

allocations made under this provision, together with the circumstances relating thereto. The Technical Assistance Committee shall review those allocations, and make such recommendations as it deems appropriate;”

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it give its approval to the above amendments.

*951st plenary meeting,
9 August 1956.*

III

CURRENCY UTILIZATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance is financed through contributions made voluntarily by participating Governments,

Considering that the increasing needs of the less developed countries require the fullest possible utilization of funds contributed,

Bearing in mind the multilateral character of the Programme,

Recognizing that operational and other difficulties have arisen out of the utilization of certain contributions under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

Considering that the Programme will gain operational effectiveness through increased usability of contributions on a multilateral basis, as well as through certain alterations in programme procedures affecting currencies which are difficult to utilize,

Noting that paragraph 9 (a) of Council resolution 222 A (IX) of 15 August 1949 states that “ Contributions shall be made by Governments in such forms and subject to such conditions as may be agreed between the Secretary-General, after consultation with the TAB, and the contributing Governments, provided that contributions shall be made without limitation as to use by a specific agency or in a specific country or for a specific project ”,

1. *Emphasizes* that all contributions to the Expanded Programme should be, to the fullest possible extent, in a form readily utilizable for programme purposes;

2. *Considers* that if an amount greater than the equivalent of \$500,000 and greater than the total of the previous year's pledges in any currency remains uncommitted for the approved Programme at the time of the Pledging Conference, such currency is not readily usable;

3. *Urges* Governments in making their pledges to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance to make, as far as possible, that part of their contribution exceeding the equivalent of \$500,000 in the form of, or convertible into, readily usable currencies;

4. *Urges further* those Governments whose contributions present difficulties in utilization to take the necessary measures to reduce, as far as possible, the amount remaining uncommitted at the Pledging Conference in

1957 below the limits set in paragraph 2 above, by agreeing that it be converted into readily usable currencies;

5. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board and the participating organizations immediately to ensure that the following rules are observed with respect to the utilization of contributions under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance:

(a) The multilateral character of the Programme should be strictly respected and, to this end, no contributing country should receive special privileges or treatment with respect to its contribution;

(b) In planning and carrying out programmes and projects, the Technical Assistance Board and the participating organizations may make information available to receiving countries as to the availability of currencies presenting utilization problems;

(c) Negotiations for the use of currencies should not take place between contributing and receiving countries. Where such negotiations are necessary, they should only take place between the participating organization and the contributing country in conformity with paragraph 9 (a) of Council resolution 222 A (IX);

(d) With respect to the 1958 programme and thereafter in the annual programming process, all available resources should be taken into account in determining country targets. Any backlog of unused currencies presenting utilization problems at 31 December 1957 shall be included as part of the over-all carry-over to 1958 without special measures for utilization being applied thereto;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board, as appropriate, to report to the Technical Assistance Committee at its annual summer session on the implementation of this resolution and, in particular, on the status of the utilization and assimilation of currencies in planning and operation of the Programme;

7. *Decides* to transmit this resolution to the General Assembly at its forthcoming eleventh session for any action it may deem necessary.

*951st plenary meeting,
9 August 1956.*

624 (XXII). Report of the Commission on Human Rights (twelfth session)

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights (twelfth session).³⁵

*946th plenary meeting,
1 August 1956.*

³⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/2844).*

B

PERIODIC REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND STUDIES OF SPECIFIC RIGHTS OR GROUPS OF RIGHTS

I

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted the resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights relating to annual reports on human rights³⁶ and to studies of specific rights or groups of rights,³⁷

Considering that the purpose of the resolutions would best be served by consolidating and reducing the frequency of the reports envisaged in the resolutions,

1. *Requests* States members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies to transmit to the Secretary-General, every three years, a report describing developments and the progress achieved during the preceding three years in the field of human rights, and measures taken to safeguard human liberty in their metropolitan area and Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories; the report to deal with the rights enumerated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and with the right of peoples to self-determination, and to supplement the information furnished for publication in the *Yearbook on Human Rights*, and to make reference to any relevant parts of reports already submitted to another organ of the United Nations or to a specialized agency;

2. *Invites* States members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies, in preparing their reports, to include a separate section on such right or group of rights as may from time to time be selected for special study by the Commission on Human Rights, subject to the approval of the Council;

3. *Invites* the specialized agencies, in respect of rights coming within their purview, to transmit to the Secretary-General, every three years, a report on a topical basis, summarizing the information which they have received from their member States during the preceding three years and to co-operate in the full realization of the aim set forth in this resolution;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and forward to Governments suggestions that might serve as a guide for the preparation of the reports by governments on a topical basis, and to prepare a brief summary of the reports on the same basis for the Commission on Human Rights;

5. *Invites* the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations in consultative relationship with the Council to co-operate in carrying out any special study undertaken by the Commission on Human Rights, in accordance with paragraph 2 of this resolution.

*946th plenary meeting,
1 August 1956.*

³⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/2844), para. 23.*

³⁷ *Ibid.*, para. 49.

II

The Economic and Social Council,

With a view to implementing without delay the provisions set forth in resolution I above and the resolution of the Commission on Human Rights on studies of specific rights and groups of rights,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its fourteenth session a summary of reports transmitted to him by the Governments, covering the years 1954, 1955 and 1956;

2. *Approves* as the first subject for special study the right of everyone to be free from arbitrary arrest, detention and exile.

*946th plenary meeting,
1 August 1956.*

C

CELEBRATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the resolution of the Commission on Human Rights on plans for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,³⁸

Invites the collaboration in this undertaking of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned.

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1 August 1956.*

625 (XXII). Report of the Commission on the Status of Women (tenth session)

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women (tenth session).³⁹

*946th plenary meeting,
1 August 1956.*

B

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

I

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN HANDICRAFTS AND COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the importance of handicrafts and cottage industries as a source of income for many women, particularly in countries with an agricultural economy which are still in the initial stages of industrialization,

³⁸ *Ibid.*, para. 113.

³⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4 (E/2850).