

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

### Economic questions

#### 636 (XXIII). Report of the International Monetary Fund

*The Economic and Social Council*

Takes note of the report of the International Monetary Fund.<sup>4</sup>

957th plenary meeting,  
17 April 1957.

#### 637 (XXIII). 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.<sup>5</sup>

959th plenary meeting,  
18 April 1957.

#### 644 (XXIII). Development of international travel, its present increasing volume and future prospects

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Noting that many Governments have responded to its resolution 563 (XIX) of 31 March 1955 concerning the development of international travel by supplying information relative to their activities in promoting and facilitating international travel,<sup>6</sup>

Noting further that the information supplied shows that Governments recognize the importance of international travel and the desirability of encouraging its development as set forth in the aforesaid resolution,

Noting further that the existing international organizational machinery for joint action in the field of travel development appears adequate to meet present requirements,

Bearing in mind the recommendations of the Transport and Communications Commission as to further action which might be desirable concerning this question,

<sup>4</sup> International Monetary Fund, *Annual Report of the Executive Directors for the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 1956*, Washington, D.C. (E/2945), and document E/2945/Add.1.

<sup>5</sup> International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, *Eleventh Annual Report, 1955-1956*, Washington, D.C. (E/2944), and document E/2944/Add.1.

<sup>6</sup> See E/2933 and Add.1 to 8.

1. *Invites* Governments which have not yet responded to Council resolution 563 (XIX) to submit the desired information to the Secretary-General as promptly as possible so that the report can be completed ;

2. *Requests* Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, the organs of the United Nations, the appropriate specialized agencies, and other inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations in this field to continue their efforts to encourage international travel for its economic, social and cultural benefits;

3. *Further requests* the Transport and Communications Commission and the Secretary-General to follow developments in the field of travel and to report to the Council any matters which would make its further action desirable.

968th plenary meeting,  
26 April 1957.

#### 645 (XXIII). Report of the Transport and Communications Commission (eighth session)

##### A

##### REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

*The Economic and Social Council*

Takes note of the report of the Transport and Communications Commission (eighth session).<sup>7</sup>

968th plenary meeting,  
26 April 1957.

##### B

##### UNIFICATION OF MARITIME TONNAGE MEASUREMENT

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having noted the opinion of the Transport and Communications Commission that it is necessary to continue the useful work already done in bringing about greater uniformity between the regulations relating to the tonnage measurement of ships,

*Requests* the Secretary-General :

<sup>7</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 3* (E/2948).

(a) To establish a group of experts to prepare and present for the consideration of the Transport and Communications Commission, at its ninth session, a report on the differences between the main rules governing tonnage measurement at present in force and their apparent shortcomings ;

(b) To invite the Governments of those countries which indicate their interest in the unification of tonnage measurement to make available, at his request and at their own expense, experts to serve on the above group.

*968th plenary meeting,  
26 April 1957.*

### C

#### RATIFICATION OF THE 1949 CONVENTION ON ROAD TRAFFIC

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 603 (XXI) of 26 April 1956 relating to the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic adopted at the United Nations Conference on Road and Motor Traffic,

*Bearing in mind* the consideration of the Transport and Communications Commission that the Convention establishes the main standards for development and safety of international road transport capable of world-wide application,

*Recommends* those eligible Governments which have not already done so to ratify the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic at an early date.

*968th plenary meeting,  
26 April 1957.*

### D

#### RATIFICATION OF THE CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE TEMPORARY IMPORTATION OF PRIVATE ROAD VEHICLES, THE CONVENTION CONCERNING CUSTOMS FACILITIES FOR TOURING, AND THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL THERETO (1954)

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the considerations and recommendations of the Transport and Communications Commission,

*Recommends* that all eligible Governments should ratify at an early date the Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles, the Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring and the Additional Protocol thereto (1954), so as to facilitate the development of international travel through simplified customs procedures.

*968th plenary meeting,  
26 April 1957.*

### E

#### LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having examined* the recommendations of the Transport and Communications Commission concerning both the

development of standards of physical and mental fitness of motor vehicle drivers and the broadening of use of valid domestic driving permits in international traffic, in accordance with the requirements of the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic,

1. *Urges* Governments of all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to give their serious consideration to the contents of the handbook for medical practitioners entitled " Guiding Principles in the Medical Examination of Applicants for Motor Vehicle Driving Permits ", together with certain " Suggestions concerning Practical Tests to be Carried out by Driving Examiners ", already circulated to them by the Secretary-General <sup>8</sup> in accordance with Council resolution 567 C (XIX) of 20 May 1955 ;

2. *Recommends* Governments to recognize in international traffic any valid domestic driving permit issued by the competent authority after proof of competence ;

3. *Recommends further* that, where language difficulties may prevail and where the issuance of an international driving permit is not feasible or convenient, arrangements be made to provide for one of the following to be attached to the domestic permit ;

(a) A certification of the authenticity and validity of the domestic permit on the lines set forth in the annex hereto ;

(b) An official translation of the domestic permit in the languages of the countries in which it is proposed to use the permit, either by the issuing Government or by an automobile association empowered to act for it ;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General :

(a) To complete, in consultation with the World Health Organization, the revision of the provisional recommendations on the physical and mental fitness of drivers prepared by the Committee of Experts on Licensing of Motor Vehicle Drivers and included in their report to the Transport and Communications Commission;<sup>9</sup>

(b) To circulate the revised text to Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, for their comments, as a supplement to the recommendations on minimum uniform requirements for the licensing of motor vehicle drivers ;

(c) To inquire of Governments as to the steps they intend to take with a view to implementing the recommendation of the Council on the reciprocal recognition of domestic driving permits ;

5. *Invites further* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission, at its ninth session, on further progress made by Governments in strengthening their licensing standards relative to the physical and mental fitness of applicants for driving licences.

*968th plenary meeting,  
26 April 1957.*

<sup>8</sup> E/CN.2/133/Add.2.

<sup>9</sup> E/CN.2/133.



2. *Urges* the Governments, regional economic commissions and international organizations concerned to take note of the recommendations of the Committee of Experts and of any further recommendations by the committee referred to in paragraph 1 (a) above, and to keep the Secretary-General currently informed of the extent to which they can bring their own practices into general conformity with them ;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue his consultations with the Director-General of the International Labour Office on the best means of avoiding any overlapping of the work of the above committee with any work being undertaken in this field by the International Labour Organisation.

*968th plenary meeting,  
26 April 1957.*

## H

### WORK PROGRAMME AND PRIORITIES FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS PROJECTS

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* its resolutions 497 C (XVI) of 29 July 1953, 557 A (XVIII) of 5 August 1954 and 630 A (XXII) of 9 August 1956,

*Approves* the work programme and priorities for transport and communications projects recommended by the Transport and Communications Commission in resolution 9 adopted at its eighth session.<sup>12</sup>

*968th plenary meeting,  
26 April 1957.*

### 649 (XXIII). Economic development of under-developed countries

## A

### INDUSTRIALIZATION

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the progress report on the implementation of the programme of work on industrialization and productivity,<sup>13</sup>

*Recalling* that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1033 B (XI) of 26 February 1957, the question of organizational and administrative machinery in the field of industrialization will be considered by the Council at its twenty-fifth session,

*Bearing in mind* the importance of rapid industrialization in the less developed countries as a significant factor in the balanced development of their economies,

<sup>12</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/2948).*

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid., Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 5, document E/2958.*

*Recognizing* the role that the industrially advanced and the under-developed countries have to play in such a programme,

1. *Looks forward* to intensified implementation of the programme of work contained in the report by the Secretary-General<sup>14</sup> under Council resolution 597 A (XXI) of 4 May 1956, with special attention to the needs of the Middle East and Africa in accordance with paragraph 9 of the above-mentioned resolution, and with particular emphasis on such studies and projects as would provide practical assistance and guidance in the industrial progress of the under-developed countries ;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore, in consultation with the appropriate specialized agencies, further possibilities of organizing—in connexion with the studies on industrialization—seminars, consultations and training centres, which would serve the practical application of the programme ;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider the possibility of collecting available up-to-date basic economic data, including those bearing on trends, which would be of interest to the public and private agencies concerned with economic programming.

*971st plenary meeting,  
2 May 1957.*

## B

### LAND REFORM

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having examined* the second report on progress in land reform,<sup>15</sup> prepared by the Secretary-General in co-operation with the International Labour Organisation and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

*Taking into account* the views expressed on various aspects of land reform during the discussion on this subject at the twenty-third session of the Council,

*Noting* from the analysis, contained in the above-mentioned report, of the replies to the questionnaire distributed by the Secretary-General that progress in various aspects of land reform has been made in many countries,

*Recognizing* that, for many countries, further progress towards satisfactory solutions of problems of land utilization, ownership and tenure is important both for the social advancement of low-income rural populations and over-all economic development,

1. *Urges* Governments to continue their efforts to implement the appropriate recommendations in Council resolutions 370 (XIII) of 7 September 1951, 512 C I (XVII) of 30 April 1954 and General Assembly resolu-

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid., Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 4, document E/2895.*

<sup>15</sup> *Progress in Land Reform (E/2930).* United Nations publication, Sales No. : 1956.II.B.3.