

Establishment of a United Nations transport economics and technology documentation centre

(Item 6 (a))

At its 1818th meeting, on 2 June 1972, the Council decided that no further action was required on the question of the establishment of a United Nations transport economics and technology documentation centre.

United Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic: report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group

(Item 6 (b))

At its 1818th meeting, on 2 June 1972, the Council decided that further consideration of the item "United

Nations/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic: report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Group" should be deferred to the fifty-third session on the clear understanding that preparatory work on items of the provisional agenda of the proposed Conference³² would proceed pending such further consideration by the Council at its fifty-third session.

Statistics

(Item 7)

At its 1818th meeting, on 2 June 1972, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on technical assistance programmes of the United Nations system.³³

³² E/5096, annex I.

³³ E/5099.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS

1676 (LII). Employment of women in senior and other professional positions by the secretariats of organizations in the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling the declarations and instruments adopted by the United Nations acknowledging the equality of status of men and women, *inter alia*, the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and also relevant instruments of the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

"Recalling its resolution 2715 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, which requested that the Secretary-General include in his report to the General Assembly data on the employment of women at senior and other professional levels, including their numbers and the positions occupied,

"Noting with appreciation that the report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat,³⁴ submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session, included for the first time some information on the employment of women, showing the number of women and the levels at which they were employed in senior and professional positions within the secretariats of the United Nations system of organizations,

"Noting also that the report reveals that, as at 31 August 1971, no women were employed within the United Nations Secretariat at the Under-Secretary-General or Assistant-Secretary-General level, that only three of the total of 62 employed at the D-2 level were women, and that only four of the total of 183 employed at the D-1 level were women,

"Further noting that in the less senior and professional ranks of the Secretariat the percentage of

women is in inverse proportion to the level of the position, ranging from 8 per cent of the total staff at the P-5 level to 46.2 per cent at the P-1 level,

"Noting as well that in all the other organizations of the United Nations system there are no women at the highest levels, only one woman employed at the D-2 level, and only 10 women at the D-1 level,

"1. Notes with satisfaction the Secretary-General's recently announced intention to appoint women to positions at the highest levels of the United Nations Secretariat;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to include in his annual report to the General Assembly on the composition of the Secretariat more comprehensive data on the employment of women in the secretariats of the United Nations system; of organizations, so as to show the nature of posts and types of duties performed by women at the professional and policy-making levels;

"3. Urges, once again, the United Nations system of organizations to take or continue to take appropriate measures, including more extensive publicizing of the right of individuals personally to apply for vacant positions to ensure equal opportunities for the employment of qualified women of the senior and professional levels and in policy-making positions;

"4. Calls upon Member States, when proposing nationals for appointment to the senior and professional positions in the secretariats of the United Nations system of organizations, to give full consideration to submitting the candidatures of qualified women for all positions, particularly at the policy-making level."

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1677 (LII). Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Convention on the Political Rights of Women,³⁵ the Convention for the Suppression of the

³⁴ A/8483.

³⁵ General Assembly resolution 640 (VII).