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### THE PROPOSED SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

#### *The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolutions 159 II D (VII) of 3 August 1948 and 246 D (IX) of 6 July 1949 requesting the preparation of a draft of a single convention in order to replace by a single instrument the existing multilateral treaties relating to the control of narcotic drugs, to reduce the number of international treaty organs exclusively concerned with such control and to make provision for the control of the production of raw materials of narcotic drugs,

Noting that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs has completed such a draft,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the draft of the Single Convention adopted by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its twelfth and thirteenth sessions to all States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, to the World Health Organization, other specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body, and to the International Criminal Police Organization;

2. *Invites* the States and organizations referred to in paragraph 1 above to transmit to the Secretary-General their comments on the draft not later than 1 October 1959;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, and to communicate to these States and organizations by

31 December 1959, a compilation of the comments received by the Secretariat by 1 November 1959;

4. *Decides* to convene, in accordance with Article 62, paragraph 4, of the Charter of the United Nations, and with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 366 (IV) of 3 December 1949, a plenipotentiary conference for the adoption of a single convention on narcotic drugs to replace the existing multilateral treaties in the field;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General :

(a) To call such a conference within a reasonable period, in the light of the time-limits mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 above;

(b) To invite to the conference :

- (i) The States mentioned in paragraph 1 above;
- (ii) The World Health Organization and other specialized agencies interested in the matter, with the same rights as they enjoy at sessions of the Economic and Social Council;
- (iii) The Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body, with the same rights as these two organs enjoy at sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;
- (iv) The International Criminal Police Organization, with the same rights as this organization enjoys at sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

(c) To prepare provisional rules of procedure for the conference.

*1042nd plenary meeting,  
28 July 1958.*

## Questions relating to human rights

### 680 (XXVI). Report of the Commission on the Status of Women

#### A

#### REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

#### *The Economic and Social Council*

Takes note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women (twelfth session),<sup>33</sup> and endorses the work programme and priorities contained therein.

*1029th plenary meeting,  
10 July 1958.*

#### B

#### STATUS OF WOMEN IN PRIVATE LAW

#### I

#### AGE OF MARRIAGE, FREE CONSENT, AND REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

#### *The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate, to Member Governments and to non-governmental organiza-

tions in consultative status with the Council, a questionnaire designed to obtain information on consent to marriage and requirements as to age and registration of marriage;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the fourteenth session of the Commission on the Status of Women a report based on the information received from Governments and from non-governmental organizations;

3. *Invites* Member Governments and non-governmental organizations to co-operate with the Secretary-General by providing the information requested at an early date;

4. *Considers* that it may be appropriate to propose desirable standards in this field by means of a recommendation under the auspices of the United Nations which would establish a minimum age of marriage; the requirement of the free consent of both parties to the marriage; and the compulsory registration of marriages;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the fourteenth session of the Commission on the Status of Women a recommendation dealing with the three questions outlined in paragraph 4 above.

*1029th plenary meeting,  
10 July 1958.*

<sup>33</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/3096).*

II  
RITUAL OPERATIONS

*The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Invites* the World Health Organization to undertake a study of the persistence of customs which subject girls to ritual operations and of the measures adopted or planned for putting a stop to such practices;

2. *Invites* the World Health Organization to communicate the results of the study to the Commission on the Status of Women before the end of 1960, for examination at its fifteenth session.

*1029th plenary meeting,  
10 July 1958.*

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ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

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WORKING WOMEN, INCLUDING WORKING MOTHERS,  
WITH FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that constant improvement of the conditions of working women, including working mothers with family responsibilities, is of great importance in meeting practical needs and is one of the main concerns of the Commission on the Status of Women,

*Considering* that the Social Commission and the specialized agencies of the United Nations can contribute, within their respective fields of activity, both towards defining the problems and towards suggesting solutions for them,

*Considering further* that the International Children's Centre in Paris intends to undertake an inquiry into creches and day nurseries, which play an important part in the improvement of the living conditions of working women with family responsibilities and are therefore relevant to the terms of reference of the Commission on the Status of Women,

*Recognizing, however,* that the subject of this inquiry may be more pertinent to the concerns of other bodies of the United Nations, such as the Social Commission,

1. *Takes note* of the important information contained in the reports concerning working women, including working mothers, with family responsibilities, submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women by the Secretary-General<sup>34</sup> and by the International Labour Office;<sup>35</sup>

2. *Expresses* its gratitude to the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council for their co-operation, and requests them to continue their efforts to enlighten public opinion on this important matter;

3. *Draws the attention* of Governments of Member States to the existing possibilities of utilizing the assistance

<sup>34</sup> E/CN.6/324.

<sup>35</sup> E/CN.6/329.

available through the specialized agencies for the purpose of improving the situation of working women, including working mothers, with family responsibilities;

4. *Requests* the specialized agencies concerned to give sympathetic consideration to any request submitted to them in connexion with assistance to working women, including working mothers, with family responsibilities, and to report to the Commission on the Status of Women on the services so rendered;

5. *Stresses the importance* of the inquiry to be undertaken by the International Children's Centre on creches and day nurseries, and expresses the wish that the results of that inquiry be communicated to the Commission on the Status of Women at one of its next sessions.

*1029th plenary meeting,  
10 July 1958.*

II

AGE OF RETIREMENT AND RIGHT TO PENSION

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the draft resolution concerning age of retirement and right to pension, contained in the report of the Commission on the Status of Women (twelfth session),<sup>36</sup>

1. *Invites* the Commission to consider this matter further in the light of previous proceedings and those of the present session of the Council;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission the records of the discussion of this question by the Council.

*1029th plenary meeting,  
10 July 1958.*

**683 (XXVI). Human rights**

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the report of the Commission on Human Rights (fourteenth session).<sup>37</sup>

*1041st plenary meeting,  
21 July 1958.*

B

TEACHING OF THE PRINCIPLES  
OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking into consideration* its resolution 314 (XI) of 24 July 1950, which recognizes the need to encourage

<sup>36</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/3096), chapter XVI, draft resolution C.II.*

<sup>37</sup> *Ibid., Supplement No. 8 (E/3088).*