

## 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 rights<sup>36</sup> and to studies of specific rights or groups of rights,<sup>37</sup>

*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.*

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

<sup>37</sup> *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.

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## 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,<sup>38</sup>

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

*946th plenary meeting,  
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).<sup>39</sup>

*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,

<sup>38</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 113.

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

*Noting further* that systematic training in handicrafts and cottage industries has proved effective in promoting a fuller participation of women in the social and economic activities of their countries,

*Believing* that the improvement of the conditions of work and the skills of these workers can best be ensured through the development of community production centres and co-operative arrangements, in order to provide adequate safeguards against the abuses of industrial homework,

*Recognizing* the necessity of a study of effective methods for the production and marketing of handicrafts which will ensure for women handicraft workers adequate safeguards, including a fair return and appropriate social services,

*Invites* the International Labour Organisation in its further reports to the Commission on the Status of Women on this subject to give special attention to methods found useful in the sound organization of handicrafts and cottage industries, and for the avoidance of the abuses of industrial homework.

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## II

WORKING WOMEN, INCLUDING WORKING MOTHERS, WITH FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES, AND MEANS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR POSITION

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* the increasing employment of women and the important contribution made by women to the economic development of their countries,

*Considering* that women work to support themselves and others, to contribute to the betterment of society, and to help raise the standard of living of those dependent on them,

*Considering* that many working women have responsibility for household tasks and care of dependants, in addition to the duties of their employment,

*Recognizing* the need for a study of working women, including working mothers, with family responsibilities, and of methods for the improvement of their position,

1. *Invites* the International Labour Organisation to prepare a report, in collaboration with the Secretary-General and with the specialized agencies concerned, on activities in various countries for improving employment conditions in relation to the situation of working women with family responsibilities, for presentation to the Commission on the Status of Women, if possible at its eleventh session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to obtain information from non-governmental organizations with consultative status concerning existing problems in this field and methods found effective in dealing with them, for presentation to the Commission on the Status of Women, if possible at its eleventh session.

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1 August 1956.*

## III

ECONOMIC RIGHTS OF WOMEN

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Referring* to its resolution 587 F III (XX) of 3 August 1955 on the economic rights of women, which recommends that all States Members and non-members of the United Nations should adopt legislative and other measures which will help to remove economic discrimination against women and encourage such action as will secure for women equal rights with men in the economic field,

*Invites* the Secretary-General and the International Labour Organisation to prepare a series of reports concerning the steps being taken by States members of the United Nations and of the International Labour Organisation on the removal of economic discrimination against women referred to in resolution 587 F III (XX), for submission to the twelfth and subsequent sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women; the Secretary-General and the International Labour Organisation are also invited to obtain from these States the information necessary for this purpose.

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1 August 1956.*

## C

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN  
IN EDUCATION

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* the resolution of the Commission on the Status of Women<sup>40</sup> which invited the Secretary-General to prepare a summary of information on discrimination against women in education for submission to the Commission at its eleventh session,

*Considering* that this summary of information would also be useful to the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities in its consideration of the study on discrimination in education which will be before it at its next session,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the summary of information also to the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities before its ninth session.

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## 626 (XXII). Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (eleventh session)

### A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (eleventh session).<sup>41</sup>

<sup>40</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/2850), para 48.*

<sup>41</sup> *Ibid., Supplement No. 8 (E/2891).*