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RESOLUTIONS

adopted by the ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

during the first part of its nineteenth session from 29 March to 7 April 1955

560 (XIX). Economic development of under-developed countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Having made a preliminary examination of the report on *Processes and Problems of Industrialization in Under-Developed Countries*¹ and of the working papers (E/2604 and Corr.1 and 2, E/2689 and E/2690) dealing generally with problems of industrialization and of raising productivity in under-developed countries, submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 521 (VI) and 522 (VI) and Council resolutions 416 F (XIV), 461 (XV) and 532 C (XVIII).

Believing that industrialization integrated with other forms of development is essential for rapid economic and social advancement in under-developed countries,

Noting that the efforts made in these countries to promote their industrialization in the last few years bring out the need for further energetic international co-operation to accelerate this progress,

Recognizing the need for studies of particular aspects of the problem of how to promote integrated economic and social development in under-developed countries,

Recognizing further the importance of studies of methods to raise industrial productivity in under-developed areas,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for the useful studies he has placed before the Council;

2. *Recommends* that the "Bibliography on the Processes and Problems of Industrialization in Under-Developed Countries"² be kept up to date by the issuance of periodic supplements, and that the Bibliography be amplified to include information regarding pertinent research projects being carried out by Governments, universities and scientific institutions;

3. *Recommends* that, pending the approval by the Council of the survey and programme of work referred to in this resolution, the Secretary-General, in continuing the studies on economic development, take into account the discussions on this item in the Council;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the Council at its twenty-first session a survey of the work currently being undertaken under the aegis of the United Nations, including the specialized agencies, in matters relating to industrial de-

velopment and the improvement of industrial productivity;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of this survey, the study on *Processes and Problems of Industrialization in Under-Developed Countries* and the related discussion at the present session of the Council, to prepare and submit to the Council at its twenty-first session a programme of work planned with particular reference to the question of accelerating industrialization and raising productivity in under-developed countries and of utilizing available forms of international assistance as fully and efficiently as possible for this end, taking into account at the same time the important implications of international trade on that question;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to indicate which parts of this programme might appropriately be undertaken by the regional economic commissions, taking full advantage of their resources and aptitudes;

7. *Invites* the Secretary-General to transmit this resolution to Member States and to draw their attention to the studies on the problems relating to industrialization mentioned in the first paragraph of the preamble of this resolution.

847th plenary meeting,
7 April 1955.

561 (XIX). Report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.³

847th plenary meeting,
7 April 1955.

562 (XIX). Report of the International Monetary Fund

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the International Monetary Fund.⁴

845th plenary meeting,
6 April 1955.

³ International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, *Ninth Annual Report to the Board of Governors 1953-1954*, Washington, D.C. (E/2668), and *Supplement to the Ninth Annual Report* (E/2668/Add.1).

⁴ International Monetary Fund, *Annual Report of the Executive Directors for the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 1954*, Washington, D.C. (E/2661), and *Summary of Activities May 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954* (E/2661/Add.1).

¹ E/2670. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1955.II.B.1.

² E/2538.

563 (XIX). Development of international travel, its present increasing volume and future prospects

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the proposal made by the United States of America concerning the development of international travel, its present increasing volume and future prospects,⁵

Recognizing the importance of international travel in promoting international understanding and cultural relationships, in fostering international trade, in furthering economic development and in contributing towards the improvement of balances of payment,

Taking into account the useful work already performed in this field by national, international and regional organizations, including the United Nations and its regional economic commissions,

1. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies:

(a) To examine the beneficial effect which increased tourism could have on their internal economy, and the part it plays in international trade;

(b) To survey their tourist facilities to determine existing deficiencies, and to encourage the development of transportation, hotel and other needed facilities, amenities and attractions;

(c) To give adequate support to the official organizations engaged in the development of tourism, and to encourage their co-operation with private agencies in this field;

(d) To simplify wherever practicable the entry and exit procedures and formalities applicable to tourists, and to co-operate in the development of international travel arrangements designed to facilitate tourism;

(e) To encourage the exchange of technical advice between countries possessing well-developed tourist programmes and facilities and those with less experience;

2. *Requests* the organs of the United Nations and the appropriate specialized agencies to give favourable consideration to constructive projects which are within their competence and are designed to increase tourist facilities and to promote travel;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study the statistics available relating to tourist travel and to report to the Statistical Commission as early as possible with a view to the establishment of uniform definitions, standards and methods;

4. *Further invites* the non-governmental organizations concerned with tourism to continue and increase their efforts to promote international travel;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its twenty-third session a report on the measures taken in response to this resolution.

*838th plenary meeting,
31 March 1955.*

⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 6, document E/2688.

564 (XIX). Slavery

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Rapporteur⁶ prepared in accordance with its resolution 525 A (XVII),

Noting the report of the Secretary-General⁷ containing the comments of Governments on the draft supplementary convention on slavery included in document E/2540/Add.4,⁸

Noting the comments of the International Labour Organisation on the draft contained in document E/2540/Add.4,

Noting further that many Governments have not yet commented on that draft,

Considering that, in the light of the situation as revealed by the report of the Rapporteur and earlier reports on the subject, it is desirable to prepare a text of a draft supplementary convention which will deal with those practices resembling slavery not covered in the International Slavery Convention of 1926,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Rapporteur and expresses its appreciation of his work;

2. *Decides*:

(a) To appoint a committee consisting of representatives of the Governments of Australia, Ecuador, Egypt, France, India, the Netherlands, Turkey, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia for the purpose of preparing a text of a draft supplementary convention for submission to the Council at its twenty-first session;

(b) To transmit to the committee the draft supplementary convention contained in document E/2540/Add.4, together with all the comments that have been received or may be received on it from Governments, the International Labour Organisation or non-governmental organizations;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to convene the committee at a time and a place to be decided by him in consultation with the Governments represented on the committee;

3. *Invites* all Governments which have not yet commented on the draft contained in document E/2540/Add.4 to do so before the committee convenes;

4. *Decides* to consider at its twenty-first session the draft prepared by the committee.

*847th plenary meeting,
7 April 1955.*

565 (XIX). International Assistance to refugees within the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking account of General Assembly resolution 832 (IX),

⁶ E/2673 and Add.1 to 4.

⁷ E/2679 and Add.1 to 4.

⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Seventeenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 15.

Having considered proposals submitted to it by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,⁹ on the advice of his Advisory Committee,

1. Decides to amend Council resolution 393 B (XIII) in order to reconstitute the United Nations High Commissioner's Advisory Committee on Refugees as an Executive Committee, to be known as the United Nations Refugee Fund (UNREF) Executive Committee, with the following terms of reference:

A. *Executive functions*

The Executive Committee, during the period of the Fund's existence, in accordance with such principles as may be laid down by the General Assembly, shall, with respect to the programme for permanent solutions and emergency assistance:

(a) Give directives to the High Commissioner in carrying out this programme;

(b) Determine the general policies under which the operations of the Fund shall be planned, developed and administered;

(c) Determine an annual financial target for the Fund and an annual operational plan covering:

(i) The respective amounts to be allocated for permanent solutions and emergency aid;

(ii) The amount to be allocated for each country;

(d) Consider and act upon the High Commissioner's detailed proposals, including plans for adequate financial or other contributions from within the countries of residence;

(e) Exercise the necessary controls in the use of the funds made available to the High Commissioner for the purposes of the Fund;

(f) Adopt administrative regulations for the Fund, including provisions to ensure that the Committee shall have before it the financial implications for each project in its entirety before considering and acting upon it;

(g) Consider the annual financial report of the High Commissioner, and review the expenditure incurred under the Fund, including administrative expenditures charged to the Fund;

(h) Ensure that all necessary steps are taken to promote close co-operation of the administration of the Fund with governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations that are directly concerned with the problems of refugees;

(i) Ensure that all necessary steps are taken to provide appropriate continuing supervision of all approved projects;

B. *Advisory functions*

The Executive Committee shall advise the High Commissioner for Refugees, at his request, in the exercise of his functions under his Statute;

2. *Decides* that the Executive Committee shall:

(a) Consist of twenty States Members and non-members of the United Nations, selected on the basis of their demonstrated interest in and devotion to the solution of the refugee problem, including the present members of the Advisory Committee, the membership being subject to review at the twenty-third session of the Council;

(b) Elect its own officers and meet regularly twice a year and at such other times as it may be convened by the Chairman upon the request of any six of its members, or at the request of the High Commissioner in the exercise of his functions under his Statute;

3. *Authorizes* the Executive Committee to establish its own rules of procedure and such standing sub-committee or sub-committees as may be required for the execution of its functions;

4. *Requests* the High Commissioner to submit through the Secretary-General to the General Assembly an annual audit report of the accounts of the Fund;

5. *Requests* the High Commissioner to submit to the Executive Committee, six weeks prior to its regular meetings, a progress report, including a country-by-country project analysis;

6. *Requests* the High Commissioner to attach to his annual report to the General Assembly the report of the Executive Committee.

*837th plenary meeting,
31 March 1955.*

566 (XIX). Representation of the Commission on the Status of Women at sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and of the Social Commission

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Requests* the Social Commission to invite the Commission on the Status of Women to send a representative to participate without vote in its deliberations, when questions of direct concern to the Commission on the Status of Women are on the agenda;

2. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to invite the Commission on the Status of Women to send a representative to participate without vote in its deliberations, when questions of direct concern to the Commission on the Status of Women are on the agenda.

*845th plenary meeting,
6 April 1955.*

Other decisions taken by the Council at the first part of its nineteenth session

Election of officers of the Council for 1955

At its 835th meeting, on 29 March 1955, the Council elected Sir Douglas Copland (Australia) President

of the Council for 1955, and Dr. Santiago Pérez Pérez (Venezuela) and Dr. Joza Brilej (Yugoslavia) First Vice-President and Second Vice-President respectively.

⁹ *Ibid.*, *Nineteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 9, document E/2678.

Election of members of the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee

At its 843rd meeting, on 5 April 1955, the Council elected five members of the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee: Colombia, Greece, Iran, Netherlands, Norway.

As a result of this election, the composition¹⁰ of the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee is as follows: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Colombia, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, France, Greece, the Holy See, Iran, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Venezuela.

Provisional agenda for the twentieth session of the Council

At its 847th meeting, on 7 April 1955, the Council decided that the provisional agenda for its twentieth session should include the items listed in documents E/2680 and Add.1, with the exception of item 7: "Establishment of a world food reserve", which would be deferred until the twenty-first session.

Opening date of the twentieth session of the Council

At its 847th meeting, on 7 April 1955, the Council decided that its twentieth session should be convened at Geneva on 5 July 1955.

Appendix

AGENDA FOR THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL

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

I. *Items to be considered during the first part of the session to be convened at Headquarters on 29 March 1955*

1. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents for 1955.
2. Adoption of the sessional agenda.
3. Report of the International Monetary Fund.
4. Report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
5. Economic development of under-developed countries.
6. Development of international travel, its present increasing volume and future prospects.
7. Forced labour.
8. Slavery.
9. International assistance to refugees within the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
10. Non-governmental organizations: hearings and applications for hearings.

II. *Items to be considered at the resumed nineteenth session to be convened at Headquarters on 16 May 1955*

11. Report of the Transport and Communications Commission.
12. Restrictive business practices.
13. Wood-pulp and paper.
14. Enforcement of international arbitral awards.
15. Freedom of information.

¹⁰ See resolution 565 (XIX).

16. Allegations regarding infringements of trade-union rights.
17. Population questions.
18. Recognition and enforcement abroad of maintenance obligations.
19. United Nations Children's Fund.
20. Relief and rehabilitation of Korea.
21. World calendar reform.
22. Non-governmental organizations.
23. Revision of the rules of procedure of the Council.
24. Elections.
25. Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council.
26. Consideration of the provisional agenda for the twentieth session and establishment of dates for opening debate on items.

The Council adopted the above agenda at its 835th meeting, on 29 March 1955, after deciding:

(1) To postpone consideration of item 7: "Forced labour", until the twenty-first session;

(2) To consider at the first part of its nineteenth session item 26: "Consideration of the provisional agenda for the twentieth session and establishment of dates for opening debate on items", and to take up under this item the question of the opening date of the twentieth session.

At its 841st meeting, on 4 April 1955, the Council decided to place on the agenda of the first part of its nineteenth session the following item:

Supplementary item 1: "Representation of the Commission on the Status of Women at sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and of the Social Commission".