

by the Secretary-General in August 1960 have expressed themselves in favour of holding a conference on international travel and tourism as early as possible,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation if necessary with a group of not more than seven experts, to prepare recommendations concerning the nature, scope and location of the conference on international travel and tourism, including a provisional agenda, for the consideration of the Council at its thirty-third session;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to call the conference as soon as possible, but not later than the autumn of 1963;

3. *Recommends* that in the preparation of his report on this subject the Secretary-General consult with the appropriate specialized agencies, interested inter-governmental organizations and competent non-governmental organizations in consultative status;

4. *Requests* the Governments which have not yet replied to the United Nations questionnaire to do so as soon as possible.

*1147th plenary meeting,  
27 April 1961.*

#### **817 (XXXI). Report of the Committee for Industrial Development on its first session**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Reiterating* its firm belief that it is necessary to accelerate the process of industrial development in the developing countries,

*Reaffirming* that the United Nations system has a valuable and effective role to play in this process,

*Recalling* its resolution 751 (XXIX) of 12 April 1960 and General Assembly resolution 1525 (XV) of 15 December 1960,

1. *Approves* the report of the Committee for Industrial Development;<sup>9</sup>

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

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to implement the programme and other recommendations for action by the United Nations contained in the report;

4. *Invites* the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to take note of the report and to implement the proposals contained therein for action by their respective organizations, separately, jointly or in collaboration with the United Nations.

*1148th plenary meeting,  
28 April 1961.*

#### **818 (XXXI). Question of meetings of the Council at the ministerial level**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 782 (XXX) of 3 August 1960, and taking note of the replies which have been sent by Governments in connexion with this resolution,<sup>10</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the importance of meetings of the Council at the ministerial level for promoting United Nations activity in the economic and social fields,

*Decides* to consider at its resumed thirty-second session preparations for a meeting of the Council at the ministerial level at the thirty-fourth session.

*1149th plenary meeting,  
28 April 1961.*

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/3476).*

<sup>10</sup> E/3454.

## **QUESTIONS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS**

### **819 (XXXI). Freedom of information**

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*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 1313 (XIII) of 12 December 1958 and part I of resolution 718 (XXVII) of 24 April 1959, which requested the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to forward its report and recommendations to the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the report and recommendations concerning the development of information media in under-developed countries;<sup>11</sup>

2. *Commends* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the work it is doing in furthering the development of information media in less developed countries, and in particular commends it for stressing the importance of the part played in education and in economic and social progress generally by the development of information media;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue actively to further this programme, in consultation with the United Nations and other specialized agencies concerned;

4. *Draws the attention* of Member States to the possibilities of action and international co-operation in promoting the development of national information media in the less developed countries, such as those dealt with in the report and recommendations prepared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the establishment and expansion of national news agencies, newspapers and periodicals, radio broadcasting, film and television in the less developed countries by:

<sup>11</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 10 (part I), documents E/3437 and Add.1.*