

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;⁹

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,¹⁰

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.*

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

¹⁰ 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;¹¹

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:

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

(a) Programmes for the development of their national information media as part of their planning for economic and social development;

(b) The establishment of national committees to assist in formulating and carrying out programmes for the development of information media;

(c) The inclusion of appropriate mass communication development projects in their technical assistance programmes and in bilateral and multilateral aid programmes for economic and social development;

(d) The establishment of national training programmes for professional and technical personnel and research in the use of information media;

(e) The consideration of their present and future needs for information media in planning their communication and transport services;

(f) The examination of the possibility of concluding bilateral and multilateral agreements and of the desirability of adopting fiscal, tariff and other measures designed to facilitate the development of national information media and the free flow of accurate and undistorted information within and between countries in the light of the over-all financial and material resources;

(g) The establishment or extension of national professional associations as essential elements in their mass media programmes;

5. *Recommends* that the Governments of the more developed countries co-operate with less developed countries with a view to meeting the urgent needs of the less developed countries in the development of independent national information media, with due regard for the culture of each country;

6. *Invites* the Technical Assistance Board, the Special Fund, the specialized agencies concerned, the regional economic commissions and other public and private agencies and institutions to assist, as appropriate, the less developed countries in developing and strengthening their national information media;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to prepare, in consultation with the United Nations and other specialized agencies concerned, a further report containing specific recommendations to the Commission on Human Rights on additional concrete measures that might be undertaken through international co-operation to meet the difficulties with which less developed countries are confronted, taking into account the results of the regional meeting held at Santiago in February 1961 and the one to be held at Addis Ababa in 1962.

*1149th plenary meeting,
28 April 1961.*

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The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report on the developments in the field of freedom of information since 1954,¹¹

1. *Notes* the importance of the findings and conclusions contained in the report;

2. *Notes further* that a relatively small number of countries and non-governmental organizations contributed information for the report;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate the report to States Members of the United Nations, to the interested specialized agencies and to the non-governmental organizations in consultative status for their comments and any additional information which they may consider pertinent;

4. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights at its eighteenth session to consider the report together with the comments submitted in response to the present resolution.

*1149th plenary meeting,
28 April 1961.*

¹¹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 10 (part II), document E/3443.

SOCIAL QUESTIONS

820 (XXXI). Report of the Population Commission

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Population Commission (eleventh session)¹³ and endorses the work programme and priorities contained therein.

*1149th plenary meeting,
28 April 1961.*

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1960 WORLD POPULATION CENSUS PROGRAMME

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of that part of the report of the Population Commission (eleventh session)¹³ which deals with the 1960 World Population Census Programme, with special reference to the evaluation, analysis and utilization of the results of the censuses,

¹³ *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/3451 and Corr.1).