

2. *Endorses* the programme of work and priorities contained in the report.

*1269th plenary meeting,
5 July 1963.*

956 (XXXVI). Fifteen years of ECE Activity

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the report entitled "Fifteen Years of ECE Activity",⁵ prepared by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe;

2. *Decides* to transmit the report in its final form through the secretariats of the regional economic commissions to the States members of the other regional commissions.

*1270th plenary meeting,
5 July 1963.*

946 (XXXVI). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East⁶ for the period 20 March 1962 to 18 March 1963, and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in parts II and III of that report and endorses the programme of work and priorities contained in part V of the report;

2. *Approves* the recommendation of the Commission⁷ that Western Samoa be included in the geographical scope of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and be admitted as a member of the Commission;

3. *Further approves* the recommendation of the Commission⁸ that continental Australia and New Zealand be included in the geographical scope of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East;

4. *Decides* to amend paragraphs 2 and 3 of the terms of reference of the Commission accordingly.⁹

*1269th plenary meeting,
5 July 1963.*

947 (XXXVI). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America¹⁰ covering the period

⁵ E/3759, annex (to be issued later in final form).

⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/3735).*

⁷ *Ibid.*, para. 405.

⁸ *Ibid.*, para. 406.

⁹ *Ibid.*, annex III.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4 (E/3766/Rev.2).

17 February 1962 to 17 May 1963 and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in parts II and III of that report;

2. *Endorses* the programme of work and priorities contained therein.

*1269th plenary meeting,
5 July 1963.*

974 (XXXVI). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa¹¹ for the period 4 March 1962 to 2 March 1963, and the recommendations and resolutions contained in parts II and III of that report;

2. *Endorses* the programme of work and priorities contained in the report.

*1299th plenary meeting,
30 July 1963.*

B

REPRESENTATION OF AFRICAN STATES
IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Recommends* the General Assembly to ensure the rapid application of its Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples,¹² to peoples and territories of the African continent and islands, in order to enable African States to play a full role in the work of the Council;

2. *Proposes* to the General Assembly that all measures be taken to ensure adequate representation of Africa in the Council on the basis of equitable geographical distribution.

*1290th plenary meeting,
22 July 1963.*

C

ENLARGEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered resolution 81 (V)¹³ "Representation of Africa in the Economic and Social Council" of the Economic Commission for Africa,

¹¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/3727/Rev.1).*

¹² General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960.

¹³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/3727/Rev.1), part III.*

Recalling its resolution 690 B (XXVI) of 31 July 1958 which considered "that an increase in the membership of the Council would provide a more effective organ for carrying out the obligations placed upon the Council under Chapters IX and X of the Charter of the United Nations",

Being aware that the General Assembly at both its thirteenth and fourteenth sessions acknowledged that in view of the increase in the membership of the United Nations since its establishment, an increase in the membership of the Council is desirable in order to achieve a wider and more equitable representation of all geographic areas,

Noting that since the fourteenth session of the General Assembly twenty-eight additional Members have been admitted to the United Nations,

Noting further that the General Assembly at its fourteenth session expressed the hope that the strong desire manifested by a large number of States Members of the United Nations will help to bring about the necessary amendment to Article 61 (I) of the Charter, at the earliest opportunity,

1. Urges the General Assembly, in the light of the additional increase in the membership of the United Nations, to take the necessary action at its eighteenth session to bring about an appropriate increase in the membership of the Council in order that it can remain the effective and representative organ envisaged in Chapters IX and X of the Charter;

2. Invites all States Members of the United Nations to support such action in the General Assembly and to take the subsequent necessary steps to effectuate the increase as soon as possible.

1290th plenary meeting,
22 July 1963.

D

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA: MEMBERSHIP

I

The Economic and Social Council

Ratifies the provisions of resolution 42 (IV) of the Economic Commission for Africa¹⁴ which concern the Non-Self-Governing African countries and those concerning the status of France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland while modifying the provisions in respect of Spain, to accord that country similar treatment to that of France and the United Kingdom.

1269th plenary meeting,
5 July 1963.

II

The Economic and Social Council

Reconsiders its decision¹⁵ on the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Africa in respect of the membership of Portugal and the Republic of South Africa in the Commission.¹⁶

1299th plenary meeting,
30 July 1963.

III

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind resolution 42 (IV) of the Economic Commission for Africa¹⁷ which recommended, *inter alia*, that Portugal be deprived of membership in the Commission because of its refusal to accept its obligations under General Assembly resolution 1466 (XIV) of 12 December 1959 and the Commission's resolution 5 (II),¹⁸

1. Takes note of resolution 68 (V) of the Economic Commission for Africa¹⁹ which recommends the Council to reconsider its decision in respect of the membership of Portugal in the Economic Commission for Africa, and resolution 69 (V)¹⁹ which reaffirms its position as expressed in its resolution 42 (IV);

2. Also takes note that non-African members of the Commission, with the exception of Portugal, have accepted the status of associate membership;

3. Decides:

(a) To reconsider its decision relating to the membership of Portugal in the Commission;

(b) To expel Portugal from membership in the Economic Commission for Africa;

(c) To amend the terms of reference of the Commission as follows:

(i) To replace paragraph 5 by the following text:

"Membership of the Commission shall be open to: Algeria, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Dahomey, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of South Africa,²⁰ Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanganyika, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Arab Republic and Upper Volta and to any State in the area which may hereafter become a

¹⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Resumed Thirty-fourth Session*, 1239th meeting, paras. 59 and 61.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 10* (E/3586), part III, resolutions 42 (IV) and 44 (IV), and part IV, draft resolutions III and IV.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 10* (E/3586), part III.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 10* (E/3320), part III.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 10* (E/3727/Rev.1), part III.

²⁰ See Council resolution 974 D IV (XXXVI) of 30 July 1963.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 10* (E/3586), part III; see also Council resolution 927 (XXXIV) of 19 December 1962.

member of the United Nations, provided that States which shall cease to have any territorial responsibilities in Africa shall cease to be members of the Commission.”

- (ii) To replace paragraph 6 by the following text:
“ The following shall be associate members of the Commission:
“ (a) The Non-Self-Governing Territories situated within the geographical area defined in paragraph 4 above;
“ (b) Powers other than Portugal responsible for international relations of those territories.”
- (iii) To omit paragraph 7.

*1294th plenary meeting,
24 July 1963.*

IV

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Decides* to reconsider its decision ²¹ on the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Africa in respect of the membership of the Republic of South Africa;

2. *Decides* that the Republic of South Africa shall not take part in the work of the Economic Commission for Africa until the Council, on the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Africa, shall find that conditions for constructive co-operation have been restored by a change in its racial policy.

*1299th plenary meeting,
30 July 1963.*

982 (XXXVI). Economic and social consequences of disarmament

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1378 (XIV) of 20 November 1959, 1516 (XV) of 15 December 1960, 1837 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, and Council resolution 891 (XXXIV) of 26 July 1962,

Bearing in mind the importance which general and complete disarmament would have for the expansion and acceleration of economic and social progress in the world by freeing humanity from the heavy burden of military expenditures and giving it the possibility of utilizing these freed resources so as to lead to the improvement of economic and social conditions throughout the world,

Considering the important part that may be played by various United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, in co-operation with the Secretary-General, in studying the economic and social consequences of disarmament and in assisting in the development of plans for international action in this field,

Recognizing the importance of national and international study directed to assessing and dealing as effectively as possible with the economic and social problems that would be involved in the reconversion process,

Noting with interest the report by the Secretary-General ²² which, in accordance with Council resolution 891 (XXXIV), presents the results of his request to Member States for information on their activities in this connexion, reviews the related activities of the Secretariat at Headquarters and in the regional economic commissions in co-operation with the appropriate agencies, and suggests that further studies on the impact of disarmament on international economic relations would be useful,

Recognizing that the activities of many national Governments, as well as the work programmes of the United Nations, the regional economic commissions, and a number of specialized agencies, include various kinds of research and analysis which, though not related directly to the problems of economic and social adjustment to a disarmament process, expand the base of knowledge essential to planning for such adjustment,

Taking into account the possibilities that may be afforded through the release of additional resources by disarmament for accelerating well-integrated development plans of a national and regional character,

Noting that the subject of economic and social planning in developing countries to take advantage of resources released by disarmament will be covered in a separate report to be submitted to the General Assembly under resolution 1837 (XVII),

Noting also the statements in the Secretary-General's report regarding the nature and progress of United Nations work programmes in the field of international economic relations which he deems most relevant to the economic aspects of disarmament,

1. *Expresses the hope* that the Governments of all States will intensify their efforts to achieve an agreement on general and complete disarmament under effective international control with the desire to realize the benefits for mankind to which the declaration on the conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament is addressed; ²³

2. *Hopes also* that Member States, particularly those significantly involved, will continue, in the light of developments bearing on disarmament, to pursue studies and activities relating to the economic and social consequences of disarmament and the problems it would entail for them, and means for dealing with these problems;

3. *Recommends* that the regional economic commissions and other subsidiary bodies of the Council do all they can in their respective fields to advance any studies which the competent organs of the United Nations and

²¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Resumed Thirty-fourth Session, 1239th meeting, para. 59.*

²² *Ibid.*, *Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 7, documents E/3736, E/3736/Add.1-8.*

²³ General Assembly resolution 1837 (XVII).