

834 (XXXII). Development of scientific and technical co-operation and exchange of experience

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering Article 62, paragraph 4, of the Charter, which provides that the Council may call "international conferences on matters falling within its competence",

Having considered the report of the United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee for the calling of a United Nations Conference on the Application of Science and Technology for the Benefit of the Less Developed Areas,⁸³

Considering further that such a conference would benefit and accelerate the economic and social development of the less developed areas,

1. Approves in principle the theme and agenda for the Conference as outlined in the report of the Scientific Advisory Committee, subject to the observations which Governments are invited to submit before 1 October 1961;

2. Decides that an international technical conference of Governments should be held, under the auspices of the United Nations, to explore the application of science and technology for the benefit of the less developed areas;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to invite all States Members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies to participate in the Conference and to include among their representatives individual experts competent in the fields to be discussed by the Conference, taking into account the principle that a large number of representatives of the developing countries should participate in the Conference;

4. Decides that the Conference should be held in Geneva, if possible in August 1962, for not more than twelve days;

5. Requests the Secretary-General in consultation with the United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the Conference, including the further development of the final agenda and the preparation of technical papers to be presented;

6. Further suggests that the Secretary-General and the United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee consult with the interested related agencies;

7. Invites the above-mentioned agencies and the interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status to designate persons to represent them at the Conference;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to circulate, for information, a report on the Conference to all Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies, to the related agencies, and to the non-governmental organizations in consultative status.

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3 August 1961.*

⁸³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 14, document E/3510.

845 (XXXII). Increase in the membership of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered resolution VI of the fifteenth session of the Commission on the Status of Women,⁸⁴ and resolution 6 (XIII) of the thirteenth session of the Social Commission,⁸⁵ in which each of these commissions urge that their membership be increased; as well as resolution IV of the Plenipotentiary Conference for the Adoption of a Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs,⁸⁶ which urges that the membership in the Commission on Narcotic Drugs be increased,

Noting that there has been a considerable increase in the membership of the United Nations since the establishment of the functional commissions of the Council,

Believing that it is desirable, in order to provide greater opportunities for participation in the economic and social activities of the United Nations, that the functional commissions should be enlarged,

Believing further in the importance of ensuring an equitable geographical distribution in the membership of the functional commissions,

I

Decides that:

1. The membership of the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Social Commission and the Commission on International Commodity Trade shall be increased to twenty-one members to be elected from among the Members of the United Nations;

2. The membership of the Population Commission and the Statistical Commission shall be increased to eighteen members to be elected from among the Members of the United Nations;

II

Decides further that:

1. The membership of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs shall be increased to twenty-one members to be elected from among the Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies and the Parties to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961;

2. The members shall be elected with due regard to the adequate representation of countries which are important producers of opium or coca leaves, of countries which are important in the field of the manufacture of narcotic drugs, and of countries in which drug addiction or the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs constitutes an important problem;

⁸⁴ *Ibid.*, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/3464), chapter XIV.

⁸⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (E/3489), para. 118.

⁸⁶ E/CONF.34/23.

3. The members elected shall hold office from 1 January of the year following their election until 31 December of the last year of their term of office and shall be elected, subject to the provisions of part III, paragraph 2 below, for a term of office of three years;

4. The terms of office of five, to be determined by lot, of those members of the Commission which in 1949 were elected for an indefinite period shall end on 31 December 1964 and the terms of office of the remaining five on 31 December 1963;

III

1. *Recognizes* the importance of ensuring an equitable geographical distribution in the membership of the functional commissions;

2. *Decides* that the election to fill the vacancies created by the enlargement of the commissions shall take place at the resumed part of the thirty-second session of the Council, and that it shall be determined by lot which countries in the initial stage serve for terms of one, two, or three years;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the Members of the United Nations and, so far as the Commission on Narcotic Drugs is concerned, of the specialized agencies, of the increases in the membership of these commissions and invite them to indicate to him by 1 December 1961 to which commissions they would

propose to put forward their candidatures for election at the resumed thirty-second session of the Council.

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847 (XXXII). Report of the Commission on Permanent Sovereignty over Natural Resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that there is insufficient opportunity at its present session to consider adequately the report of the Commission on Permanent Sovereignty over Natural Resources,⁸⁷

Decides to transmit to the General Assembly, at its sixteenth session, the report of the Commission on Permanent Sovereignty over Natural Resources together with the summary records⁸⁸ of the Council's discussions thereon, including the proposals⁸⁹ for the amendment of resolution I.A. contained in the annex to the report.

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3 August 1961.*

⁸⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 9, document E/3511.*

⁸⁸ E/SR.1177, 1178, 1179 and 1181.

⁸⁹ *Ibid.*, documents E/L.914, L.915, L.918 and L.919.