

Decides:

(a) To insert the following sub-paragraph (f) in paragraph 1 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Latin America: ⁶

“(f) In carrying out the above functions, deal as appropriate with the social aspects of economic development and the interrelationship of the economic and social factors”;

(b) To insert the following provision in paragraph 8:

“The Commission shall establish appropriate liaison and co-operation with other regional economic commissions, in accordance with the resolutions and directives of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.”

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17 July 1959.*

D

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the first session of the Economic Commission for Africa ⁷ and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in parts II and III of the report, and endorses the programme of work and priorities contained in part V of the report.

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724 (XXVIII). Report of the Transport and Communications Commission

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the report of the Transport and Communications Commission on its ninth session,⁸

Noting further the important functions in the field of transport and communications discharged effectively by existing specialized agencies and the fact that the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, at its First Assembly, accepted the duties under the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (1948)—Revision of the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (1948), the International Code of Signals, and the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil (1954) and established a Group of Experts on the Unification of Maritime Tonnage Measurement,

⁶ *Ibid.*, annex V.

⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 10 (E/3201).

⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (E/3264).

1. Expresses its appreciation of the work undertaken by the Commission;

2. Approves the suggestions contained in the report of the Commission for the future arrangements for handling the remaining activities hitherto performed by the Commission;

3. Decides to terminate the Transport and Communications Commission, and as appropriate transfer its residual activities to the Council and to its regional economic commissions.

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B

FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 563 (XIX), of 31 March 1955, and 644 (XXIII), of 26 April 1957, concerning the development of international travel,

Noting the views of the Transport and Communications Commission ⁹ relative to a resolution adopted by the International Union of Official Travel Organizations in 1958 requesting the convening by the Council of an international diplomatic conference on the subject of international travel and the removal or reduction of travel barriers after completion of relevant technical studies,

Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To bring up to date and pursue further the technical studies in the field of international travel and tourism;

(b) As soon as possible, and not later than at the thirty-first session of the Council, after consultation with Governments of Member States, the appropriate specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations in relationship with the United Nations, and non-governmental organizations in consultative status, to make recommendations for the development of international travel and tourism, including the desirability of convening an international conference on these subjects.

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C

INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted with satisfaction the progress report of the new Committee of Experts for Further Work on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, resulting from its first session (Geneva, 9-26 March 1959),¹⁰ and the report of the Transport and Communications Commission thereon,¹¹

⁹ *Ibid.*, paras. 11 to 13.

¹⁰ E/CN.2/191 and Add.1.

¹¹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session. Supplement No. 12 (E/3264), paras. 18 and 19.

1. *Commends* the experts for their valuable work;

2. *Considers* that the results achieved by the Committee of Experts deserve close attention and provide a suitable basis for practical solutions of the problems submitted to it;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of the relevant recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of Experts:

(a) To amend the recommendations of the former Committee of Experts (1956)¹² by substituting the revised list¹³ for the list appearing in paragraph 45, and also as indicated by recommendations A, B, C, D, E and H in paragraph 49 of the progress report;

(b) To continue in existence the Committee of Experts set up as a result of its resolution 645 G (XXIII), of 26 April 1957, and to consider increasing its membership from eight to nine experts;

(c) To convene the next session of the Committee of Experts in the late summer of 1960, or at such other time as circumstances warrant, to continue the tasks assigned to it by Council resolution 645 G (XXIII) and as a first stage further explore the possibility of finding mutually acceptable performance tests for outer packages for certain classes or groups of dangerous substances, using the types of packages listed in paragraph 47 of the progress report;

(d) To set up and convene a group of three experts on explosives, who will meet during the next session of the Committee of Experts, for the purpose of listing and harmonizing the packing of explosives;

(e) To invite Governments of countries furnishing members of the Committee of Experts for Further Work on the Transport of Dangerous Goods to make available, at the request of the Secretary-General and at their own expense, the members of the group of experts on explosives, bearing in mind that a member of the group of experts on explosives may also serve on the Committee of Experts for Further Work on the Transport of Dangerous Goods either as an expert or as an adviser;

(f) To circulate the text of the "Comparative Study of the Systems of Regulations on packing Dangerous Goods for Transport",¹⁴ as an aid in harmonizing packing requirements to the Economic Commission for Europe and to the Central Office for International Railway Transport (Berne) for the use, as appropriate, of their respective intergovernmental and expert bodies; to the Coast Guard of the United States of America for its use and for transmission to other administrations concerned with the transport of dangerous goods with which it has dealings; and to such other authorities and bodies as may be desirable;

(g) To inform the International Atomic Energy Agency of the desire of the Council that the Agency be entrusted with the drafting of recommendations on the transport of radio-active substances, provided that they are consistent with the framework and general principles

¹² United Nations publication, Sales No. : 1956.VIII.1.

¹³ E/CN.2/191/Add.1.

¹⁴ E/CN.2/Conf.5/R.5/Rev.1.

of recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods of the United Nations, and that they are established in consultation with the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned;

(h) To circulate in due course the revised recommendations, resulting from the amendments made to the 1956 recommendations as explained in sub-paragraph (a) above, to Governments and interested international organizations, with the request that they send to the Secretary-General any suggested changes, so that he may forward them to the members of the Committee of Experts and, in order to keep the new comprehensive list of dangerous goods up to date, convene a session of the Committee if and when a sufficient number of problems for fruitful discussion have accumulated;

(i) To report to the Council periodically on the progress in this matter;

4. *Urges* the Governments, regional economic commissions and international organizations concerned to take note of the revised recommendations of the Committee of Experts referred to in paragraph 3 (h) above, and to continue to keep the Secretary-General currently informed of the extent to which they can bring their own practices into general conformity with them.

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726 (XXVIII). International commodity problems

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with appreciation and satisfaction the report of the Commission on International Commodity Trade¹⁵ on its seventh session and the programme of the studies contained therein, and the report of the Interim Coordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements,¹⁶

Noting also with appreciation that the *World Economic Survey 1958*¹⁷ deals comprehensively with international commodity problems and policies,

Realizing the importance of research into commodity trade problems, principally in view of the connexion between them and the problems of the economic development of the under-developed countries,

Noting further the concern of the General Assembly with international commodity problems as expressed in its resolution 1324 (XIII) of 12 December 1958,

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1. *Approves* the programme of work submitted by the Commission on International Commodity Trade including the study of national and international measures to deal with fluctuations in primary commodity markets;¹⁸

¹⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/3225).*

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 8, document E/3269.

¹⁷ United Nations publication, Sales No. 59.II.C.1.

¹⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/3225), Chap. IV.*