Governments of States Members of the United Nations to submit at an early date to the Secretary-General comments concerning the international machinery for trade co-operation and, in this connexion, *commends to their attention* the Secretary-General's report on the subject;<sup>4</sup>

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to analyse the replies received from Governments pursuant to the previous paragraph and to submit to the Council for consideration at its twenty-fourth session such a report as he may be in a position to make;

4. *Reaffirms* the confidence expressed in its resolution 579 A (XX) in the valuable services of the United Nations regional economic commissions in connexion with trade co-operation, and *calls their attention* to the advisability of studying difficulties preventing expansion of international trade, pointing out obstacles that should be removed according to the conditions and needs specific to each of their regions;

<sup>4</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 2 (a), document E/2897.*

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to keep under review all trade developments.

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#### B

#### TRADE AND PRODUCTION POLICIES IN RELATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having examined* the *World Economic Survey 1955*,<sup>5</sup> and the other studies submitted by the various United Nations secretariats<sup>6</sup> on item 2 (a) of the Council's agenda,

*Noting* that, while these studies and the introductory reports by the Secretary-General and the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions clearly indicate that progress in economic development has been made in under-developed countries, the gap between the standards of living and levels of productivity in developed and under-developed countries has been widening,

*Citing* Articles 55 and 56 of the United Nations Charter and the pledges made by the signatory peoples to take joint and separate action with a view to promoting "higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development",

*Recognizing* the need for national action and international co-operation looking to the expansion of international trade, as a major method of assisting under-developed countries to advance their economic development,

1. *Recommends* that in the formulation and administration of their trade and production policies, Govern-

<sup>5</sup> E/2864. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1956.II.C.1.

<sup>6</sup> *Economic Development in the Middle East 1954-1955*: E/2880. United Nations publication, Sales No. 1956.II.C.2. *Economic Development in Africa 1954-1955*: E/2881. United Nations publication, Sales No. 1956.II.C.3. "Water Resources in Africa": E/2882. *Economic Survey of Europe in 1955*: E/ECE/235 and Corr.1. United Nations publication, Sales No. 1956.II.E.2. *Economic Survey of Asia and the Far East 1955*. United Nations publication, Sales No. 1956.II.F.1. *Economic Survey of Latin America 1955*: E/CN.12/421. United Nations publication, Sales No. 1955.II.G.1. "International Commodity Trade in 1955 and 1956 (1st quarter)": E/CN.13/22. *International Machinery for Trade Co-operation; Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 2 (a), document E/2897.*

ments take into account the possible effects of their policies upon other economies, and that the Governments of the more developed countries recognize especially the importance of their trade and production policies for the economic development of under-developed countries which are heavily dependent on trade in primary products and on a reasonable degree of stability in their prices;

2. *Recommends further* that, to assist in strengthening their economies, the under-developed countries make every effort to diversify the markets for their products, internally and externally alike, by such measures as the acceleration of their industrialization, the development of new markets, and the expansion of the range of their production;

3. *Commends* to the Secretary-General and to the United Nations bodies concerned the importance of statistical and analytical studies that may throw light on the behaviour of the international demand for primary products.

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## C

### RESOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS SURVEYS

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered the World Economic Survey 1955,*

*Noting with satisfaction* the general growth in world production and international trade since the end of the second world war,

*Noting* that the increase in world production and international trade has not been evenly spread over the various regions,

*Further noting* that, in the under-developed countries, total production has increased at a far lower rate than that in the industrial countries,

*Noting with concern* that *per capita* output in South and South-East Asia has declined as compared to 1938,

*Reaffirming* that the rapid economic development of under-developed countries is of the foremost importance both from national and international points of view,

*Recognizing* the desirability of concerted action in the field of economic development,

*Further recognizing* the necessity of basing action on adequate information and statistics,

1. *Invites the attention* of Governments concerned, particularly in the under-developed countries, to the importance of surveying their human and material resources and their needs, with a view to planning developmental programmes in such a way as to achieve a fuller utilization of their presently unused resources both human and material;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the

United Nations and other specialized agencies, as appropriate, to draw to the attention of Governments available information regarding techniques of resources and requirements surveys which have proved useful in practice, and to prepare such complementary studies on these techniques as he finds appropriate;

3. *Draws to the attention* of Governments the possibility of technical assistance for resources and requirements surveys;

4. *Invites* Governments which undertake surveys of the type envisaged in this resolution to make the arrangements necessary to ensure that the results are used as effectively as possible;

5. *Invites* Governments to inform the Secretary-General, as appropriate, of the results of such surveys, as they are completed;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a progress report, with a summary and analysis of the information submitted to him by Governments, for submission to the Council at the summer session of 1959;

7. *Decides* that, in its consideration of the Secretary-General's report, the Council will give particular attention to the implications of the aforesaid report for national and international action in relation to the problems of the economic development of under-developed countries.

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## D

### SURVEYS OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having examined the World Economic Survey 1955,*

1. *Congratulates* the Secretary-General on having submitted to the Council a comprehensive review of economic growth during the past ten years bringing out the essential features of the economic history of the world since the end of the war;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* that the rate of growth has been particularly rapid during those ten years, but *regrets* that in this respect the under-developed countries have been less favoured than the already industrialized countries;

3. *Notes further* that during the debate on the world economic situation many representatives expressed concern about the persistence of certain inflationary trends and about the economic repercussions of the rapid development of techniques;

4. *Affirms* the desirability of continuing to focus attention in future *Surveys* upon long-term problems of general interest, such as those mentioned above, the impact of which on world economic development is particularly important;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to indicate to the Council, at its spring session, any aspects of the world economic situation which may have been selected for particular attention in the *Survey*.

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**615 (XXII). Annual reports of the regional economic commissions**

**A**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION  
FOR EUROPE**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe<sup>7</sup> for the period between 30 March 1955 and 21 April 1956 and of the views expressed during the discussion at the eleventh session of the Commission.

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20 July 1956.*

**B**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION  
FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East<sup>8</sup> for the period 8 April 1955 to 14 February 1956, of the recommendations contained in the account of proceedings of the twelfth session of the Commission, and of the programme of work and priorities contained therein.

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**C**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR  
LATIN AMERICA**

*The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America;<sup>9</sup>

2. *Considers* that the work programme of the Commission as established by the Committee of the Whole at

<sup>7</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/2868).*

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid., Supplement No. 2 (E/2821).*

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid., Supplement No. 10 (E/2883/Rev.1).*

its meeting held in Santiago, Chile, from 14 to 15 May 1956 is of primary importance for the economic development of Latin America;

3. *Endorses* the order of priorities allocated by the Committee of the Whole to the individual work projects.

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**616 (XXII). Invitation to Japan to attend sessions of the Economic Commission for Latin America**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that the presence of Japan in the Economic Commission for Latin America would further the purposes of that Commission,

*Bearing in mind* the attitude adopted by the Council in similar cases, as recorded in its resolutions 515 B (XVII) of 30 April 1954 and 581 (XX) of 4 August 1955,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to authorize the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America to invite Japan to attend sessions of the Commission on a basis similar to that provided in paragraph 6 of the terms of reference of the Commission<sup>10</sup> for States Members of the United Nations not members of the Commission.

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**617 (XXII). Invitation to the Federal Republic of Germany to attend sessions of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that the presence of the Federal Republic of Germany in the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East would further the purposes of that Commission,

*Bearing in mind* the attitude adopted by the Council in similar cases as recorded in resolution 515 B (XVII) of 30 April 1954,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to authorize the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East to invite the Federal Republic of Germany to attend sessions of the Commission on a basis similar to that provided in paragraph 9 of the terms of reference of the Commission<sup>11</sup> for States Members of the United Nations not members of the Commission.

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<sup>10</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 1, Appendix II, p. 102.*

<sup>11</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 2, Annex IX, para. 9.*