

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its twenty-sixth session a report containing the information requested in operative paragraph 1 above, the comments received from Member States and his observations relating thereto;

5. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the desirability of encouraging informal contacts and meetings between economic experts of different countries with a view to promoting greater common understanding of national and international economic problems.

993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.

655 (XXIV). Annual reports of the regional economic commissions

A

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe¹¹ for the period 22 April 1956 to 15 May 1957, of the views expressed during the discussion, and the resolutions adopted, during the twelfth session of the Commission;

2. *Endorses* the programme of work and priorities contained in the report;

3. *Expresses* its appreciation of the excellent work done by the retiring Executive Secretary, Mr. Gunnar Myrdal, in developing and promoting the work of the Economic Commission for Europe.

993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.

B

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East for the period 15 February 1956 to 28 March 1957,¹² and of the recommendations contained in the account of proceedings of the thirteenth session of the Commission;

2. *Endorses* the programme of work and priorities contained therein;

3. *Approves* the changes in the committee structure of the Commission referred to in resolution 19 (XIII) of the Commission.

993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.

¹¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/2989).*

¹² *Ibid., Supplement No. 2 (E/2959).*

C

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America for the period 15 May 1956 to 29 May 1957, adopted at its seventh session;¹³

2. *Endorses* the work programme of the Commission as established by the Commission at its seventh session held at La Paz, Bolivia, from 15 to 29 May 1957, as being of primary importance for the economic development of Latin America;

3. *Endorses* the order of priorities allocated by the Commission to the individual work projects.

993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.

656 (XXIV). International commodity problems

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken cognizance of the reports submitted by the Commission on International Commodity Trade¹⁴ and the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements,¹⁵

Having examined the report by the Secretary-General¹⁶ prepared in pursuance of its resolution 620 (XXII) of 9 August 1956 and the views submitted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in the addendum to that report,¹⁷

Considering that international co-operation in seeking fair and equitable solutions to commodity price problems is calculated to promote international economic relations and particularly the development of under-developed countries,

1. *Takes note* of the above-mentioned reports;

2. *Considers* that the work programme of the Commission on International Commodity Trade and the procedural arrangements recommended by it at its last session, should enable it to carry out its set tasks under Council resolutions 512 A (XVII) of 30 April 1954 and 557 F (XVIII) of 5 August 1954;

3. *Expresses the desire* that the Commission on International Commodity Trade, the Committee on Commodity Problems of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements, should continue to co-operate, within the framework of their respective terms of reference, in examining the problems coming within their purview;

¹³ *Ibid., Supplement No. 8 (E/2998).*

¹⁴ *Ibid., Supplement No. 7 (E/3003).*

¹⁵ *Ibid., Annexes, agenda item 7, document E/3000.*

¹⁶ E/3012.

¹⁷ E/3012/Add.1.