

Having considered the medium-term plan for 1976-1979 and the proposed programme budget for 1976-1977 relating to economic, social and human rights activities prepared by the Secretary-General,¹⁹

Taking note of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its fifteenth session and its useful comments on the work programme and budget for 1976-1977 and the medium-term plan for 1976-1979 relating to economic, social and human rights activities,²⁰

Bearing in mind the recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Council which have reviewed the proposed medium-term objectives and work programmes in their respective fields,²¹

Bearing in mind also that, because of the calendar of conferences, some subsidiary bodies of the Council have not had the opportunity to review the proposed medium-term objectives and the work programmes in their respective fields,

Considering that some programmes do not have a programme-reviewing body,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the progress made by the Secretary-General towards the implementation of medium-term planning and biennial programme budgeting in the economic, social and human rights field;

2. Recommends that the General Assembly, in examining the work programme and budget for 1976-1977 and the medium-term plan for 1976-1979 relating to economic, social and human rights activities, as revised on the basis of the deliberations of the Council and of its subsidiary programme-reviewing bodies, take into consideration the comments made on this matter in the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its fifteenth session, in the subsidiary programme-reviewing bodies of the Council and in the Council itself at its fifty-eighth session;

3. Recommends also that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to take further steps towards presenting the medium-term plan on the basis of integrated and coherent programmes, on cross-organizational lines, and to study the feasibility of also presenting programmes on a sectoral basis in future programme budgets and to report thereon to the Council at its sixty-first session;

4. Recommends further that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to ensure that analytical information on activities throughout the system in the field, *inter alia*, of natural resources, population and science and technology is available to the Council at the time it reviews the next programme budget and medium-term plan proposals of the Secretary-General.

1950th plenary meeting
7 May 1975

1946 (LVIII). Activities in the field of population

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2211 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 on population growth and economic development and the need to take additional steps and measures for its full implementation,

¹⁹ See E/5614, E/5612.

²⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/5632).*

²¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2 (E/5603 and Corr.1), Supplement No. 3 (E/5617), Supplement No. 5 (E/5639) and Supplement No. 6 (E/5643); E/5640.

Aware of the need to maintain the momentum generated by the political consensus achieved at the World Population Conference and the greater awareness in all countries stimulated by the promotional activities of World Population Year, 1974,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 3344 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on the World Population Conference, in which it invites the Secretary-General to report on ways and means of strengthening the over-all capacity of the relevant units of the Secretariat within the existing framework,

Taking note of the discussions of the Population Commission on the biennial work programme for 1976-1977 and the medium-term plan of work for 1976-1979, and that the work programme represents a significant first response to the recommendations contained in the World Population Plan of Action,²²

1. Calls to the attention of the General Assembly, in its review of the work programme and budget relating to economic, social and human rights activities, the need to strengthen the monitoring, review and appraisal functions of the Secretariat arising from the recommendations of the World Population Conference and the World Population Plan of Action;

2. Further calls to the attention of the General Assembly the view of the Council that the resources now planned are not adequate to carry out the programme requirements of the World Population Plan of Action and the World Population Conference and, in this connexion, the need to strengthen resources substantially, within the existing general structure and the framework of decisions taken to balance the budgets of the United Nations, to enable the United Nations to expand its work programme in the population field sufficiently to undertake the monitoring, review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action;

3. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To consult and make the arrangements required with the interested specialized agencies and the regional commissions on the responsibilities and co-ordination activities involved in the monitoring, review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action;

(b) To submit to the Population Commission at its nineteenth session a report on the progress made on the two-year programme of work and proposals for a programme of work over future periods of two years and four years, within the framework of the long-range programme of work, in line with the recommendations of the World Population Conference and, in particular, the World Population Plan of Action;

4. Urges the organizations in the United Nations system concerned to strengthen the collaboration and co-ordination between them in the field of population.

1950th plenary meeting
7 May 1975

1949 (LVIII). Review of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decision to review its rules of procedure and those of its subsidiary bodies,²³

²² E/CONF.60/19 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

²³ See decision 1 (LVI), item 10 (c) [fifty-sixth session].

Having considered the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies,²⁴ and the report of the Chairman of the informal consultations held by the Council at its fifty-eighth session,²⁵

1. *Decides* to adopt as its rules of procedure, with effect from the close of its fifty-eighth session, the rules of procedure annexed to the present resolution;

2. *Urges*, in application of rules 75 and 81, that all specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations implement General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971;

3. *Decides* to consider at its sixtieth session the question of the review of the rules of procedure of its functional commissions;

4. *Draws the attention* of the regional commissions to the rules of procedure annexed to the present resolution, which they may wish to take into account in connexion with their own rules of procedure.

*1952nd plenary meeting
8 May 1975*

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I. SESSIONS

ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR SESSIONS

Rule 1

The Council shall normally hold an organizational session and two regular sessions each year.

DATES OF CONVENING AND ADJOURNMENT

Rule 2

Subject to rule 3, the organizational session shall be convened on the second Tuesday in January, the first regular session on the second Tuesday in April, and the second regular session on the first Wednesday in July. The second regular session shall be adjourned at least six weeks before the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly.

Rule 3

Any member of the Council or the Secretary-General may request an alteration of the date of a regular session. The President shall, through the Secretary-General, forthwith communicate the request to all members of the Council, together with such observation as the Secretary-General may present. If a majority of the members of the Council concurs in the request within eight days of the communication, the Council shall be convened accordingly.

SPECIAL SESSIONS

Rule 4

1. Special sessions of the Council shall be held:
 - (a) By decision of the Council;
 - (b) Upon the request or with the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Council;
 - (c) Upon the request of the General Assembly or the Security Council.
2. The President, with the concurrence of the Vice-Presidents and, as appropriate, in consultation with members of the Council, may also call a special session of the Council.
3. Should a request for a special session be made by the Trusteeship Council, by any Member of the United Nations or by a specialized agency,²⁶ the President shall, through the Secretary-General, forthwith communicate the request to all members of the Council. Unless the President and the Vice-Presidents, as appropriate in consultation with members of the Council, have agreed to the request within four days of its receipt, the President shall, through the Secretary-General, inquire of all members of the Council whether or not they

²⁶ When the term "specialized agency" is used in these rules, it refers to specialized agencies brought into relationship with the United Nations; it also includes the International Atomic Energy Agency.

concur in the request; the replies to such an inquiry shall be communicated to the Secretary-General within eight days. If a majority of the members concurs in the request, the Council shall be convened accordingly.

4. Unless otherwise indicated in a decision or by a majority of the members of the Council, special sessions shall be convened within six weeks of a decision to hold such a session or of receipt by the President of a request for such a session, at a date fixed by the President.

PLACE OF SESSIONS

Rule 5

Sessions shall be held at the Headquarters of the United Nations unless, in pursuance of a previous decision of the Council or at the request of a majority of its members, another place is designated for the whole or part of a session.

NOTIFICATION OF OPENING DATE OF SESSIONS

Rule 6

The President shall, through the Secretary-General, notify the Members of the United Nations, the President of the Security Council, the President of the Trusteeship Council, the specialized agencies, the intergovernmental organizations referred to in rule 79 and the non-governmental organizations in category I or II or on the Roster of the date of the opening of each session. Such notification shall be sent at least six weeks in advance of the organizational session or a regular session and at least twelve days in advance of a special session. If a special session is requested by the General Assembly or the Security Council, the President may reduce the period of notice to not less than eight days.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSIONS

Rule 7

The Council may decide at any session to adjourn temporarily and resume its meetings at a later date.

II. AGENDA

BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK

Rule 8

In the course of the organizational session the Council shall draw up, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, the basic programme of its work for the year.

DRAWING OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Rule 9

1. The Secretary-General shall draw up the provisional agenda for each session of the Council. He shall submit to the Council:
 - (a) The provisional agenda for the organizational session at least three weeks in advance of the opening of that session;
 - (b) The provisional agenda for the first regular session at the organizational session;
 - (c) The provisional agenda for the second regular session at the first regular session.
2. The provisional agenda shall include all items required by these rules and by the basic programme of work, or proposed by:
 - (a) The Council;
 - (b) The General Assembly;
 - (c) The Security Council;
 - (d) The Trusteeship Council;
 - (e) A Member of the United Nations;
 - (f) The Secretary-General;
 - (g) A specialized agency, subject to rule 76.

3. A non-governmental organization in category I may request that the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommend that items of special interest to the organization be included in the provisional agenda of the Council. In considering the request the Committee shall take into account:

(a) The adequacy of the documentation submitted by the organization;

(b) The extent to which the item may lend itself to early and constructive action by the Council;

(c) The possibility that the item might more appropriately be dealt with elsewhere than in the Council.

Any decision by the Committee not to grant a request submitted by a non-governmental organization to recommend that an item be placed on the provisional agenda of the Council shall be considered as final.

4. The agenda for the organizational session shall include the consideration of the provisional agenda for the first regular session of the Council. The agenda for the first regular session shall include the consideration of the provisional agenda for the second regular session.

5. Agenda items shall be arranged in an integrated manner, so that similar or connected issues can be discussed in one debate and under a single heading.

COMMUNICATION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Rule 10

After the Council has considered the provisional agenda for a regular session as provided in paragraph 4 of rule 9, that agenda, incorporating any amendments made by the Council, shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to the Members of the United Nations, the President of the Security Council, the President of the Trusteeship Council, the specialized agencies, the intergovernmental organizations referred to in rule 79 and the non-governmental organizations in category I or II or on the Roster.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR A SPECIAL SESSION

Rule 11

The provisional agenda for a special session shall consist only of those items proposed for consideration in the request for the holding of the session, subject, when appropriate, to rule 18. It shall be transmitted to the authorities listed in rule 10 at the same time as the notice convening the Council.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

Rule 12

1. The inclusion of supplementary items in a provisional agenda that has been considered by the Council under paragraph 4 of rule 9 may be proposed by the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Trusteeship Council, a Member of the United Nations, the Secretary-General or, subject to rule 76, a specialized agency, or by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations in accordance with the procedure provided in paragraph 3 of rule 9. The proposal shall, except if made by the General Assembly, the Security Council or the Trusteeship Council, be accompanied by a supporting statement from the authority initiating it, indicating the urgency of the consideration of the item and the reasons that precluded its submission before the consideration of the provisional agenda by the Council.

2. The supplementary items shall be placed by the Secretary-General on a supplementary list and communicated to the Council together with the supporting statements and such observations as the Secretary-General may wish to offer.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Rule 13

1. The Council shall at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda and the supplementary list referred to in rule 12.

2. An organ of the United Nations, a Member of the United Nations or a specialized agency that has proposed the inclusion of an item in the provisional agenda or the supplementary list shall be entitled to be heard by the Council, or by the appropriate sessional committee designated by the Council, on the inclusion of the item in the agenda.

3. In the case of an item placed on the provisional agenda or on the supplementary list at the request of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations under paragraph 3 of rule 9 or under paragraph 1 of rule 12, the non-governmental organization that proposed the item to the Committee shall be entitled to be heard by the Council, or by the appropriate sessional committee designated by the Council, on the inclusion of the item in the agenda.

4. Unless the Council decides otherwise, if the documentation relating to an item of the agenda has not been circulated, in all working languages, six weeks before the opening of a regular session, the item shall be postponed to the following session, except in the case of reports of subsidiary and other bodies on meetings that have been concluded twelve weeks or less before the opening of the session of the Council.

ALLOCATION OF ITEMS

Rule 14

The Council shall allocate items between the plenary meetings and its sessional committees, and may refer items without preliminary debate:

(a) To a specialized agency, another organization or programme of the United Nations system, one or more of its commissions or standing committees, or the Secretary-General, for study and report to the Council at a subsequent session;

(b) To the proposer of the item, for further information or documentation.

REVISION OF THE AGENDA

Rule 15

During a session, the Council may revise the agenda by adding, deleting, deferring or amending items. Only important and urgent items shall be added to the agenda during a session. The Council may refer to a committee any request to add an item to the agenda.

III. REPRESENTATION, CREDENTIALS

REPRESENTATIVES, ALTERNATES AND ADVISERS

Rule 16

Each member of the Council shall be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

CREDENTIALS

Rule 17

The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General not less than three days before the first meeting they are to attend. The Bureau shall examine the credentials and submit a report thereon to the Council.

IV. BUREAU

ELECTION AND SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Rule 18

1. Each year, at the commencement of its first meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents²⁷

²⁷ In the election of the President of the Council, regard shall be had for the equitable geographical rotation of this office among the following regional groups: African States, Asian States, Eastern European States, Latin American States, and Western European and other States. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the regional groups other than the one to which the President belongs.

from among the representatives of its members. The President and the Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau.

2. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each of the Vice-Presidents.

TERM OF OFFICE

Rule 19

The President and the Vice-Presidents shall, subject to rule 22, hold office until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for re-election.

ACTING PRESIDENT

Rule 20

1. If the President finds it necessary to be absent during a meeting or any part thereof, he shall designate one of the Vice-Presidents to take his place.

2. If the President ceases to hold office pursuant to rule 22, the remaining members of the Bureau shall designate one of the Vice-Presidents to take his place until the election of a new President.

POWERS OF THE ACTING PRESIDENT

Rule 21

A Vice-President acting as President shall have the powers and duties of the President.

REPLACEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OR A VICE-PRESIDENT

Rule 22

If the President or any Vice-President ceases to be able to carry out his functions or ceases to be a representative of a member of the Council, or if the Member of the United Nations of which he is a representative ceases to be a member of the Council, he shall cease to hold such office and a new President or Vice-President shall be elected for the unexpired term.

VOTING RIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT

Rule 23

The President, or a Vice-President acting as President, may delegate his right to vote to another member of his delegation.

V. SESSIONAL BODIES AND SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

ESTABLISHMENT

Rule 24

1. The Council may establish and define the composition and the terms of reference of:

- (a) Functional commissions and regional commissions;
- (b) Sessional committees of the whole and other sessional bodies;
- (c) Standing and *ad hoc* committees.

2. Except for the regional commissions, the commissions and committees of the Council shall not create either standing or *ad hoc* inter-sessional subsidiary bodies without prior approval of the Council.

MEMBERSHIP

Rule 25

Unless the Council decides otherwise, the members of any body or organ of limited membership, other than those subsidiary to a regional commission, shall be elected by the Council.

OFFICERS

Rule 26

1. The Chairman of a sessional committee of the whole shall be one of the Vice-Presidents, designated by the Council

upon the recommendation of the President. Each sessional committee of the whole shall elect two Vice-Chairmen.

2. Unless the Council decides otherwise, all other bodies and organs shall elect their own officers.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Rule 27

1. The rules of procedure contained in chapters VI and VIII to XII shall apply to the proceedings of the committees and sessional bodies of the Council and their subsidiary bodies, unless provided otherwise.

2. The rules of procedure of the commissions and their subsidiary bodies shall be drawn up by the Council, unless it decides otherwise.

VI. SECRETARIAT

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Rule 28

1. The Secretary-General shall act in that capacity in all meetings of the Council. He may designate a member of the Secretariat to act as his representative.

2. He shall provide and direct the staff required by the Council and be responsible for all the arrangements that may be necessary for its meetings.

3. He shall keep the members of the Council informed of any questions that may be brought before it for consideration.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARIAT

Rule 29

The Secretariat shall:

- (a) Interpret speeches made at meetings;
- (b) Receive, translate and circulate documents;
- (c) Print, publish and circulate the records of the sessions, the resolutions of the Council and the required documentation;
- (d) Have custody of the documents in the archives;
- (e) Generally perform all other work that may be required.

STATEMENTS BY THE SECRETARIAT

Rule 30

The Secretary-General, or his representative, may, subject to rule 44, make oral as well as written statements to the Council concerning any question under consideration.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE

Rule 31

1. The Secretary-General shall circulate to the Council for its consideration every odd-numbered year a draft four-year medium-term plan and biennial programme budget covering activities in the economic, social and human rights fields, prepared on the basis of programme objectives approved and priorities established by the Council and other competent bodies.

2. Programme budget proposals recommended by a committee or commission of the Council for its approval must be stated in terms of the objectives to be achieved. The Secretary-General shall have an opportunity to determine the most effective and economical means of implementing those proposals and make appropriate recommendations to the Council thereon.

3. Before a proposal involving the expenditure of United Nations funds is approved by the Council, the Secretary-General shall prepare and provide to the Council an estimate of the programme budget implications of implementing the proposal. The President shall draw attention to that estimate and invite discussion on it when the proposal is considered by the Council. In accordance with the proposal approved by the Council, the Secretary-General shall make appropriate recom-

mendations in the biennial programme budget and medium-term plan he subsequently presents to the General Assembly.

4. In cases of exceptional urgency, the Council may request the Secretary-General to implement a new programme decision, as a matter of priority, during the current biennium. Such a new programme shall be implemented either within the current programme budget or by additional appropriations to be approved by the General Assembly in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.

VII. LANGUAGES

OFFICIAL AND WORKING LANGUAGES

Rule 32

Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the official languages and English, French and Spanish the working languages of the Council.

INTERPRETATION

Rule 33

1. Speeches made in an official language shall be interpreted in the other official languages.

2. A speaker may make a speech in a language other than an official language if he provides for interpretation into one of the official languages. Interpretation into the other official languages by the interpreters of the Secretariat may be based on the interpretation given in the first such language.

LANGUAGES OF RECORDS

Rule 34

Records shall be drawn up in the working languages. A translation of the whole or part of any record into either of the other official languages shall be furnished if requested by a representative.

LANGUAGES OF RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER FORMAL DECISIONS

Rule 35

All resolutions and other formal decisions of the Council shall be published in the official languages.²⁸

VIII. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Rule 36

The meetings of the Council shall be held in public unless it decides otherwise.

IX. RECORDS

SOUND RECORDINGS OF MEETINGS

Rule 37

Sound recordings of the meetings of the Council and of its sessional committees of the whole shall be made and kept by the Secretariat. Such recordings may also be made and kept of the meetings of other subsidiary organs if so decided by the Council.

RECORDS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Rule 38

1. Summary records of public meetings of the Council, and its subsidiary organs where authorized, shall be prepared by the Secretariat in the working languages of the Council.

²⁸ Such resolutions and decisions shall also be published in other languages as may be provided by the General Assembly.

They shall be distributed in provisional form as soon as possible to all members of the Council or of the organ concerned, and to any other participants in the meeting, who may, within three working days of their receipt, submit corrections to the Secretariat; at the end of sessions and in other special circumstances, the presiding officer may, in consultation with the Secretary-General, extend the time for submitting corrections. Any disagreement concerning such corrections shall be decided by the presiding officer of the body to which the record relates, after consulting, where necessary, the sound recordings of the proceedings. Separate corrigenda to provisional records shall not normally be issued.

2. The summary records, with any corrections incorporated, shall be distributed promptly to the Members of the United Nations and to the specialized agencies. On publication, these records may be consulted by the public.

3. Neither verbatim nor summary records shall be provided for newly established subsidiary organs of the Council unless they have been specifically authorized by the Council.

RECORDS OF PRIVATE MEETINGS

Rule 39

The records of private meetings of the Council shall be distributed promptly to all members of the Council and to any other participants in these meetings. They shall be made available to other Members of the United Nations upon decision of the Council. They may be made public at such time and under such conditions as the Council may decide.

RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER FORMAL DECISIONS

Rule 40

As soon as possible, the text of the resolutions and other formal decisions adopted by the Council shall be distributed to all members of the Council and to any other participants in the session. The printed text of such resolutions and other formal decisions shall be distributed as soon as possible after the close of the session to the Members of the United Nations, to the specialized agencies and to the intergovernmental organizations referred to in rule 79.

X. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

QUORUM

Rule 41

The President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one third of the members of the Council are present. The presence of representatives of a majority of the members of the body concerned shall be required for any decision to be taken.

GENERAL POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT

Rule 42

1. In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him elsewhere by these rules, the President shall declare the opening and closing of each plenary meeting of the Council, direct the discussions, ensure observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. The President, subject to these rules, shall have complete control of the proceedings of the Council and over the maintenance of order at its meetings. He shall rule on points of order. He may propose to the Council the closure of the list of speakers, a limitation on the time to be allowed to speakers and on the number of times the representative of each member may speak on an item, the adjournment or closure of the debate, and the suspension or adjournment of a meeting.

2. The President, in the exercise of his functions, remains under the authority of the Council.

Rule 43

1. During the discussion of any matter, a representative may at any time raise a point of order, which shall be decided immediately by the President in accordance with these rules. A representative may appeal against the ruling of the President. The appeal shall be immediately put to the vote, and the ruling of the President shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the members present and voting.

2. A representative may not, in raising a point of order, speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

SPEECHES

Rule 44

1. No one may address the Council without having previously obtained the permission of the President. Subject to rules 43, 46 and 49 to 51, the President shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak.

2. Debate shall be confined to the question before the Council, and the President may call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

3. The Council may limit the time allowed to speakers and the number of times the representative of each member may speak on any question; permission to speak on a motion to set such limits shall be accorded only to two representatives favouring and to two opposing such limits, after which the motion shall be put to the vote immediately. Interventions on procedural questions shall not exceed five minutes unless the Council decides otherwise. When debate is limited and a speaker exceeds the allotted time, the President shall call him to order without delay.

CLOSING OF LIST OF SPEAKERS

Rule 45

During the course of a debate the President may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the Council, declare the list closed. When there are no more speakers, the President shall, with the consent of the Council, declare the debate closed. Such closure shall have the same effect as closure by decision of the Council.

RIGHT OF REPLY

Rule 46

The right of reply shall be accorded by the President to any member who requests it. Representatives should attempt, in exercising this right, to be as brief as possible and preferably to deliver their statements at the end of the meeting at which this right is requested.

CONGRATULATIONS

Rule 47

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Bureau shall be expressed only by the outgoing President or a member of his delegation, or by a representative designated by the outgoing President.

CONDOLENCES

Rule 48

Condolences shall be expressed solely by the President on behalf of all members. The President, with the agreement of the Council, may dispatch a message on behalf of all members of the Council.

Rule 49

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may at any time move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. No discussion on such motions shall be permitted, and they shall be put to the vote immediately.

ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE

Rule 50

A representative may at any time move the adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded only to two representatives favouring and to two opposing the adjournment, after which the motion shall be put to the vote immediately.

CLOSURE OF DEBATE

Rule 51

A representative may at any time move the closure of the debate on the item under discussion, whether or not any other representative has signified his wish to speak. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded only to two representatives opposing the closure, after which the motion shall be put to the vote immediately.

ORDER OF MOTIONS

Rule 52

Subject to rule 43, the motions indicated below shall have precedence in the following order over all proposals or other motions before the meeting:

- (a) To suspend the meeting;
- (b) To adjourn the meeting;
- (c) To adjourn the debate on the item under discussion;
- (d) To close the debate on the item under discussion.

DISCUSSION OF REPORTS OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEES
OF THE WHOLE**Rule 53**

Discussion of a report of a sessional committee of the whole in a plenary meeting of the Council shall take place if at least one third of the members present and voting at the plenary meeting consider such discussion to be necessary. A motion to this effect shall not be discussed but shall be put to the vote immediately.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS AND SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS

Rule 54

Proposals and substantive amendments shall normally be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General who shall circulate copies to the members of the Council in all the official languages. Unless the Council decides otherwise, proposals and substantive amendments shall be discussed or put to the vote no earlier than twenty-four hours after copies have been circulated to all members.

WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS AND MOTIONS

Rule 55

A proposal or a motion may be withdrawn by its sponsor at any time before voting on it has commenced, provided that it has not been amended. A proposal or a motion thus withdrawn may be reintroduced by any representative.

DECISIONS ON COMPETENCE

Rule 56

A motion calling for a decision on the competence of the Council to adopt a proposal submitted to it shall be put to the vote before a vote is taken on the proposal in question.

RECONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

Rule 57

When a proposal has been adopted or rejected, it may not be reconsidered at the same session unless the Council so decides. Permission to speak on a motion to reconsider shall be accorded only to two representatives opposing the motion, after which it shall be put to the vote immediately.

XI. VOTING AND ELECTIONS

VOTING RIGHTS

Rule 58

Each member of the Council shall have one vote.

REQUEST FOR A VOTE

Rule 59

A proposal or motion before the Council for decision shall be voted upon if any member so requests. Where no member requests a vote, the Council may adopt proposals or motions without a vote.

MAJORITY REQUIRED

Rule 60

1. Decisions of the Council shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting.
2. For the purpose of these rules, the phrase "members present and voting" means members casting an affirmative or negative vote. Members which abstain from voting are considered as not voting.

METHOD OF VOTING

Rule 61

1. Except as provided in rule 68, the Council shall normally vote by show of hands, except that a representative may request a roll-call, which shall then be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the members, beginning with the member whose name is drawn by lot by the President. The name of each member shall be called in all roll-calls, and its representative shall reply "yes", "no" or "abstention".
2. When the Council votes by mechanical means, a non-recorded vote shall replace a vote by show of hands and a recorded vote shall replace a roll-call. A representative may request a recorded vote. In the case of a recorded vote, the Council shall, unless a representative requests otherwise, dispense with the procedure of calling out the names of the members.
3. The vote of each member participating in a roll-call or a recorded vote shall be inserted in the record.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

Rule 62

Representatives may make brief statements consisting solely of explanation of their votes, before the voting has commenced or after the voting has been completed. The representative of a member sponsoring a proposal or motion shall not speak in explanation of vote thereon, except if it has been amended.

CONDUCT DURING VOTING

Rule 63

After the President has announced the commencement of voting, no representative may interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connexion with the actual process of voting.

DIVISION OF PROPOSALS AND AMENDMENTS

Rule 64

Parts of a proposal or an amendment shall be voted on separately if a representative requests that the proposal be

divided. Those parts of the proposal or the amendment which have been approved shall then be put to the vote as a whole; if all the operative parts of a proposal or an amendment have been rejected, the proposal or amendment shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.

AMENDMENTS

Rule 65

An amendment is a proposal that does no more than add to, delete from or revise part of another proposal.

ORDER OF VOTING ON AMENDMENTS

Rule 66

When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments are moved to a proposal, the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal shall be voted on first and then the amendment next furthest removed therefrom, and so on until all the amendments have been put to the vote. Where, however, the adoption of one amendment necessarily implies the rejection of another amendment, the latter shall not be put to the vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted on.

ORDER OF VOTING ON PROPOSALS

Rule 67

1. If two or more proposals, other than amendments, relate to the same question, they shall, unless the Council decides otherwise, be voted on in the order in which they were submitted. The Council may, after each vote on a proposal, decide whether to vote on the next proposal.
2. A motion requiring that no decision be taken on a proposal shall have priority over that proposal.

ELECTIONS

Rule 68

All elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless, in the absence of any objection, the Council decides to proceed without taking a ballot on an agreed candidate or slate. When candidates are to be nominated, each nomination shall be made only by one representative, after which the Council shall immediately proceed to the election.

Rule 69

1. If, when only one elective place is to be filled, no candidate obtains in the first ballot the majority required, a second ballot shall be taken, confined to the two candidates having obtained the largest number of votes. If in the second ballot the votes are equally divided, the President shall decide between the candidates by drawing lots.
2. In the case of a tie in the first ballot among the candidates obtaining the second largest number of votes, a special ballot shall be held among such candidates for the purpose of reducing their number to two; similarly, in the case of a tie among three or more candidates obtaining the largest number of votes, a special ballot shall be held. If a tie again results in the special ballot, the President shall eliminate one candidate by drawing lots, and thereafter another ballot shall be taken among all the remaining candidates. The procedure prescribed by these rules shall, if necessary, be repeated until one candidate is duly elected.

Rule 70

1. When two or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates, in a number not exceeding the number of such places, obtaining in the first ballot the majority required and the largest number of votes shall be elected.

2. If the number of candidates obtaining such majority is less than the number of places to be filled, additional ballots shall be held to fill the remaining places, provided that if only one place remains to be filled the procedures in rule 69 shall be applied. The ballot shall be restricted to the unsuccessful candidates having obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, but not exceeding twice the number of places remaining to be filled. However, in the case of a tie between a greater number of unsuccessful candidates, a special ballot shall be held for the purpose of reducing the number of candidates to the required number; if a tie again results among more than the required number of candidates, the President shall reduce their number to that required by drawing lots.

3. If such a restricted ballot (not counting a special ballot held under the conditions specified in the last sentence of paragraph 2) is inconclusive, the President shall decide among the remaining candidates by drawing lots.

EQUALLY DIVIDED VOTES

Rule 71

If a vote is equally divided on a matter other than an election, the proposal or motion shall be regarded as rejected.

XII. PARTICIPATION OF NON-MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

PARTICIPATION OF NON-MEMBER STATES

Rule 72

1. The Council shall invite any Member of the United Nations that is not a member of the Council, and any other State,²⁹ to participate in its deliberations on any matter of particular concern to that State.

2. A committee or sessional body of the Council shall invite any State²⁹ that is not one of its own members to participate in its deliberations on any matter of particular concern to that State.

3. A State thus invited shall not have the right to vote, but may submit proposals which may be put to the vote on request of any member of the body concerned.

PARTICIPATION OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

Rule 73

The Council may invite any national liberation movement recognized by or in accordance with resolutions of the General Assembly to participate, without the right to vote, in its deliberations on any matter of particular concern to that movement.

PARTICIPATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Rule 74

The President of the Trusteeship Council or his representative, may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Economic and Social Council on any matter of particular concern to the Trusteeship Council, including questions that have been proposed by the Trusteeship Council for inclusion in the provisional agenda of the Economic and Social Council.

PARTICIPATION OF AND CONSULTATION WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES³⁰

Rule 75

In accordance with the agreements concluded between the United Nations and the specialized agencies, the specialized agencies shall be entitled:

²⁹ It is the understanding of the Economic and Social Council that in discharging its functions under this rule it will follow the practice of the General Assembly in implementing an "all States" clause, and that in all cases where it is advisable it will request the opinion of the Assembly before taking appropriate decisions.

³⁰ See foot-note 26.

(a) To be represented at meetings of the Council, its committees and sessional bodies;

(b) To participate, without the right to vote, through their representatives, in deliberations with respect to items of concern to them and to submit proposals regarding such items, which may be put to the vote at the request of any member of the Council or of the committee or sessional body concerned.

Rule 76

Before the Secretary-General places an item proposed by a specialized agency on the provisional agenda, he shall carry out with the agency concerned such preliminary consultation as may be necessary.

Rule 77

1. Where an item proposed for inclusion in the provisional agenda or the supplementary list contains a proposal for new activities to be undertaken by the United Nations relating to matters that are of direct concern to one or more specialized agencies, the Secretary-General shall enter into consultation with the agencies concerned and report to the Council on the means of achieving a co-ordinated use of the resources of the organizations concerned.

2. When in the course of a meeting of the Council a proposal for new activities to be undertaken by the United Nations relates to matters that are of direct concern to one or more specialized agencies, the Secretary-General shall, after such consultation as may be possible with the representatives of the agencies concerned, draw the attention of the Council to the implications of the proposal.

3. Before deciding on proposals referred to above, the Council shall satisfy itself that adequate consultations have taken place with the agencies concerned.

Rule 78

Whenever the Council is to consider a proposed international convention, the Secretary-General shall, at the same time that he requests Governments to comment on the proposed convention, consult the specialized agencies in respect of any provision of the proposed convention that may affect the activities of such agencies. The views of such agencies shall be brought before the Council together with the comments received from Governments.

PARTICIPATION OF OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Rule 79

Representatives of intergovernmental organizations accorded permanent observer status by the General Assembly and of other intergovernmental organizations designated on an *ad hoc* or a continuing basis by the Council on the recommendation of the Bureau, may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of the activities of the organizations.

XIII. CONSULTATION WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Rule 80

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations shall consist of thirteen Members of the United Nations elected for four years on the basis of equitable geographical representation. Accordingly, the membership of the Committee shall include:

- (a) Five members from African and Asian States;
- (b) Two members from Eastern European States;
- (c) Two members from Latin American States;
- (d) Four members from Western European and other States.

2. The Committee shall carry out the functions assigned to it by the Council in connexion with the arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations adopted by the Council in accordance with Article 71 of the Charter.

3. The Committee shall elect its own officers.

4. When considering applications for granting consultative status to non-governmental organizations, the Committee shall be guided by the rules of procedure of the Council. Non-governmental organizations applying for consultative status shall have an opportunity to submit written statements or be heard by the Committee at the request of the latter, by means of an oral statement made by a duly authorized representative.

REPRESENTATION

Rule 81

Non-governmental organizations in category I or II may designate authorized representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the Council, its committees and sessional bodies. Those on the Roster may have representatives present at such meetings when matters within their field of competence are being discussed.

GENERAL CONSULTATION OF THE COMMITTEE WITH ORGANIZATIONS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS

Rule 82

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations may consult, in connexion with sessions of the Council or at such other times as it may decide, with organizations in categories I and II on matters within their competence, other than items on the agenda of the Council, on which the Council or the Committee or the organization requests consultation. The Committee shall report to the Council on such consultations.

CONSULTATION OF THE COMMITTEE WITH ORGANIZATIONS IN CATEGORIES I AND II ON ITEMS ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE COUNCIL

Rule 83

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations may consult, in connexion with any particular session of the Council, with organizations in categories I and II on matters within the competence of the organizations concerning specific items already on the provisional agenda of the Council on which the Council or the Committee or the organization requests consultation, and shall make recommendations as to which organizations, subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 of rule 84, should be heard by the Council or the appropriate committee and regarding which subjects they should be heard. Organizations desiring such consultation shall apply in writing so that the request may reach the Secretary-General as soon as possible after the issue of the provisional agenda for the session, and

in any case not later than five days after the adoption of the agenda. The Committee shall report to the Council on such consultations.

HEARING OF ORGANIZATIONS IN CATEGORY I BY THE COUNCIL OR ITS COMMITTEES

Rule 84

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations shall make recommendations to the Council as to which organizations in category I should be heard by the Council or by its sessional committees and on which items they should be heard. Such organizations shall be entitled to make one statement on each such item to the Council or the appropriate sessional committee, subject to the approval of the Council or of the sessional committee concerned. In the absence of a subsidiary body of the Council with jurisdiction in a major field of interest to the Council and to an organization in category II, the Committee may recommend that an organization in category II be heard by the Council on the subject in its field of interest.

2. Whenever the Council discusses the substance of an item proposed by a non-governmental organization in category I and included in the agenda of the Council, such an organization shall be entitled to present orally to the Council or a sessional committee of the Council, as appropriate, an introductory statement of an expository nature. Such an organization may be invited by the President of the Council or the Chairman of the committee, with the consent of the relevant body, to make, in the course of the discussion of the item before the Council or before the committee, an additional statement for purposes of clarification.

XIV. AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

METHOD OF AMENDMENT

Rule 85

Any of these rules may be amended by the Council. These rules may, however, not be amended until the Council has received a report on the proposed amendment from a committee of the Council.

METHOD OF SUSPENSION

Rule 86

Any of these rules may be suspended by the Council provided that twenty-four hours notice of the proposal for the suspension has been given, which may be waived if no representative objects. Any such suspension shall be limited to a specific and stated purpose and to a period required to achieve that purpose.

DECISIONS

71 (LVIII). Review of the calendar of meetings

Intergovernmental Working Group of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development

1. At its 1941st meeting, on 18 April 1975, the Council, noting with regret the information given by the Secretariat³¹ that all the documentation required for the Intergovernmental Working Group of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development could not be issued before the session of the Working Group to be held from 21 April to 2 May 1975, and the implications

this will have for the organization of work of the Intergovernmental Working Group, decided:

(a) To advance the next session of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development to early February 1976;

(b) To request the Secretariat to issue the pending documentation before 1 October 1975.

Expert Group on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries

2. At its 1951st meeting, on 7 May 1975, the Council decided that the sixth session of the Expert Group on Tax Treaties between Developed and Developing Countries should be held at Headquarters from 8 to 19 December 1975.

³¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Organizational Session for 1975 and Fifty-eighth Session*, 1940th meeting, paras. 31-33.