

## Questions relating to human rights

### 640 (XXIII). Recommendation addressed to the Council by the United Nations Conference of Plenipotentiaries on a Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave-Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having noted* the recommendation of the United Nations Conference of Plenipotentiaries on a Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave-Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery, that the Council consider the appropriateness of initiating a study of the question of marriage with the object of drawing attention to the desirability of free consent of both parties to a marriage and of the establishment of a minimum age for marriage, preferably of not less than fourteen years,<sup>18</sup>

*Decides* that a study of these questions should be undertaken by the Commission on the Status of Women.

*966th plenary meeting,  
25 April 1957.*

### 643 (XXIII). Freedom of information : media of information in under-developed countries

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report by the Secretary-General<sup>19</sup> prepared in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on media of information in under-developed countries,

*Noting* that a more substantial number of replies by States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies is necessary to enable the Secretary-General to act on the request addressed to him under paragraph 2 of Council resolution 574 D (XIX) of 26 May 1955,

<sup>18</sup> E/CONF.24/23. United Nations publication, Sales No. : 1957.XIV.2, p. 6.

<sup>19</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 12, documents E/2947 and Add.1.*

*Noting further* the recommendations and suggestions of Governments, contained in the report of the Secretary-General, concerning the development and improvement of media of information,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 574 D (XIX) ;

2. *Requests* States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies which have not done so to transmit to the Secretary-General the information requested in paragraph 1 of resolution 574 D (XIX) ;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to complete in co-operation with specialized agencies as appropriate and submit to the Council, not later than its twenty-seventh session, the analysis requested in paragraph 2 of resolution 574 D (XIX), taking into account also any recommendations which the Commission on Human Rights may make as a result of its consideration of the problem ;

4. *Invites* Governments in the meanwhile to take advantage of the assistance which is already available from the United Nations and the specialized agencies under the existing programmes of technical assistance, including the possibilities available under Council resolutions 522 F (XVII), 522 J (XVII) and 522 K (XVII) of 29 April 1954, and under the programme of advisory services provided for in General Assembly resolution 926 (X) of 14 December 1955.

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25 April 1957.*

### 648 (XXIII). Allegations regarding infringements of trade-union rights

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the communication dated 19 April 1957 from the Government of Saudi Arabia<sup>20</sup> in reply to the Secretary-General's *notes verbales* of 14 June 1955 and 11 October 1956 regarding alleged violations of trade-union rights in Saudi Arabia.

*970th plenary meeting,  
1 May 1957.*

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 11, document E/2976.