

provided by the United Nations and the specialized agencies to assist in economic development and in the improvement of social and educational conditions in the Territory should be encouraged.

Noting that Italy, as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, and in accordance with resolution 755 (VIII) of the General Assembly and, in particular, paragraph 2 (e) thereof, is making use of technical assistance facilities provided by the United Nations and the specialized agencies to assist in economic development and in the improvement of social and educational conditions in the Territory.

Noting the provision of Council resolution 216 (VIII) of 10 February 1949, and *desirous* fully to co-operate with the Trusteeship Council in its efforts to extend to the Trust Territory of Somaliland the help and assistance which it needs in its progress towards independence.

Requests the Secretary-General, the specialized agencies concerned and the Technical Assistance Board to continue to give sympathetic consideration to the requests made on behalf of the Trust Territory of Somaliland for technical assistance, taking into account the needs of Somaliland and the principles of the Expanded Programme of

Technical Assistance, and also to consider favourably any request from the Administering Authority that local living costs for experts in connexion with such assistance be waived.

993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.

661 (XXIV). International Administrative Service

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the memorandum by the Secretary-General entitled "An International Administrative Service";³¹

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit his proposal to States Members of the United Nations and to the specialized agencies for their comments and, on the basis and in the light of these comments and paying special attention to the demand expressed for such services by the under-developed countries, to prepare a consolidated report for consideration by the Council at its twenty-sixth session.

993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.

Social questions

650 (XXIV). Annual Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, with the annexed reports of the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee on its fourth, fifth and sixth (special) sessions,³²

Takes note of the report prepared by the High Commissioner for transmission to the twelfth regular session of the General Assembly.

989th plenary meeting,
24 July 1957.

B

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 727 (VIII) of 23 October 1953, decided to review, not later than at its twelfth regular session, the arrangements for the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1958,

³¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 4, document E/3017.

³² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/3585)*, transmitted to the Council under documents E/3015 and Add.1 and 2.

Noting that the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee, in paragraph 79 of the report on its fifth session,³³ unanimously decided to recommend that the Office of the High Commissioner be continued for a further period beyond 31 December 1958,

Recognizing that the need for international action on behalf of refugees will persist after that date,

Appreciating the valuable work which has been performed by the Office of the High Commissioner in this regard,

1. *Considers* that the Office of the High Commissioner should be continued for a period of five years from 1 January 1959;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly review, not later than at its seventeenth regular session, the arrangements for the Office of the High Commissioner, with a view to determining whether the Office should be further continued.

989th plenary meeting,
24 July 1957.

C

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the value of the United Nations Refugee Fund programme in achieving solutions for the problems of refugees,

³³ *Ibid.*, annex II, transmitted to the Council under document E/3015/Add.1

Noting the progress achieved in the implementation of the programme,

Recognizing the importance of achieving permanent solutions for the refugees in camps as quickly as possible,

Considering that the closure of the refugee camps will be practicable only to the extent that adequate funds are made available,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee on its sixth session (special) and in particular resolution No. 6³⁴ adopted at that session,

1. *Endorses* the request made to the High Commissioner in that resolution to the effect that he should intensify his programme to the fullest extent possible in order to achieve permanent solutions for the maximum number of refugees remaining in camps, without losing sight of the need to continue to seek solutions for the problems of refugees outside camps;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly authorize the High Commissioner to make an appeal to States Members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies for the purpose of raising funds needed for closing the refugee camps.

989th plenary meeting,
24 July 1957.

663 (XXIV). World social situation

A

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMISSION (ELEVENTH SESSION)

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Social Commission (eleventh session);³⁵

2. *Approves* the work programme of the Social Commission for the period 1957-1959.

994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.

B

MAINTENANCE OF FAMILY LEVELS OF LIVING: SOCIAL POLICY RELATING TO SOCIAL INSURANCE, SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND RELATED SOCIAL SERVICES

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Expresses appreciation and general approval* of the important work done by the Working Group of Experts and *considers* that its report³⁶ should be the basis of continuing research and studies for positive action by Governments, the United Nations, and the International Labour Organisation, with the assistance of the other specialized agencies and appropriate non-governmental organizations, with the object of encouraging and helping

³⁴ *Ibid.*, annex III, appendix, transmitted to the Council under document E/3015/Add.2.

³⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3008)*.

³⁶ E/CN.5/321, appendix I.

Governments in the development of a co-ordinated social policy;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General and *invites* the International Labour Organisation and other specialized agencies to include in their programmes provision for:

(a) Further joint study of the ways and means gradually to achieve, in the countries now entering upon a more rapid economic and social development, a comprehensive system of social security and related social services, taking into account the variety of national problems and resources;

(b) Continuing study of the co-operative arrangements required by intergovernmental and non-governmental agencies to assist countries in achieving co-ordinated social policy;

3. *Requests* the regional economic commissions to consider the economic implications of the report within their respective regions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the report, his observations and those of the Social Commission, the International Labour Organisation, and the other specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations, to Governments and to appropriate non-governmental organizations for comment, and to prepare an analysis of the replies received in a report to the Social Commission at its twelfth session, so that the Commission may be able to present its recommendations to the Council at its twenty-eighth session.

994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.

C

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST UNITED NATIONS CONGRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS

I

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Approves* the *Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners* adopted by the First United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;³⁷

2. *Draws the attention* of Governments to those *Rules and recommends*:

(a) That favourable consideration be given to their adoption and application in the administration of penal and correctional institutions;

(b) That the Secretary-General be informed every five years of the progress made with regard to their application;

(c) That Governments arrange for the widest possible publicity to be given to the *Rules*, not only among governmental services concerned but also among non-governmental organizations interested in social defence;

³⁷ A/CONF/6/1, annex I, A. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1956.IV.4.