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EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the recommendation⁶⁰ of the Commission on the Status of Women that the draft pamphlet on equal pay prepared by the Secretary-General in collaboration with the International Labour Office⁶¹ be issued by the United Nations as a sales publication,

Believing that progress in this field may be stimulated by this publication,

Requests the Secretary-General to issue this publication as soon as possible.

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14 July 1959.*

E

ACCESS OF WOMEN TO EDUCATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the views expressed in the debates of the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirteenth session on the report prepared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the access of women to the teaching profession,⁶²

1. Calls the attention of Governments to its resolutions 547 K (XVIII) of 12 July 1954 and 587 G (XX) of 3 August 1955;

2. Invites the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to prepare for the fifteenth session of the Commission on the Status of Women a further report on the access of women to the teaching profession based on information from Member States and other authoritative sources, this further report to take into account the debates in the Commission at its thirteenth session and also the developments arising from the report of the Meeting of Experts on Teachers' Problems⁶³ convened by the International Labour Office in Geneva in October 1958.

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F

AGE OF RETIREMENT AND RIGHT TO PENSION

The Economic and Social Council,

Affirming the principle that arrangements in regard to pensionable age and retirement age should not be such as to place women workers at any disadvantage as compared with men workers,

⁶⁰ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/3228), chap. VI, resolution 5 (XIII).

⁶¹ E/CN.6/341.

⁶² E/CN.6/345.

⁶³ International Labour Office, document METP/1958/13.

Having considered draft resolution F in the report of the thirteenth session of the Commission on the Status of Women,⁶⁴

Recognizing that differences of opinion continue to exist as to whether an age of earlier optional retirement and an earlier pensionable age for women constitute any infringement of the above-mentioned principle,

Decides to take no decision at the present time on the above-mentioned draft resolution.

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A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights (fifteenth session).⁶⁵

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B

PERIODIC REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the suggestions submitted by the Secretary-General⁶⁶ will assist Governments in preparing and submitting triennial reports on human rights,

Requests States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to take full account of those suggestions in drafting their triennial reports on human rights.

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C

DRAFT DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the draft Declaration of the Rights of the Child submitted to the Council by the Commission on Human Rights in the report of the Commission on its fifteenth session,⁶⁷

Decides to transmit chapter VII of the Commission's report, relating to the draft Declaration, together with the records⁶⁸ of the discussion of this subject in the Council, and the other documents before the Council, to the General Assembly for consideration at its fourteenth session.

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⁶⁴ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/3228), chap. XVII.

⁶⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 8 (E/3229).

⁶⁶ *Ibid.*, para. 96.

⁶⁷ *Ibid.*, para. 197.

⁶⁸ E/AC.7/SR.393 to 396.

D

DISCRIMINATION IN RESPECT OF EMPLOYMENT AND OCCUPATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered resolution 7 (XV) adopted by the Commission on Human Rights,⁶⁹

1. *Notes with great satisfaction* the adoption by the International Labour Organisation of a Convention and a Recommendation concerning Discrimination in Respect of Employment and Occupation;⁷⁰

2. *Invites* the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the International Labour Organisation to ratify or to take other appropriate action with regard to the said Convention, and to adjust their policies to the said Recommendation.

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E

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered resolution 11 (XV) adopted by the Commission on Human Rights,⁷¹

1. *Approves* the decision of the Commission on Human Rights to increase the membership of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities from twelve to fourteen;

2. *Decides* to elect the two new members of the Sub-Commission at the resumed twenty-eighth session of the Council.

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F

COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered chapter V of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its first session,⁷² concerning communications, and chapter IX of the report of the Commission on its fifteenth session,⁷³

1. *Approves* the statement that the Commission on Human Rights recognizes that it has no power to take any action in regard to any complaints concerning human rights;

⁶⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/3229), para. 214.*

⁷⁰ Convention No. III and recommendation No. III, see International Labour Office, *Official Bulletin*, vol. XLI, 1958, No. 2.

⁷¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/3229), para. 240.*

⁷² *Ibid.*, Fourth Session, *Supplement No. 3 (E/259)*.

⁷³ *Ibid.*, Twenty-eighth Session, *Supplement No. 8 (E/3229)*.

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General :

(a) To compile and distribute to members of the Commission on Human Rights before each session a non-confidential list containing a brief indication of the substance of each communication, however addressed, which deals with the principles involved in the promotion of universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and to divulge the identity of the authors of such communications unless they indicate that they wish their names to remain confidential;

(b) To compile before each session of the Commission a confidential list containing a brief indication of the substance of other communications concerning human rights, however addressed, and to furnish this list to members of the Commission, in private meeting, without divulging the identity of the authors of communications except in cases where the authors state that they have already divulged or intend to divulge their names or that they have no objection to their names being divulged;

(c) To enable the members of the Commission, upon request, to consult the originals of communications dealing with the principles involved in the promotion of universal respect for, and observance of, human rights;

(d) To inform the writers of all communications concerning human rights, however addressed, that their communications will be handled in accordance with this resolution, indicating that the Commission has no power to take any action in regard to any complaint concerning human rights;

(e) To furnish each Member State concerned with a copy of any communication concerning human rights which refers explicitly to that State or to territories under its jurisdiction, without divulging the identity of the author, except as provided for in sub-paragraph (b) above;

(f) To ask Governments sending replies to communications brought to their attention in accordance with sub-paragraph (e) whether they wish their replies to be presented to the Commission in summary form or in full;

3. *Resolves* to give members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, with respect to communications dealing with discrimination and minorities, the same facilities as are enjoyed by members of the Commission on Human Rights under the present resolution;

4. *Suggests* to the Commission on Human Rights that it should at each session appoint an *ad hoc* committee to meet shortly before its next session for the purpose of reviewing the list of communications prepared by the Secretary-General under paragraph 2(a) above and of recommending which of these communications, in original, should, in accordance with paragraph 2(c) above, be made available to members of the Commission on request.

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