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during its sixteenth session from 30 June to 5 August 1953

482 (XVI). Economic development of under-developed countries

A

METHODS OF FINANCING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

I

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken into consideration the document entitled *Report on a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development*,¹ prepared by a committee appointed by the Secretary-General pursuant to Council resolution 416 A (XIV),

Having in mind General Assembly resolutions 520 A (VI) and 622 A (VII) requesting the Council to submit to the General Assembly a detailed plan for establishing, as soon as circumstances permit, a United Nations fund for the financing of the economic development of under-developed countries,

1. *Expresses* its great appreciation to the Committee for its work;

2. *Transmits* the report of the Committee to the General Assembly, together with the pertinent records² of the sixteenth session of the Council;

3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly consider, in the light of the report of the Committee and the records of the sixteenth session of the Council, what other preparatory steps might usefully be taken towards the establishment, when circumstances permit, of an international fund designed to assist development and reconstruction of the under-developed countries.

*749th plenary meeting,
4 August 1953.*

II

The Economic and Social Council,

Desirous of strengthening the United Nations in its mission of guarding the peace and security of all peoples and of making the United Nations a more effective institution for the promotion of higher standards of living and of conditions of economic and social progress and development in under-developed countries,

¹ See document E/2381. United Nations Publication, Sales No. 1953.II.B.1.

² See documents E/SR.725 to 731 and 749 and E/AC.6/SR.138 and 139.

Looking forward to the time when sufficient progress in internationally supervised world-wide disarmament will make it propitious to devote additional resources to assist development and reconstruction, particularly in the under-developed countries,

Recommends that governments consider joining, at the eighth session of the General Assembly, in the following draft declaration:

"We, the governments of the States Members of the United Nations, in order to promote higher standards of living and conditions of economic and social progress and development, stand ready to ask our peoples, when sufficient progress has been made in internationally supervised worldwide disarmament, to devote a portion of the savings achieved through such disarmament to an international fund, within the framework of the United Nations, to assist development and reconstruction in under-developed countries."

*749th plenary meeting,
4 August 1953.*

B

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT ON THE QUESTION OF CREATING AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the further report³ of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on the proposal for an international finance corporation,

Noting that the Bank intends to continue to explore the question with its members,

Believing that it would be desirable to have from the Bank a further study of the proposal, which would be aimed at clarifying and analysing the questions that have been raised and the different points of view that have been expressed with regard to the merits of the proposal and the basic purposes and functions of the proposed institution, so as to assist the various interests concerned in determining their attitude towards the proposal,

1. *Commends* the Bank for the useful contribution it has made to the study of the question;

2. *Invites* the Bank to present as soon as possible the results of a further study along the lines mentioned above, namely, a study with a view to clarifying and analysing the questions that have been raised and the different points of view that have been expressed,

³ See document E/2441.

continuing at the same time further exploration of the matter with its members, and in so doing to take into account the comments⁴ made on the Bank's further report during the sixteenth session of the Council;

3. *Further invites* the Bank to report to the Council at its seventeenth session on the progress made in these respects.

749th plenary meeting,
4 August 1953.

483 (XVI). Full employment

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the documentation placed before it for its discussion on the question of full employment, including, *inter alia*, the replies⁵ of the governments of Member States to the questionnaire on full employment and balance of payments and the analysis⁶ of these replies presented by the Secretary-General, the reports⁷ presented by the Secretary-General on measures designed to reconcile the attainment and maintenance of full employment with the avoidance of the harmful effects of inflation, and the report⁸ of the International Monetary Fund on the adequacy of monetary reserves,

A

Having in mind the need for continuing efforts to achieve and maintain high levels of employment,

Considering that the problems of reconciling the attainment and maintenance of full employment in the industrialized countries, and the acceleration of the economic development of the less economically-developed countries, with the need of avoiding the harmful effects of inflation, deserve further consideration,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To suggest to Member States that those governments having had experience in dealing with inflationary pressures associated with high levels of economic activity or with the process of economic development in under-developed countries should arrange to give the Council the benefit of their experience and to submit written statements on this subject by 1 December 1953, for circulation to the Council;

(b) To prepare a summary of these statements and to circulate it to the Council for consideration at its seventeenth session;

2. *Decides* to consider at its seventeenth session the advisability of requesting the Secretary-General to appoint a committee of experts for further study of these problems;

3. *Invites* the International Labour Organisation to continue its study of wage policies, including the question of wage policy in relation to the problem of inflation,

⁴ See documents E/SR.725 to 731 and 749 and E/AC.6/SR.139 and 140.

⁵ See documents E/2408 and Add.1, 2, 3, 4 and Corr.1, 5 and Corr.1 and 6 to 9.

⁶ See documents E/2445 and Add.1 and 2.

⁷ See documents E/2404 and E/2449.

⁸ See document E/2454.

and to inform the Council from time to time, as appropriate, of the results of its work in this connexion;

B

Recognizing that any significant reduction in the level of expenditure on defence, which would of itself be most welcome, could at any time cause a slackening or a fall in the total effective demand on some sectors of the world economy,

Recognizing, in this connexion, that any such tendency could be counteracted, *inter alia*, by a more rapid economic development of the less economically-developed countries, as well as by an expansion in the demand for, and internal and international trade in, products coming from the civilian sector of the economy,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite each Member State to indicate, before 1 December 1953, its views on the measures it may consider necessary to prevent foreseeable adverse effects on its economy or on those of other Member States arising from reductions in its defence expenditures;

2. *Decides* to consider at its seventeenth session the possible need for further action with reference to the above-mentioned problems of reconversion, including the advisability of requesting the Secretary-General to provide for further studies either by the committee of experts mentioned under section A, paragraph 2, above or in some other appropriate manner;

C

Recognizing that the level of the monetary reserves available to Member States is an important factor influencing the possibility of maintaining international economic stability at optimum levels of output, consumption, trade and employment,

Requests the International Monetary Fund to continue to keep under review the adequacy of monetary reserves for the purpose of helping countries to meet temporary disequilibria in their balances of international payments, bearing in mind the objectives referred to in paragraph 6 (a) of Council resolution 427 (XIV), and to inform the Council in 1954 of the results of its work in this connexion;

D

Considering that the removal of obstacles to the development of normal and mutually beneficial trade between countries would help to stimulate business activity and employment,

Calls upon all governments, with a view to increasing trade, employment and standards of living, to take all practicable steps to reduce obstacles to the development of normal and mutually beneficial trade between countries, availing themselves, *inter alia*, of any opportunities which may arise as a consequence of improved balance of payments or monetary reserve positions, the maturing of newly-developed industries or an easing of international tensions.

749th plenary meeting,
4 August 1953.

484 (XVI). Annual Report of the Economic Commission for Europe

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the annual report⁹ of the Economic Commission for Europe for the period between 19 March 1952 and 18 March 1953 and of the views expressed during the discussions at the eighth session of the Commission.

*717th plenary meeting,
8 July 1953.*

485 (XVI). Annual Report of the Economic Commission for Latin America

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the importance of the work being done by the Economic Commission for Latin America,

1. Takes note of the fifth annual report¹⁰ of the Economic Commission for Latin America for the period between 15 February 1952 and 25 April 1953 and of the views expressed during the discussions at the fifth session of the Commission;

2. Endorses the priorities allocated by the Commission to the individual work projects;

3. Takes note of the Commission's decision to hold its sixth session in Bogota, Colombia, at such date as the Executive Secretary, after consultation with the Chairman, shall determine in the light of decisions by the Council regarding its calendar of meetings.

*721st plenary meeting,
10 July 1953.*

486 (XVI). Report of the Fiscal Commission (fourth session)

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council,

Takes note of the report¹¹ of the Fiscal Commission (fourth session).

*712th plenary meeting,
4 July 1953.*

B

INTERNATIONAL TAX PROBLEMS

Fiscal incentives to increase the international flow of private capital for the economic development of under-developed countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing:

(a) The great importance of finding means to stimulate the flow of private investment from the highly developed

⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 9.*

¹⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 and errata.*

¹¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 5.*

to the under-developed countries, in order to accelerate the economic development of the latter,

(b) That the present flow of capital exported to the under-developed countries is insufficient for their development needs,

(c) That relatively lower taxation in force in the under-developed countries, as compared with capital exporting countries, is one of the attractions that under-developed countries may be in a position to offer to foreign capital as an incentive to investment,

(d) That this incentive becomes less effective—although international double taxation is avoided—if the capital-exporting countries apply to the income from investments in under-developed countries any further taxation beyond that already paid in the latter,

(e) That favourable tax treatment is one of the many factors affecting the flow of foreign capital,

(f) That further analysis and factual study of the problem referred to in paragraph (d) above is needed, together with such practical recommendations as may emerge from this further study and analysis,

1. Notes that the Fiscal Commission plans to continue its study of the problem referred to in paragraph (d) above and anticipates a report on the results of its further studies to the Council after the next meeting of the Commission;

2. Recommends, meanwhile, that the highly developed countries, acting unilaterally or when concluding tax agreements, should give special consideration to the feasibility of taking action to ensure that such income is taxable only or primarily in the country in which the income was produced.

*719th plenary meeting,
9 July 1953.*

C

GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of and commends the Secretariat's study *Government Accounting and Budget Execution*,¹² which was prepared pursuant to Council resolution 378 D (XIII), as a contribution towards the improvement of government accounting and budget procedures.

*712th plenary meeting,
4 July 1953.*

D

PUBLIC FINANCE INFORMATION SERVICE

Quantitative data on public finance

The Economic and Social Council

1. Commends the Secretariats of the United Nations and of the International Monetary Fund for their work in preparing and publishing comparable public finance data in the *Statistical Yearbook* and *International Financial Statistics*;

¹² See document ST/ECA/16.

2. *Recommends* that the work on government finance statistics for these publications be accelerated in so far as possible;

3. *Recommends* that the work on the projected special volume "Public Finance Statistics, 1938-52" be continued;

4. *Recommends* that the "Manual on the Classification of Government Accounts" be distributed to governments of Member States in draft form for their information, observation and comments;

5. *Recommends* to the Secretariat that a public finance questionnaire designed to obtain better data be drafted and distributed to Member States for their comments.

712th plenary meeting,
4 July 1953.

E

UNITED NATIONS PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND CONCENTRATION OF EFFORT AND RESOURCES

I

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the documents¹³ prepared by the Secretary-General;

2. *Commends* the work carried out by the Secretary-General in the fiscal field.

712th plenary meeting,
4 July 1953.

II

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 402 B (XIII) and 451 (XIV),

Approves the list included in section VII of the report¹⁴ of the Fiscal Commission (fourth session) of projects in the fiscal field, divided into three groups of priority according to Council resolution 402 B (XIII).

719th plenary meeting,
9 July 1953.

487 (XVI). Restrictive business practices

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the report¹⁵ of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Restrictive Business Practices and the Secretariat's analysis¹⁶ of governmental measures relating to restrictive business practices prepared in accordance with Council resolution 375 (XIII),

Bearing in mind that restrictive business practices in international trade may have harmful effects on the attainment of the higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development envisaged in Article 55 of the Charter of the United Nations,

¹³ See documents listed in document E/CN.8/67/Rev.1.

¹⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 5.*

¹⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 11.*

¹⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 11A.*

Recognizing the necessity of according sufficient time to governments to give thorough study to the proposals of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, and to the Secretary-General to formulate the report and recommendation called for in paragraph 6 of resolution 375 (XIII),

1. *Commends* the *Ad Hoc* Committee and the Secretariat for the thoroughness and dispatch with which the tasks assigned to them have been executed;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To transmit the Committee's report and the Secretariat's analysis to the States Members of the United Nations and of specialized agencies in the economic field, to the specialized agencies concerned, and to interested intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, for examination and any comments they may wish to make;

(b) To circulate to the foregoing such comments as he may receive, together with such analysis as he deems appropriate;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to proceed to implement paragraph 6 of resolution 375 (XIII) when a sufficient number of governments have commented on the Committee's report to provide some indication of attitudes towards the report, and to continue to follow, on the basis of information obtained from governments, the principal legislative, judicial, executive and administrative developments in this field, to summarize relevant information regarding restrictive business practices in international trade which may be contained in official government documents, and to report thereon to the Council before it resumes consideration of this problem;

4. *Decides* to resume consideration of this matter not later than the nineteenth session of the Council.

744th plenary meeting,
31 July 1953.

488 (XVI). Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the report¹⁷ of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations presented to the Council at its sixteenth session;

2. *Notes* with approval the continued emphasis on the carrying out of operational activities in the field.

710th plenary meeting,
3 July 1953.

489 (XVI). Report of the International Civil Aviation Organization

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report¹⁸ of the International Civil Aviation Organization on its activities in 1952.

716th plenary meeting,
8 July 1953.

¹⁷ See documents E/2432 and Add.1 and 2.

¹⁸ See documents E/2417 and Add.1.

490 (XVI). Report of the Universal Postal Union

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report¹⁹ of the Universal Postal Union.

715th plenary meeting,
7 July 1953.

491 (XVI). Report of the World Meteorological Organization

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report²⁰ of the World Meteorological Organization.

716th plenary meeting,
8 July 1953.

492 (XVI). Technical assistance

A

REGULAR PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with satisfaction of the report²¹ by the Secretary-General concerning the Regular United Nations Programme of Technical Assistance.

747th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.

B

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note of the report²² of the Secretary-General on the programme of technical assistance in public administration and of the organizational measures which he has taken in that connexion;

2. Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Noting that the programme of activities and organizational arrangements developed by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Economic and Social Council in response to General Assembly resolution 246 (III) of 4 December 1948, and placed on a continuing basis in accordance with General Assembly resolution 518 (VI), are no longer adequately covered by the terms of resolution 246 (III),

"Noting further that the aforementioned activities now form an integral part of a wider programme of assistance to governments in the field of public administration, including aspects other than training,

"Recognizing the increasingly important role of governmental administration in programmes for the promotion of economic development and social welfare,

¹⁹ See document E/2383.

²⁰ See document E/2428.

²¹ See document E/2414.

²² See document E/2415.

"1. Approves a revised United Nations programme in public administration comprising:

"(a) The provision, at the request of governments, of technical assistance related to public administration, including training for public service, through:

"(i) The advisory services of experts;

"(ii) Fellowships and scholarships;

"(iii) Training institutes, seminars, conferences, working groups and other means;

"(iv) The provision of technical publications;

"(b) The collection, analysis and exchange of technical information in the field of public administration, in collaboration, where appropriate, with the International Institute of Administrative Sciences and other appropriate institutions, and assistance to governments to promote, by all suitable means, sound public administration, in relation to economic and social development;

"2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to continue to include in the budgetary estimates of the United Nations the funds necessary for carrying out an effective operational programme based on the provision of the above services and, in addition, to finance such activities from funds made available from the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, provided that in the latter case such assistance is related to the economic development of under-developed countries;

"3. Reaffirms the principle by which each requesting government shall continue to be expected to assume responsibility, as far as possible, for all or part of the expenses connected with the services furnished to it;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to report regularly to the Economic and Social Council on activities carried on under this programme."

748th plenary meeting,
4 August 1953.

C

EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

I

Co-ordinated country technical assistance programmes

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note of the memorandum²³ by the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board outlining the measures adopted for improving the procedures whereby co-ordinated country technical assistance programmes may be developed at the country level;

2. Requests the Technical Assistance Board to report to the Technical Assistance Committee, at a later session, on the results obtained by putting these proposals into effect;

3. Recalls, in this connexion, General Assembly resolution 519 (VI), paragraph 13, requesting those

²³ See document E/TAC/12.

governments which receive technical assistance under the Expanded Programme to strengthen their internal machinery with a view to rendering more effective the activities of the participating organizations and facilitating the co-ordination work of the Technical Assistance Board and of its resident representatives.

*751st plenary meeting,
5 August 1953.*

II

Financial arrangements for 1954 and future financing of the Expanded Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report²⁴ of the Technical Assistance Committee on the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, together with the fifth report²⁵ of the Technical Assistance Board, the documents²⁶ presented by the Technical Assistance Board, and the special report²⁷ of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,

Reaffirming its conviction that the Programme as a positive force in the economic development of under-developed countries and as a moral force for building the foundations of a peaceful world merits continuation and expansion,

A

1. *Emphasizes* the pressing need that governments pay their pledged contributions promptly, including those already announced;

2. *Urges* States participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance to continue to give it their full support, financial and other, so as to ensure its essential and natural development and help it to meet the growing needs of the under-developed countries;

3. *Urges* that, in order to permit the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance to progress, governments contribute for the year 1954 so as to meet to the maximum extent possible the programme needs for 1954, and in any case so that the funds available shall be no less than the amount earmarked by the Technical Assistance Board for the approved 1953 programme;

4. *Requests* that, in order to enable the participating organizations to plan their programmes for 1954 in advance of the beginning of that year, the United Nations Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds meet as soon as possible after the close of the sixteenth session of the Council, and that the fourth Technical Assistance Conference be held as early as possible during the eighth regular session of the General Assembly;

B

5. *Recommends* to the General Assembly to approve at an early date in its eighth regular session the following financial arrangements for the year 1954:

²⁴ See document E/2497.

²⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 10.*

²⁶ See documents E/TAC/9, 10, 12 and 13.

²⁷ See document E/2450.

(a) Seventy-five per cent of total funds available, excluding carry-over, shall be available for allocation to the participating organizations after approval of country programmes by the Technical Assistance Board, in accordance with the percentages set forth in paragraph 8 (c) of Council resolution 222 (IX) as amended and modified pursuant to paragraph 19 of the report²⁸ of the Technical Assistance Committee to the thirteenth session of the Council;

(b) The balance of funds available, including carry-over, shall be retained in the Special Account: (i) to cover the necessary minimum expenses of TAB and the resident representatives, and (ii) for further allocation to the participating organizations, as provided in Council resolution 433 (XIV);

(c) In establishing the level of the necessary administrative expense in the whole programme, the need for economy, in view of the present level of operational expenditure, shall be fully taken into account;

C

6. *Takes note* of the decision of the Technical Assistance Committee to appoint a working party:

(a) To review the financial procedures under which the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance operates;

(b) To consider in due course the system of allocation of funds to be applied as from 1955, taking into account the resolutions of TAC concerning the development of technical assistance programmes at the country level;

7. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Committee to submit any recommendations it may wish to make in connexion with sub-paragraph (a) in the preceding paragraph to the resumed session of the Council, to be held during or shortly after the eighth regular session of the General Assembly;

D

8. *Having considered* the feasibility of working out estimates for the Programme on a basis longer than a one-year period, according to the desire expressed by the General Assembly in its resolution 621 (VII),

9. *Expresses* the view that, for the orderly development of programmes, it would be useful to have assured financial support for a period longer than a year, even if the establishment of accurate long-term estimates of the requirements of the Programme is not feasible;

10. *Invites*, therefore, such participating countries as may be in a position to do so, to take steps, within their constitutional limitations, to ensure the financial support of the Programme on a long-term basis.

*751st plenary meeting,
5 August 1953.*

493 (XVI). Question of assistance to Libya

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the part played by the United Nations in the creation of the independent State of the United Kingdom

²⁸ See documents E/2102 and Corr.1.

of Libya in accordance with General Assembly resolution 289 (IV) recommending that "Libya, comprising Cyrenaica, Tripolitania and the Fezzan, shall be constituted as an independent and sovereign State", and that this independence was achieved on 24 December 1951 in accordance with that resolution,

Having consulted with the Government of the United Kingdom of Libya, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 515 (VI), concerning ways and means by which the United Nations, with the co-operation of all governments and the specialized agencies, could furnish additional assistance to Libya to finance its fundamental and urgent programmes of economic and social development,

Having examined the memorandum²⁹ submitted by the Libyan Government, and having heard the statements³⁰ made by its representative,

Considering that it is open to governments to assist Libya through any appropriate mechanisms within the United Nations that may be available for receiving voluntary contributions, or through other channels acceptable to the Libyan Government,

1. *Transmits* the relevant documentation³¹ and summary records³² of the Council to the eighth regular session of the General Assembly;

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly:

(a) To invite all governments which are in a position to do so to provide, in the spirit of the United Nations Charter and within their possibilities, financial and technical assistance to Libya in order to assist in Libya's economic development;

(b) To recommend that, if and when further means become available for assisting in the financing of the development of under-developed areas, due consideration be given by the United Nations and the specialized agencies to the specific development needs of Libya;

(c) To request the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies concerned to continue to waive local costs and to give all possible favourable consideration to the requests of Libya for technical assistance, taking into account the special needs of Libya and the principles of the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

*747th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

494 (XVI). Report of the Social Commission (ninth session)

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the report³³ of the Social Commission (ninth session), with the exception of Chapters III and IV;³⁴

²⁹ See document E/2469 and Corr.1.

³⁰ See document E/SR.746.

³¹ See document E/2469 and Corr.1.

³² See documents E/SR.746 and 747.

³³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 7.*

³⁴ For the Council's action on Chapters III and IV, see resolutions 495 (XVI) and 496 (XVI) respectively.

2. *Approves* the work programme³⁵ for 1954-1955 drawn up by the Social Commission at its ninth session;

3. *Invites* the attention of the Social Commission, for its general guidance, to the records³⁶ of the discussions on these subjects at the sixteenth session of the Council.

*736th plenary meeting,
23 July 1953.*

495 (XVI). Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations International Children's Emer- gency Fund

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the world-wide disproportion between the magnitude of the social service tasks to be undertaken and the available means of implementation,

Considering the role that the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund plays in the whole international programme for the protection of the child,

Considering that the Fund's activities are useful, not only because they realize some of the high objectives which have been adopted by the United Nations, but also because they create favourable conditions for the development of the long-range economic and social programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, particularly the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

Considering the urgent need for continuing the work of UNICEF, particularly in the under-developed regions of the world,

Considering that the number of governments making contributions to UNICEF has increased constantly since 1950,

1. *Is of the opinion* that the regulations which govern the activity of UNICEF have enabled it to achieve satisfactory techniques, to acquire valuable experience and to accomplish its task successfully;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly reaffirm the pertinent provisions of its resolutions 57 (I) and 417 (V), with the exception of any reference to time limits contained in these resolutions;

3. *Further recommends* that the General Assembly:

(a) Change the name of the organization to the *United Nations Children's Fund*, retaining the symbol UNICEF;

(b) Request the Economic and Social Council to continue to review periodically the work of UNICEF and to make recommendations to the General Assembly as appropriate;

(c) Request the Secretary-General:

(i) To ensure that the programmes carried on by UNICEF continue to be co-ordinated effectively with the regular and technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

³⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 7, Annex II.*

³⁶ See documents E/AC.7/SR.234-236 and E/SR.736.

(ii) To report thereon to the Economic and Social Council in 1954 and subsequently as appropriate;

(d) Commend UNICEF, the United Nations Secretariat and the specialized agencies concerned for the close working relations which have developed progressively and request them to strengthen those relations in giving full effect to the desires of the General Assembly as expressed in General Assembly resolution 417 (V) and this resolution.

733rd plenary meeting,
20 July 1953.

496 (XVI). Programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the recommendations³⁷ of its Social Commission on the programme of concerted action in the social field,

Having considered the report³⁸ by the Secretary-General on a programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies prepared in the light of criteria for, and priorities in the social field established by Council resolutions 324 (XI) and 451 A (XIV), the findings of the *Preliminary Report on the World Social Situation*,³⁹ the views of governments and policies established by the United Nations and the specialized agencies,

1. *Informs* the General Assembly that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 535 (VI), it has examined the social activities undertaken by the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

2. *Calls* attention to the fact that progress has already been made through national, bilateral and international action in dealing with the age-old problems of ignorance, poverty and disease, but that in spite of all efforts, the need as pictured in the report on the world social situation is so great that resources available are still inadequate;

3. *Notes* with satisfaction that the Secretary-General's report contains suggestions directed to increasing the practical effectiveness of the social programme which the Council commends to the careful consideration of the organizations concerned;

4. *Agrees* with the views expressed by the Secretary-General and the Directors-General of the specialized agencies concerned that, in the programme of activities now being undertaken as part of a broader plan for the promotion of social progress and the raising of standards of living among the people, there is need for reorientation, further concentration of effort, wider geographical coverage, improvement of methods and techniques, additional resources and for achieving full governmental and popular co-operation;

³⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 7, Chapter IV.*

³⁸ See document E/CN.5/291 and Corr.3.

³⁹ See document E/CN.5/267/Rev.1. United Nations Publication, Sales No.: 1952.IV.11.

5. *Considers* that special attention should be devoted to the exploration for broader sources indispensable for international financing of social and economic development;

6. *Considers* that international action in the social field should give special consideration to the needs of under-developed areas;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General and *invites* the specialized agencies to apply in matters of assistance to governments the following general principles:

(a) The inter-related character of economic and social factors and the benefits to social progress resulting from a balanced expansion of world economy require that economic development and social development go hand-in-hand with a view to improving standards of living; projects financed by the United Nations and the specialized agencies should be selected bearing in mind this inter-relationship;

(b) Such projects should be concerted with integrated plans for economic and social development prepared by each of the beneficiary governments;

(c) Such projects should yield early and permanent results and reach a maximum number of people;

(d) Such projects should be adapted to the geographic, economic, social and demographic conditions of the country concerned, and studies of these conditions essential to effective practical projects should be undertaken but should not delay action to meet urgent needs;

(e) The participation of appropriate non-governmental organizations in the implementation of international programmes in the social field should be encouraged and their experience, competence and facilities utilized to the fullest extent;

8. *Considers* that a concerted programme of practical action in the social field should, within the framework of criteria and priorities established by Council resolutions 324 (XI) and 451 A (XIV) and without prejudice to the priorities established in the economic field, concentrate on projects which:

(a) Improve health and nutrition by increasing food supply and improving food distribution and dietary practices;

(b) Strengthen national health services with greater accessibility of medical services, improve maternal and child health and prevent and control major communicable diseases;

(c) Strengthen national family and child welfare services;

(d) Introduce, extend and improve social security and social insurance measures such as assistance in old age, unemployment and disability;

(e) Develop and extend services for the welfare of groups in need of special care;

(f) Emphasize fundamental education, promote greater accessibility of education for the broad masses of the population, introduce or develop in the Member States of the United Nations free compulsory primary education for all and encourage scientific training and research;

(g) Improve housing and community facilities, especially for persons in low-income groups;

(h) Increase employment opportunities, improve labour standards, strengthen training and manpower services, assure respect for trade-union freedom so as to develop constructive employer-employee relationships and encourage any measures which will improve the social and economic status of workers;

9. *Considers* it advisable, as an immediate objective, to pay particular attention to the use of the following practical methods and techniques for assisting governments in carrying out the activities set forth in paragraph 8:

(a) The promotion and implementation of community development projects, particularly through the establishment of demonstration centres;

(b) The rapid development of programmes and facilities for training both professional and technical personnel and auxiliary and community workers;

(c) The development and strengthening of national and local organizations necessary for administering social programmes;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to take early action, on an experimental basis and at the request of the governments concerned, to convene one or more small groups of senior policy-making representatives of governments having similar social and economic problems and of representatives of the Secretariats of the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned, to plan concrete programmes for expansion of community development projects, including training facilities and the strengthening of organizations for administering social programmes related to community development in their respective countries;

11. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board to give sympathetic consideration, as resources permit, to such requests as the governments concerned may make regarding any particular aspects of these programmes;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Directors-General of the specialized agencies, to submit to an early session of the Council a report containing recommendations on further practical measures which might be taken to strengthen and make more effective methods and techniques of the type recommended in paragraph 9, taking into account the results of consultations provided for in paragraph 10.

*744th plenary meeting,
31 July 1953.*

497 (XVI). Co-ordination of the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies

A

The Economic and Social Council

Takes notes with satisfaction of the reports⁴⁰ of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and of the

⁴⁰ See documents E/2340 and E/2446.

communication⁴¹ from the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

*741st plenary meeting,
29 July 1953.*

B

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Expresses satisfaction* with the progress made in the past year towards more effective co-ordination of the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and

2. *Urges* continued efforts in this direction.

*741st plenary meeting,
29 July 1953.*

C

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted the progress made by commissions of the Council, the operating agencies of the United Nations in the economic and social fields and the specialized agencies in reviewing as appropriate their programmes for 1954, (a) in the light of the criteria for priorities established under Council resolution 324 (XI), (b) in accordance with the procedures for indicating priorities outlined under Council resolution 402 B (XIII) and (c) in the light of the United Nations priority programmes listed under Council resolution 451 A (XIV),

Requests the commissions of the Council and the operating agencies of the United Nations in the economic and social fields and *invites* the specialized agencies to review their programmes for 1955 in the light of the resolutions referred to above and to include in a special section of their next reports to the Council a description of the progress made in so concentrating their efforts.

*741st plenary meeting,
29 July 1953.*

D

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that reports from the specialized agencies are essential to the fulfilment of the Council's responsibility under Article 64 of the Charter for co-ordinating the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies,

Having regard to the articles of the respective agreements with the specialized agencies providing for the transmission of annual or regular reports to the United Nations and to the requests for such reports on an annual basis by the General Assembly (resolution 125 (II)) and the Council (resolution 128 (VI)),

Considering that it is an appropriate time for a review of the existing reporting arrangements in the light of experience,

1. *Requests* the specialized agencies, in addition to the background information contained in their annual reports, to give particular attention in their next reports to the Council to the following matters:

⁴¹ See document E/2483.

(a) The major developments in their programmes during the past year and the current year, and planned for the ensuing year, with an indication of priorities established and of any major shifts of emphasis in these programmes;

(b) The extent and nature of participation in co-operative projects and activities with the United Nations and other specialized agencies;

(c) Major developments in their relations with the United Nations and with other specialized agencies;

(d) Specific actions taken pursuant to recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council;

(e) Any other actions taken or contemplated in implementation of their agreements with the United Nations;

(f) A list of meetings held or contemplated with an indication of their purpose;

2. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to review all aspects of the problem of reporting by the specialized agencies to the United Nations, including the question of the frequency, length, content and method of presentation of their reports, in the light of this resolution and of the Council's discussions,⁴³ and to submit its observations to the Council at its seventeenth session.

*741st plenary meeting,
29 July 1953.*

498 (XVI). Report of the International Labour Organisation

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report⁴³ of the International Labour Organisation.

*709th plenary meeting,
2 July 1953.*

499 (XVI). Report of the World Health Organization

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the annual report⁴⁴ submitted by the World Health Organization to the United Nations;

2. *Notes* with approval the continued emphasis on the development of effective public health services and programmes for the training of health workers.

*708th plenary meeting,
2 July 1953.*

500 (XVI). Annual Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the continuing need for international action on behalf of refugees,

Considering the valuable work which has been performed by the Office of the High Commissioner both in

⁴³ See documents E/SR.740 and 741.

⁴⁴ See document E/2462.

⁴⁵ See documents E/2416, E/2416/Add.1-5 and Add.5/Corr.1.

providing international protection for refugees and in promoting permanent solutions for their problems,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the report⁴⁵ which the High Commissioner has presented to it for transmission to the eighth regular session of the General Assembly;

2. *Recommends* that the Office of the High Commissioner should be continued for a further period of five years;

3. *Draws* the attention of the General Assembly to the importance of making provision for the arrangements of the Office to be reviewed at least one year before the expiry of the period which it will determine.

*714th plenary meeting,
7 July 1953.*

501 (XVI). Report of the Commission on Human Rights (ninth session)

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report⁴⁶ of the Commission on Human Rights (ninth session).

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

B

DRAFT INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the progress made by the Commission on Human Rights in the drafting of the Covenants on Human Rights,

1. *Requests* the Commission to complete the drafting of the Covenants on Human Rights during its tenth session;

2. *Transmits* to the eighth regular session of the General Assembly the report⁴⁶ of the Commission on Human Rights on its ninth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate the report of the Commission to the Member States, the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations concerned for their observations to be submitted not later than 1 January 1954.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

C

DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR WIDER OBSERVANCE OF, AND RESPECT FOR, HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD; AND ANNUAL REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Decides* to transmit to Member States and to the specialized agencies the draft resolutions contained in

⁴⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 11.*

⁴⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 8.*

documents E/CN.4/L.266/Rev.2, E/CN.4/L.267/Rev.1 and E/CN.4/L.268, together with the amendments submitted thereto (documents E/CN.4/L.304/Rev.1, E/CN.4/L.305/Rev.1, E/CN.4/L.306-308 and E/CN.4/L.309/Rev.1) and the records of the discussions thereon (E/CN.4/SR.391 and E/CN.4/SR.403-406) in the Commission on Human Rights;

2. *Requests* Member States and specialized agencies to submit their comments on the draft resolutions and amendments to the Secretary-General in so far as possible by 1 October 1953.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

502 (XVI). Prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities: Report of the Commission on Human Rights (ninth session)

A

MEMBERSHIP AND FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the decision⁴⁷ of the Council of 1 July 1953 to the effect that the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities should in principle be convened as early as possible in 1954, so that its report could be discussed at the tenth session of the Commission on Human Rights,

Having considered the resolution⁴⁸ of the Commission on Human Rights concerning the membership and the future sessions of the Sub-Commission,

Decides that the Sub-Commission shall meet at least once a year and that each session shall last three weeks.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

B

I

ABOLITION OF DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted General Assembly resolution 323 (IV) and Trusteeship Council resolution 127 (VI), on social advancement in Trust Territories, and General Assembly resolution 644 (VII) on racial discrimination in Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Considering that the prevention of discrimination in independent States is as important as prevention of discrimination in Trust and other Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Recommends to all States that they make every possible effort to abolish any legal provisions and administrative or private practices which discriminate against certain sections of the population.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

⁴⁷ See document E/SR.707.

⁴⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 8, paragraph 224.*

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the recommendations to governments contained in draft resolution B in the report⁴⁹ of the Commission on Human Rights concerning the application of special measures for the protection of minorities,

Considering that, before adopting recommendations to that effect, it is necessary to undertake a more thorough study of the whole question, including definition of the term "minority" for the purpose of such recommendations,

1. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to continue their work on the protection of minorities with this consideration in mind, and to submit revised recommendations to the eighteenth session of the Council;

2. *Draws* the attention of both organs to the discussions⁵⁰ on this subject at the sixteenth session of the Council.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

C

CO-OPERATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that a number of non-governmental organizations, including organizations in consultative status with the Council, are actively engaged in activities designed to eradicate prejudice and discrimination,

Considering, however, that unco-ordinated action in this field is conducive to duplication, and furthermore that certain important aspects of the work may be overlooked,

Considering further that some organizations having as their objective the promotion of social progress generally might well be encouraged to devote particular attention to the vital problem of eradicating prejudice and discrimination,

1. *Appeals* to non-governmental organizations active in the field of eradicating prejudice and discrimination, or having as their objective the promotion of social progress generally, to co-ordinate their endeavours in this work;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with competent specialized agencies, to consult the non-governmental organizations in consultative relationship with the Council or the specialized agency concerned, in order to determine if it would be advisable to convene the interested non-governmental organizations in a conference in order that they may:

(a) Exchange views concerning the most effective means of combating discrimination;

(b) Co-ordinate their endeavours in this work if they find it desirable and feasible;

⁴⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 8, Annex V.*

⁵⁰ See documents E/AC.7/SR.250-256 and E/SR.746.

(c) Consider the possibility of establishing common objectives and programmes;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, after consultation with the non-governmental organizations and the specialized agencies concerned, to report to the Council on the advisability of convening such a conference in accordance with General Assembly resolution 479 (V).

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

D

POSITION OF PERSONS BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK

The Economic and Social Council

Draws the attention of the Social Commission, other inter-governmental organs and interested non-governmental organizations to:

(a) The discrimination which may, in existing social conditions, be practised against persons born out of wedlock;

(b) The desirability of preparing recommendations with a view to eliminating, with due regard to the necessity of preserving the unity of the family, discrimination which may, in existing social conditions, be practised against persons born out of wedlock, and in particular of preparing recommendations with a view to eliminating the disclosure of illegitimacy in extracts from official documents delivered to third parties.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

E

CONVENTION ON PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Draws the attention* of the General Assembly to the resolution⁵¹ of the Commission on Human Rights relating to the Convention on Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;

2. *Requests* the General Assembly:

(a) To reiterate its appeal to States to accelerate their ratifications or adherences to the Convention;

(b) To undertake all necessary measures designed to assure the widest possible diffusion of the nature, contents, and purposes of the Convention, and in particular make known the list of States having voted for, signed, ratified or adhered to the Convention.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

F

PROTECTION OF NEWLY-CREATED MINORITIES

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends that, in the preparation of any international treaties, decisions of international organs, or other acts which establish new States, or new boundary

⁵¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 8, paragraph 235.*

lines between States, special attention should be paid to the protection of any minority which may be created thereby.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

G

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELDS OF PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Recommends* to the organizations participating in the technical assistance and other programmes providing aid or advice at the request of Member States, that they give sympathetic consideration, within their terms of reference, to the requests which governments may submit for such technical assistance in connexion with measures aimed at the eradication of prejudice or discrimination or at the protection of minorities;

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Secretary-General to render, at the request of Member States of the United Nations, expert technical advice and other services in order to assist these States in the eradication of prejudice or discrimination or in the protection of minorities; and that the services to be so authorized should include, but need not be restricted to, technical expert advice regarding the drafting of legislation and the establishment of administrative and judicial machinery.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

H

PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the resolution⁵² of the Commission on Human Rights relating to the programme of work of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

1. *Commends* the Sub-Commission for its intention to study in a systematic manner concrete aspects of the problem of discrimination and, as a matter of equal priority, to study at its sixth session the problem of minority rights;

2. *Notes* the decision of the Sub-Commission immediately to initiate a study of discrimination in the field of education;

3. *Approves*, in order not to cause any delay in this study, the appointment of a Rapporteur on discrimination in the field of education;

4. *Believes*, however, that future studies which fall within the scope of specialized agencies or other bodies should normally be carried out by the specialized agencies or other bodies directly concerned;

5. *Invites* the appropriate specialized agencies, particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and

⁵² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 8, paragraph 259.*

Cultural Organization, and interested non-governmental organizations to co-operate with the Rapporteur on discrimination in the field of education;

6. *Requests* the Sub-Commission at its sixth session:

(a) To undertake further consideration, in the light of the discussions in the Commission on Human Rights⁵³ and in the Council,⁵⁴ of the general work programme developed by the Sub-Commission at its fifth session and amended and approved by the Commission on Human Rights at its ninth session;⁵⁵

(b) To consider, as regards proposed studies of discrimination, which of the studies should be undertaken by specialized agencies or other bodies concerned and which directly by the Sub-Commission in collaboration with the Secretary-General;

(c) To formulate specific proposals, including procedures to be followed, for the carrying out of studies on discrimination, indicating which studies should be undertaken immediately;

(d) To continue its work regarding the protection of minority rights;

(e) To report on the above matters to the tenth session of the Commission on Human Rights.

*746th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.*

503 (XVI). Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights received under Council resolutions 277 (X) and 474 (XV)

The Economic and Social Council

Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the governments concerned the allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights contained in documents E/2434 and E/2464.

*722nd plenary meeting,
11 July 1953.*

504 (XVI). Report of the Commission on the Status of Women (seventh session)

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report⁵⁶ of the Commission on the Status of Women (seventh session).

*736th plenary meeting,
23 July 1953.*

B

NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the recommendation of the Commission on the Status of Women, at its seventh session, that a

⁵³ See documents E/CN.4/SR.402, 403 and 408.

⁵⁴ See documents E/AC.7/SR.250, 251, 253 and 256 and E/SR.746.

⁵⁵ See document E/AC.7/L.175.

⁵⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 2.*

convention on the nationality of married persons be opened for signature by interested States,

Desiring to expedite by every appropriate means, in accordance with the principles of the Charter and of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the extension to women in all countries of equal rights in the field of nationality,

Requests the Secretary-General to circulate to the governments of Member States, for their comments, the following text of a draft convention on nationality of married persons, the substance of which the Council has not considered, together with the records of the discussions⁵⁷ held and the amendments⁵⁸ submitted at the sixteenth session, with the request that such comments be sent to the Secretary-General by 1 January 1954, to be made available to the Commission on the Status of Women for consideration at its eighth session:

CONVENTION ON THE NATIONALITY OF MARRIED PERSONS

The Contracting Parties,

Recognizing that conflicts in law and in practice with reference to nationality arise as a result of distinctions based on sex,

Recognizing that in article 15 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights the General Assembly of the United Nations has proclaimed that "everyone has the right to a nationality" and that "no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality",

Desiring to co-operate with the United Nations in promoting universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to sex,

Hereby agree as hereinafter provided:

Article 1

Each of the Contracting States agrees that it will make no distinction based on sex either in its legislation or in its practice in regard to nationality.

Article 2

Each of the Contracting States agrees that neither the celebration nor the dissolution of a marriage between one of its nationals and an alien shall affect the nationality of the spouse who is its national.

Article 3

1. Each of the Contracting States agrees that it will, whenever possible, give to the alien spouse of one of its nationals the right to acquire its nationality at his/her request.

2. Each of the Contracting States agrees that this Convention shall not be construed as affecting any existing legislation or practice which gives to the alien spouse of one of its nationals the right to acquire the latter's nationality, either at his/her request or through privileged naturalization procedures.

Article 4

Each of the Contracting States agrees that neither the voluntary acquisition of the nationality of another State nor the renunciation of its nationality by one of its nationals will affect the retention of its nationality by the spouse of such national.

⁵⁷ See documents E/AC.7/SR.241-244.

⁵⁸ See documents E/AC.7/L.156 and E/AC.7/L.159/Rev.1.

Article 5

1. This Convention shall be open for signature on behalf of any Member of the United Nations and also on behalf of any other State to which an invitation has been directed by the General Assembly.

2. This Convention shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article 6

1. This Convention shall be open for accession to all States referred to in paragraph 1 of article 5.

2. Accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article 7

1. This Convention shall come into force on the ninetieth day following the date of deposit of the sixth instrument of ratification or accession.

2. For each State ratifying or acceding to the Convention after the deposit of the sixth instrument of ratification or accession, the Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification or accession.

Article 8

1. At the time of signature, ratification, or accession, any State may make reservations to any article of this Convention other than article(s) . . .

2. Any State making a reservation in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article may at any time withdraw the reservation by communication to this effect addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article 9

1. Any State may denounce this Convention by written notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Denunciation shall take effect one year after the date of receipt of the notification by the Secretary-General.

2. This Convention shall cease to be in force as from the date when the denunciation which reduces the number of Parties to less than six becomes effective.

Article 10

Any dispute which may arise between any two or more Contracting States concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention which is not settled by negotiation shall, at the request of any one of the Parties to the dispute, be referred to the International Court of Justice for decision, unless they agree to another mode of settlement.

Article 11

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall notify all Members of the United Nations and the non-member States contemplated in paragraph 1 of article 5 of this Convention of the following:

(a) Signature and instruments of ratification received in accordance with article 5;

(b) Instruments of accession received in accordance with article 6;

(c) The date upon which this Convention enters into force in accordance with article 7;

(d) Communications and notifications received in accordance with article 8;

(e) Notifications of denunciation received in accordance with paragraph 1 of article 9;

(f) Abrogation in accordance with paragraph 2 of article 9.

Article 12

1. This Convention, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts shall be equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the United Nations.

2. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall transmit a certified copy to all Members of the United Nations and to the non-member States contemplated in paragraph 1 of article 5.

736th plenary meeting,
23 July 1953.

C

STATUS OF WOMEN IN PRIVATE LAW

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note of the recommendation contained in paragraph 30 of the report⁸⁸ of the Commission on the Status of Women (seventh session);

2. Draws the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women to article 22 of the Draft Covenant on Civil and Political Rights included in the report⁸⁹ of the Commission on Human Rights (ninth session);

3. Suggests to the Commission on the Status of Women that it reconsider the recommendation in the light of the provisions contained in article 22 of the Draft Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

736th plenary meeting,
23 July 1953.

D

STATUS OF WOMEN IN PRIVATE LAW

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the principle of equality of rights for men and women is solemnly proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing, in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, that "the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State", and that men and women "are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution",

Believing that legal equality of husband and wife and the sharing by spouses of the authority, prerogatives and responsibilities involved in marriage are of benefit not only to the status of women but also to the family as an institution,

Noting that the legal systems of many countries result in a subordinate status of the wife in family matters of fundamental importance, and that under numerous legal systems women are, during marriage, deprived of

⁸⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 2.*

⁸⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 8, Annex I.B.*

important personal and property rights or are subject to the authority and control of their husbands in the exercise of these rights,

Recommends that governments:

(a) Take all possible measures to ensure equality of rights and duties of husband and wife in family matters;

(b) Take all possible measures to ensure to the wife full legal capacity, the right to engage in work outside the home and the right, on equal terms with her husband, to acquire, administer, enjoy and dispose of property.

*736th plenary meeting,
23 July 1953.*

E

POLITICAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Convention on Political Rights of Women approved by General Assembly resolution 640 (VII) of 20 December 1952 is now open for signature and ratification or accession by States Members of the United Nations,

1. *Urges* Member States which have not yet done so to sign and ratify or accede to the Convention on the Political Rights of Women;

Considering that articles IV and V of this Convention provide, *inter alia*, that the Convention shall be open to signature and ratification or accession on behalf of any non-member State to which an invitation has been addressed by the General Assembly,

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly invite signature and ratification or accession by non-member States which are or become members of one or more of the specialized agencies of the United Nations or are or become Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice;

3. *Requests* that States Parties to the Convention report every two years to the Economic and Social Council on the measures taken by them to implement the provisions of the Convention on Political Rights of Women.

*736th plenary meeting,
23 July 1953.*

F

POLITICAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that in some areas of the world, including certain Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories, women do not enjoy full political rights, and that progress in this field can be achieved more readily if the education of women receives greater emphasis,

1. *Invites* the General Assembly and the Trusteeship Council, as appropriate, in collaboration with the governments of all States which administer territories, including Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories, where women do not enjoy full political rights, to take all necessary measures leading to the development of political rights of women in such territories, in particular by means of education;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on the Status of Women on the steps taken to implement this resolution.

*736th plenary meeting,
23 July 1953.*

G

EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the action of countries which have formally ratified the Convention on Equal Remuneration adopted by the International Labour Organisation in 1951,

Noting also the progress being made in other countries towards obtaining increased acceptance, in law and in practice, of the equal remuneration principle as set forth in the Preamble of the United Nations Charter, in article 23, paragraph 2, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and in the International Labour Organisation Convention and Recommendation on this subject,

Noting the work of non-governmental organizations in many countries in creating a favourable public opinion for the application of this principle by calling attention to the value of women's work and the need for establishing improved personnel practices and for securing equal opportunities for training and advancement, by promoting the adoption of legislation and by other appropriate means,

1. *Urges* increased efforts towards widespread implementation of the principle of equal remuneration in all countries, whether or not members of the International Labour Organisation, by means appropriate to their systems of wage fixing;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General in collaboration with the International Labour Office to furnish annually additional information on the progress being made in the various countries toward elimination of discriminatory wage practices against women, as well as similar reports on steps taken or methods used in those countries to put the principle of equal remuneration into force.

*736th plenary meeting,
23 July 1953.*

H

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council

Draws the attention of governments and of specialized agencies to the need for ensuring that pupils of both sexes have the same opportunity to take basic school curricula, including curriculum choices.

*736th plenary meeting,
23 July 1953.*

I

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Recommends* to Member States that laws and regulations regarding the distribution of scholarships provide equal opportunities for girls and women, and that such

scholarships be made available to them for education in any field and in preparation for all careers;

2. *Expresses the hope* that, in countries where native and official languages exist, attention will be given in programmes of education to the importance of providing equal opportunities for women to acquire the language, in addition to their own, which will permit them access to the resources of knowledge in the general culture of the country.

736th plenary meeting,
23 July 1953.

J

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES IN RELATION TO THE STATUS OF WOMEN

I

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the constructive nature and extent of the technical assistance programmes administered by the United Nations and the various specialized agencies,

1. *Recommends* to the organizations participating in the technical assistance and other programmes providing aid or assistance that they give sympathetic consideration to the requests which governments may submit for aid, within the framework of existing programmes, which would be useful in promoting the economic and social advance of women;

2. *Recommends* to governments of Member States:

(a) That, where women are not already participating in the formulation of requests for technical assistance, consideration be given to appointing qualified women to posts in which they may share in framing policy and planning specific technical assistance projects;

(b) That they encourage increased participation of women in conferences, seminars and training courses organized under existing technical assistance programmes.

736th plenary meeting,
23 July 1953.

II

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind that, under Article 66 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Council "may, with the approval of the General Assembly, perform services at the request of Members of the United Nations and at the request of specialized agencies",

Believing that the fields in which the Secretary-General is at present authorized to render assistance for the purpose of improving the status of women may appropriately be broadened,

Decides that, subject to the approval of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General shall be authorized to render, at the request of Member States, services which do not fall within the scope of existing technical assistance programmes, in order to assist these States in promoting and safeguarding the rights of women.

736th plenary meeting,
23 July 1953.

K

QUESTIONNAIRE ON TRUST TERRITORIES AS IT RELATES TO THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the resolution⁶¹ of the Commission on the Status of Women concerning the questionnaire on Trust Territories as it relates to the status of women,

Draws the attention of the Trusteeship Council to that resolution.

736th plenary meeting,
23 July 1953.

505 (XVI). Narcotic drugs

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (EIGHTH SESSION)

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report⁶² of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (eighth session).

739th plenary meeting,
28 July 1953.

B

ABOLITION OF OPIUM SMOKING

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the findings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs with regard to the implementation of Council resolution 159 II B (VII),

Noting the legislative and other progress that has been made in certain areas towards the abolition of opium smoking,

Mindful of General Assembly resolution 593 (VI) and Council resolution 450 (XIV),

Desiring to simplify the task of governments in carrying out their obligations in respect of the international control of narcotic drugs,

Considering that the evil of opium smoking should be suppressed as speedily as possible,

1. *Repeats* its invitation to all countries in which opium smoking is still practised to suppress this evil as speedily as possible;

2. *Requests* governments henceforth to include the information on the abolition of opium smoking solicited by Council resolution 159 II B (VII) in the annual report which each of them transmits to the Secretary-General in accordance with article 21 of the Convention of 1931 for limiting the Manufacture and regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs or article 21 of the International Opium Convention of 1912.

739th plenary meeting,
28 July 1953.

⁶¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 2*, paragraph 48.

⁶² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 4*.

C

THE PROBLEM OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the increasing importance of the therapeutic use of synthetic drugs throughout the world,

Having regard to the considerable number of aspects of the problem,

Taking into account the report⁶³ submitted by the Secretary-General to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the problem of synthetic drugs and the recommendations of the Commission,

1. Invites the World Health Organization to prepare, in consultation with the United Nations Secretariat, information regarding the views expressed in the technical literature on the following problems:

(a) The addictive properties and therapeutic advantages of synthetic narcotics as compared with natural narcotics;

(b) The status of scientific knowledge on the relationship between the chemical structure of a drug and its addictive properties;

(c) The relationship between the strongly analgesic qualities of a drug and its addiction-producing properties; and to transmit this information to the Commission in order to enable it to give further consideration to the question of the studies required in this field and the method of carrying them out;

2. Invites the governments represented on the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and those of other important drug-manufacturing countries to furnish the Secretariat with such information on the following subjects as they may be able to provide:

(a) The question of the extent to which synthetic analgesics in general and synthetic opium alkaloids in particular are replacing, or are likely to replace in the future, natural narcotics made from opium and from poppy straw;

(b) The question whether the manufacture of synthetic drugs is desirable only when it presents economic or therapeutic advantages, or whether such manufacture is desirable even where no such advantages exist;

(c) Their view on the provisional measures referred to in part II, section 2, of document E/CN.7/259/Rev.1 and on the applicability or inapplicability of the control measures referred to in part III;

(d) The question whether, having regard on the one hand to the control problems involved, and on the other hand to the relevant economic and therapeutic considerations, it is desirable:

(i) To prohibit the use of synthetic drugs, or

(ii) To limit their number;

3. Requests the Secretariat to prepare compilations of the information so obtained and to submit them to the Commission for its consideration.

*739th plenary meeting,
28 July 1953.*

⁶³ See document E/CN.7/259/Rev.1.

D

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION IN RESPECT OF CONTROL OF NARCOTIC DRUGS

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Universal Postal Convention of Brussels (1952) and related agreements contain provisions limiting the use of the mails for the shipment of narcotic drugs,

Recognizing the need for close co-operation between the Universal Postal Union and the United Nations on matters pertaining to the international control of narcotic drugs,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to send to the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union a list of the narcotic drugs, including synthetic drugs, which are now controlled by the international narcotics conventions for transmission to the members of the Universal Postal Union for their information and guidance;

2. Further requests the Secretary-General to consult the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union as to the arrangements which should be made both as regards supplementing this list from time to time and as regards the application to all narcotics controlled by the international narcotics conventions of the existing provisions of current international postal agreements which already apply to some narcotics;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to compile and transmit to the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union semi-annual reports on any seizures of narcotics shipped by post that may have been effected;

4. Considers that the question of the use of mails for the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs should be further examined, and therefore requests the Secretary-General to study this matter and report thereon to the next session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Director of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union the summary records⁶⁴ of the Commission's discussion of this subject and any other relevant documentation pertaining thereto.

*739th plenary meeting,
28 July 1953.*

E

LIST OF BASIC DRUGS AND PREPARATIONS FALLING UNDER INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 49 (IV) regarding the need for a revision of the list of basic drugs and preparations falling under international narcotics control and its request to the Secretary-General to prepare such a list,

Noting with satisfaction the progress made in the preparation of the list of basic drugs,⁶⁵

⁶⁴ See document E/CN.7/SR.216.

⁶⁵ See document E/CN.7/247.

Bearing in mind, however, the great scope of the task of preparing this list, and taking into account the numerous more urgent projects of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the views expressed by the General Assembly and the Council on the deferment of less urgent work,

Noting the recommendation⁶⁶ of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs regarding work on the publication of the list of preparations and pharmaceutical specialities containing narcotic drugs,

Requests the Secretary-General to discontinue, for the time being, his work on the publication of the list of preparations and not to make further requests for information to governments in this respect, and to notify the States concerned of this resolution.

*739th plenary meeting,
28 July 1953.*

F

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT CENTRAL OPIUM BOARD FOR 1952

I

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report⁶⁷ of the Permanent Central Board for 1952.

*739th plenary meeting,
28 July 1953.*

II

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling articles 19 and 20 of the Convention of 19 February 1925, as amended by the Protocol of 11 December 1946,

1. *Takes note* of the statement by the Permanent Central Board in section IX of its report relating to budgetary and administrative matters;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue to consult with the Board from time to time regarding the arrangements necessary for its organization and working.

*739th plenary meeting,
28 July 1953.*

III

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered paragraph 2 of section IX of the report of the Permanent Central Board for 1952 regarding the question of the remuneration of members of the Board and the Supervisory Body,

Recognizing both the importance and the increasing amount of the work devolving upon these bodies in pursuance of the functions assigned to them under the conventions relating to narcotic drugs,

⁶⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 4, Annex A, paragraph 2.*

⁶⁷ See document E/OB/8. United Nations Publication — Sales No. : 1952.XI.11.

1. *Supports* the conclusions of the Board that the present position is unsatisfactory, that the time has come when the whole question of the remuneration of the members of these bodies should be further reviewed, and that a positive solution for the problem must be found;

2. *Recommends* to the Assembly that the matter be given favourable consideration with a view to appropriate budgetary provisions being made.

*739th plenary meeting,
28 July 1953.*

G

UNIVERSAL AND EARLY APPLICATION OF THE PROTOCOL FOR LIMITING AND REGULATING THE CULTIVATION OF THE POPPY PLANT, THE PRODUCTION OF, INTER- NATIONAL AND WHOLESALE TRADE IN, AND USE OF OPIUM

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting resolution I of the United Nations Opium Conference (1953),

Considering that effective international control of narcotic drugs calls for the immediate limitation of the production of opium,

Having regard to the importance of the coming into force and universal application of the Protocol, adopted by the above-mentioned Conference, for limiting and regulating the Cultivation of the Poppy Plant, the Production of, International and Wholesale Trade in, and Use of Opium, at the earliest possible moment,

Recommends :

(a) All the Members of the United Nations and all the non-member States, referred to in articles 16 and 18 of the Protocol, to sign and ratify or accede to the Protocol as soon as possible;

(b) All States to implement as far as may be possible the provisions of the Protocol pending its coming into force;

(c) All States which will not be Parties to the Protocol after its coming into force, to comply, as far as practicable, with its provisions pending their adherence to the Protocol.

*739th plenary meeting,
28 July 1953.*

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MODEL CODE AND COMMENTARY FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE PROTOCOL FOR LIMITING AND REGULATING THE CULTIVATION OF THE POPPY PLANT, THE PRODUCTION OF, INTERNATIONAL AND WHOLESALE TRADE IN, AND USE OF OPIUM

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting resolution XIV of the United Nations Opium Conference (1953),

1. *Requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to draw up a model code and commentary for the application of the Protocol, adopted by the Conference, for limiting and regulating the Cultivation of the Poppy Plant, the Production of, International and Wholesale Trade in, and

Use of Opium after the pattern of the model codes⁶⁸ prepared by the League of Nations Advisory Committee on the Traffic in Opium and Other Dangerous Drugs for the application of the International Opium Convention, signed at Geneva on 19 February 1925, and of the Convention for limiting the Manufacture and regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs, signed at Geneva on 13 July 1931;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate the model code and commentary, after their completion by the Commission, to all governments with the request that they should be guided as far as possible by the code and commentary in framing the necessary legislative and administrative measures for the application of the Protocol.

*739th plenary meeting,
28 July 1953.*

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ASSUMPTION BY ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED TO THEM UNDER THE TERMS OF THE PROTOCOL FOR LIMITING AND REGULATING THE CULTIVATION OF THE POPPY PLANT, THE PRODUCTION OF, INTERNATIONAL AND WHOLESALE TRADE IN, AND USE OF OPIUM, AND OF THE FINANCIAL BURDENS RESULTING THEREFROM

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting resolution XVII of the United Nations Opium Conference (1953),

Having regard to the functions and responsibilities exercised by the United Nations in the international control of narcotic drugs,

Considering that the arrangements established in the Protocol adopted by the United Nations Opium Conference (1953) for limiting and regulating the Cultivation of the Poppy Plant, the Production of, International and Wholesale Trade in, and Use of Opium, fall within the framework of the United Nations,

1. *Recommends* to the General Assembly:

(a) To approve the assumption of the functions and responsibilities assigned to organs of the United Nations by the Protocol, adopted by the United Nations Opium Conference (1953), for limiting and regulating the Cultivation of the Poppy Plant, the Production of, International and Wholesale Trade in, and Use of Opium;

(b) To include this Protocol among the multilateral treaties relating to the control of narcotic drugs for the purpose of assessing, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 455 (V), non-member States which are Parties to such treaties for their fair share of the expenses borne by the United Nations in connexion with the international control of narcotic drugs;

2. *Proposes*, in accordance with rule 13 (d) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to include this recommendation in the provisional agenda of the eighth regular session of the General Assembly.

*739th plenary meeting,
28 July 1953.*

⁶⁸ See League of Nations document C.774.M.365.1932.XI.

506 (XVI). Accession by Viet Nam to the Convention on Road Traffic of 19 September 1949

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the letter⁶⁹ from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Viet Nam, dated 18 May 1953, concerning the desire of Viet Nam to become a Party to the Convention on Road Traffic signed at Geneva on 19 September 1949,

Resolves to admit the State of Viet Nam as a Party to that Convention.

*715th plenary meeting,
7 July 1953.*

507 (XVI). Accession by the Vatican City State to the Convention on Road Traffic of 19 September 1949

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the letter⁷⁰ from the Secretariat of State of the Vatican City, dated 16 May 1953, concerning the desire of that State to become a Party to the Convention on Road Traffic signed at Geneva on 19 September 1949,

Resolves to admit the Vatican City State as a Party to that Convention.

*715th plenary meeting,
7 July 1953.*

508 (XVI). Accession by the Federal Republic of Germany to the Convention on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the desire expressed by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany⁷¹ to accede to the Convention on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons, opened for accession at Lake Success on 6 April 1950,

Decides to invite the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to accede to the said Convention.

*750th plenary meeting,
5 August 1953.*

509 (XVI). Question of access to Headquarters of representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Notes* the report⁷² of the Secretary-General and his oral statements of 31 July⁷³ and 1 August 1953⁷⁴

⁶⁹ See document E/2453.

⁷⁰ See document E/2453.

⁷¹ See document E/2495.

⁷² See document E/2492.

⁷³ See document E/2501.

⁷⁴ See document E/SR.745.

on negotiations with the United States of America concerning the interpretation of the Headquarters Agreement on the question of access to Headquarters of representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status;

2. *Trusts* that any remaining questions will be satisfactorily and expeditiously resolved within the provisions of the Headquarters Agreement.

745th plenary meeting,
1 August 1953.

Other decisions taken by the Council at its sixteenth session

Other decisions taken by the Council at its sixteenth session are noted below:

Election of one-third of the membership of the functional commissions of the Council

At its 747th and 749th meetings, on 3 and 4 August 1953, the Council renewed one-third of the membership of the Transport and Communications Commission, the Fiscal Commission, the Statistical Commission, the Population Commission, the Social Commission, the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women. It also elected five members to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

As a result of those decisions, the composition of the functional commissions for 1954 is as follows:

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	1956
China	1955
Colombia	1955
Egypt	1956
France	1955
India	1954
Netherlands	1954
Norway	1955
Pakistan	1955
Paraguay	1954
Poland	1954
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1956
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1954
United States of America	1956
Venezuela	1956

FISCAL COMMISSION

Belgium	1955
Canada	1955
Chile	1955
China	1956
Colombia	1954
Cuba	1955
Czechoslovakia	1954
France	1956
India	1956
Pakistan	1954
Sweden	1954

Turkey	1956
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1955
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1956
United States of America	1954

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

Australia	1954
Canada	1955
China	1954
Cuba	1955
Denmark	1956
France	1956
India	1955
Iran	1955
Netherlands	1954
Panama	1956
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1955
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1954
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1956
United States of America	1954
Yugoslavia	1956

POPULATION COMMISSION

Argentina	1956
Belgium	1956
Brazil	1956
Canada	1956
China	1955
France	1955
Indonesia	1954
Iran	1955
Mexico	1954
Sweden	1955
Syria	1956
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1955
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1954
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1954
United States of America	1954

SOCIAL COMMISSION

Argentina	1955
Australia	1956
Belgium	1956

*Term of office
expires
on 31 December*

Brazil	1955
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	1956
China	1956
Czechoslovakia	1955
France	1954
Greece	1954
India	1954
Iraq	1955
Israel	1956
Norway	1955
Philippines	1954
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1954
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1955
United States of America	1954
Uruguay	1956

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Australia	1956
Belgium	1954
Chile	1956
China	1954
Egypt	1955
France	1955
Greece	1956
India	1955
Lebanon	1954
Pakistan	1956
Philippines	1955
Poland	1954
Turkey	1956
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1955
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1955
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1954
United States of America	1956
Uruguay	1954

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Burma	1954
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	1954
Chile	1954
China	1954
Cuba	1956
Dominican Republic	1956
France	1956
Haiti	1955
Iran	1954
Lebanon	1955
Pakistan	1954
Poland	1956
Sweden	1956
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1955
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1955
United States of America	1955
Venezuela	1955
Yugoslavia	1956

COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

Canada *	Peru *
China *	Poland **
Egypt **	Turkey *
France *	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics *
Greece **	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland *
India *	United States of America *
Iran **	Yugoslavia *
Mexico **	

* Elected at the ninth session of the Council for an indefinite term, in accordance with the provisions of Council resolution 199 (VIII).

** Elected at the sixteenth session for a term of three years. Council resolution 199 (VIII) states that " The term of office of the members of the Commission shall begin on the day of the first meeting of the session following their election and end on the eve of the first meeting of the session following the election of their successors ".

Election of members of the Executive Board of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

At its 749th meeting, on 4 August 1953, the Council elected Ecuador, Switzerland and Italy members of the Executive Board of UNICEF. It also elected Canada to fill the additional vacancy created by the election of Australia to membership of the Social Commission, the members of the Commission being *ex officio* members of the Board.

Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council

At its 750th meeting, on 5 August 1953; the Council confirmed the following representatives of members of the functional commissions nominated by their governments in response to the Secretary-General's communication of 4 March 1953 pursuant to Council resolution 414 (XIII), paragraph 33:

Fiscal Commission

Mr. J. Certeux (France)
Mr. A. S. Lall (India)
Mr. R. O. M. Nicholas (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Statistical Commission

Mr. R. Rivet (France)
Mr. H. Campion (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Mr. Dolfe Vogelnik (Yugoslavia)

Population Commission

Mr. Cecilio J. Morales (Argentina)
Mr. G. Jardim (Brazil)
Mr. J. T. Marshall (Canada)

Social Commission

Mr. G. Lothan (Israel)

Commission on Human Rights

Mr. Abdur Rehman (Pakistan)
Mrs. Oswald B. Lord (United States of America)

Commission on the Status of Women

Miss Minerva Bernardino (Dominican Republic)
Mrs. M. H. Lefauchaux (France)
Mrs. Zofia Wasilkowska (Poland)
Mrs. A. Rössel (Sweden)
Mrs. Mitra Mitrovic (Yugoslavia)

Invitation to the Government of the United Kingdom of Libya to send an observer to attend the discussion on item 21 of the agenda

At its 707th meeting, on 1 July 1953, the Council decided to invite the Government of the United Kingdom of Libya to send an observer to be present at the discussion of item 21: Question of assistance to Libya.

Presentation of the report of the Rapporteur on Freedom of Information

At its 718th meeting, on 9 July 1953, the Council decided, in the light of the decision taken at its 705th meeting postponing consideration until the

seventeenth session of the report of the Rapporteur on Freedom of Information (item 15 (a)), and in agreement with the Rapporteur:

(1) That the Rapporteur should present his report to the Council at its seventeenth session;

(2) That, to meet the eventuality of the United Nations having to pay the Rapporteur's travelling expenses should he not be in New York at the pertinent time, the Secretary-General would include in his report ⁷⁶ on the financial implications of the Council's decisions, presented under item 38, an appropriate heading in accordance with rule 34 of the rules of procedure.

Calendar of conferences for 1953

At its 707th meeting, on 1 July 1953, the Council decided to convene the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, previously tentatively scheduled to meet in September 1953, as early as possible in 1954, the actual date to be determined when the Council considered item 35: Calendar of conferences for 1954.

⁷⁶ See document E/2448/Add.3.

Calendar of conferences for 1954

At its 749th meeting, on 4 August 1953, the Council approved the following Calendar of conferences for 1954, subject to any decision which might be taken at the resumed sixteenth session regarding the Argentine proposal that the Council should hold one of its sessions in Buenos Aires in 1954, upon the invitation of the Argentine Government:

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES FOR 1954

As approved by the Council at its 749th plenary meeting on 4 August 1953

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL PROGRAMME

CONFERENCES OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES ⁷⁶

(to be held at United Nations Headquarters unless otherwise indicated)

(January - February)	(TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL)
4 January - (29 January) ⁷⁷	<i>Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities</i>
1 February - (12 February)	<i>Economic Commission for Latin America</i> (Committee of the Whole) (Santiago de Chile)
8 February - (17 February)	<i>Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East</i> (Colombo, Ceylon)
22 February - (25 February)	Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
22 February - not after 16 April	<i>Commission on Human Rights</i>
8 March - (12 March)	Technical Assistance Committee ⁷⁸

⁷⁶ The major annual conferences of the specialized agencies, the dates of which are established by the appropriate organs of the agencies themselves, are also shown. Where the biennial or quinquennial conferences of the agencies concerned do not fall in 1954, the probable dates of the sessions of their governing bodies have been included. The Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization is to be held in 1955.

⁷⁷ The dates shown in brackets are target terminal dates based on the best estimates that can be made of the requirements. They do not preclude either the earlier termination of the conference concerned, where the work permits, or necessary extensions of the length of the session.

⁷⁸ The Technical Assistance Committee will convene again at the beginning of the eighteenth session of the Council with a view to reporting at that session of the Council.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL PROGRAMME
(continued)

(to be held at United Nations Headquarters unless otherwise indicated)

8 March – (26 March)	<i>Commission on the Status of Women</i>
9 March – (25 March)	<i>Economic Commission for Europe</i> (Geneva, Switzerland)
15 March – (19 March)	Executive Board of United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
30 March – (23/30 April)	ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ⁷⁹ (seventeenth regular session)
5 April – (24 April)	<i>Statistical Commission</i> (Geneva, Switzerland)
19 April – (14 May)	<i>Commission on Narcotic Drugs</i>
May	
May	
May	
June	
June – July	
(June – July)	(TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL)
29 June – (6 August)	ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ⁷⁹ (eighteenth regular session) (Geneva, Switzerland)
July	Technical Assistance Committee
11 August – (7 September)	United Nations Conference on Customs Formalities for the Importation of Private Vehicles and for Tourism (Geneva, Switzerland)
[At a date during the period 30 August to 18 September]	World Conference on Population (Rome, Italy)
13 September – (17 September)	Executive Board of United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
21 September September	GENERAL ASSEMBLY (ninth regular session)
September	
October	
October	
During or shortly after the ninth regular session of the General Assembly	ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (eighteenth session resumed)

CONFERENCES OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES
(continued)

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (Geneva)
UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION (Berne)
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (Geneva)
INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (Geneva)
INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (Montreal)
INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (Washington)
INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (Washington)
UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (Montevideo, Uruguay)
WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (Geneva)

⁷⁹ The Council decided to consider at its resumed sixteenth session an Argentine proposal (see E/SR.749) that one of the 1954 sessions of the Council should be held in Buenos Aires upon the invitation of the Argentine Government.

Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly

At its 750th meeting, on 5 August 1953, the Council decided to delegate power to the President of

the Council, in consultation with the Secretariat, to prepare its report, the text of which would be communicated to the Vice-Presidents as soon as it was available.

APPENDIX

AGENDA FOR THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL

The provisional agenda for the sixteenth session, established in accordance with rules 10 and 11 of the rules of procedure, was as follows:

1. Adoption of the sessional agenda (rule 14 of the rules of procedure).
2. Full employment:
 - (a) Reconversion after the rearmament period (Council decision of 28 April 1953);
 - (b) Consideration of replies from governments to the questionnaire on full employment;
 - (c) Report of the International Monetary Fund under Council resolution 427 (XIV), paragraph 6;
 - (d) Report by the Secretary-General under Council resolution 426 B (XIV).
3. Economic development of under-developed countries:
 - (a) Report on a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development, submitted by a committee appointed by the Secretary-General (Council resolution 416 A (XIV), General Assembly resolution 622 A (VII));
 - (b) Report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on the question of creating an international finance corporation (Council resolution 416 C (XIV), General Assembly resolution 622 B (VII));
 - (c) Question of methods to increase world productivity (Council resolution 416 E (XIV));
 - (d) Report by the Secretary-General under Council resolution 427 (XIV), paragraph 7, and General Assembly resolution 623 (VII).
4. Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe.
5. Annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America.
6. Question of admission to membership in the regional economic commissions of States not members of the United Nations (Council decision of 28 April 1953).
7. Restrictive business practices: reports of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Restrictive Business Practices and of the Secretary-General under Council resolution 375 (XIII).
8. Technical assistance:
 - (a) Regular Programme of Technical Assistance (General Assembly resolutions 200 (III), 246 (III) and 418 (V));
 - (b) Technical assistance in public administration;
 - (c) Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance: report of the Technical Assistance Committee.
9. Report of the Fiscal Commission (fourth session).
10. Programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies (Council resolution 434 (XIV), General Assembly resolution 535 (VI)).
11. Report of the Social Commission (ninth session) (Council resolution 434 (XIV), General Assembly resolution 642 (VII)).
12. Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.
13. Report of the Commission on Human Rights (ninth session).
14. Prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities: report of the Commission on Human Rights (ninth session) (Council resolution 443 (XIV)).
15. Freedom of information (Council resolution 442 (XIV), General Assembly resolutions 631 (VII) and 633 (VII)):
 - (a) Report of the Rapporteur on Freedom of Information;
 - (b) Encouragement and development of independent domestic information enterprises.
16. Forced labour: reports of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Forced Labour (Council resolution 350 (XII)).
17. Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights received under Council resolutions 277 (X) and 474 (XV).
18. Report of the Commission on the Status of Women (seventh session).
19. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 428 (V), Annex, Chapter II).
20. Narcotic Drugs:
 - (a) Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (eighth session);
 - (b) Report of the Permanent Central Opium Board;
 - (c) Report by the Secretary-General on the United Nations Opium Conference (Council resolution 436 A (XIV));
 - (d) Problem of the coca leaf (Council resolution 436 E (XIV)).
21. Question of assistance to Libya (General Assembly resolution 515 (VI)).
22. Report of the International Labour Organisation.
23. Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.
24. Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
25. Report of the World Health Organization.
26. Report of the International Civil Aviation Organization.
27. Report of the Universal Postal Union.
28. Report of the International Telecommunication Union.
29. Report of the World Meteorological Organization.
30. Co-ordination of the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies:
 - (a) Reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;
 - (b) Review of 1954 programmes and of the list of United Nations priority programmes in the economic and social fields (Council resolution 451 A (XIV)).

31. Relief and rehabilitation of Korea (General Assembly resolution 410 (V), Section A, paragraphs 5 (d) and 13).
32. Non-governmental organizations:
 - (a) Hearings by the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations under rules 84 and 85 of the rules of procedure of the Council and applications for hearings by the Council under rule 86;
 - (b) Other matters reported on by the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.
33. Question of access to Headquarters of representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status: report by the Secretary-General on the result of his negotiations with the United States Government (Council decision of 28 April 1953).
34. Calendar of conferences for 1953 (Council decision of 19 December 1952).
35. Calendar of conferences for 1954 (Council resolution 174 (VII), General Assembly resolution 694 (VII)).
36. Elections:
 - (a) Election of one-third of the membership of the functional commissions of the Council;
 - (b) Election of members of the Executive Board of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (General Assembly resolution 417 (V)).
37. Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council.
38. Financial implications of actions of the Council (rule 34 of the rules of procedure).
39. Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly (General Assembly resolution 628 (VII)).
40. Work of the Council in 1954:⁸⁰
 - (a) Basic programme for 1954 (rule 9 of the rules of procedure);
 - (b) Provisional agenda for the first regular session of 1954 (rule 11 of the rules of procedure).
41. Disposal of items arising out of the eighth regular session of the General Assembly.⁸⁰

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⁸⁰ To be considered at the resumed sixteenth session to take place during or shortly after the eighth regular session of the General Assembly.

The following supplementary item was included in the provisional agenda in accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure:

42. Accession of Viet Nam and the Vatican City State to the Convention on Road Traffic of 19 September 1949 (item proposed by the Secretary-General).

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The Council considered the above agenda at its 705th and 706th meetings, on 30 June 1953, and decided to postpone consideration of the following items until its seventeenth session:

- 3 (d). Economic development of under-developed countries: report by the Secretary-General under Council resolution 427 (XIV), paragraph 7, and General Assembly resolution 623 (VII).
6. Question of admission to membership in the regional economic commissions of States not members of the United Nations.
15. Freedom of Information:
 - (a) Report of the Rapporteur on Freedom of Information;
 - (b) Encouragement and development of independent domestic information enterprises.
16. Forced Labour: reports of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Forced Labour.
24. Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
28. Report of the International Telecommunication Union.

At its 706th meeting, on 30 June 1953, the Council adopted the agenda as amended by the deletion of items 3 (d), 6, 15 (a) and (b), 16, 24 and 28.

At its 739th meeting, on 28 July 1953, the Council accepted the recommendation of the Social Committee (E/2490, paragraph 2) to postpone consideration until the seventeenth session of item 20 (d): Narcotic drugs: Problem of the coca leaf.

At its 750th meeting, on 5 August 1953, the Council decided to postpone consideration until a subsequent session of item 31: Relief and rehabilitation of Korea.

At the same meeting, the Council decided to place on its agenda the following item:

43. Accession of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Convention on Declaration of Death of Missing Persons.