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# RESOLUTIONS

adopted by the ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

during its resumed nineteenth session from 16 to 27 May 1955

## 567 (XIX). Report of the Transport and Communications Commission (seventh session)

### A

#### REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

*The Economic and Social Council*

Takes note of the report of the Transport and Communications Commission (seventh session).<sup>1</sup>

854th plenary meeting,  
20 May 1955.

### B

#### UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 518 A (XVII) on a uniform system of road signs and signals,

Bearing in mind the recommendations of the Transport and Communications Commission as to further action which might be desirable concerning this problem,

1. Recommends to Governments that they consider the provisions of the draft Protocol on a Uniform System of Road Signs and Signals as recommended practices when revising their systems of road signs and signals either unilaterally or bilaterally, or in regional agreements, in order to further the progressive achievement of uniformity in this field;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to report to the Transport and Communications Commission at its ninth session on the progress in the implementation by Governments of this recommendation.

854th plenary meeting,  
20 May 1955.

### C

#### LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having examined the considerations and recommendations of the Transport and Communications Commission concerning the licensing of motor vehicle drivers,

Noting in particular that the minimum uniform regulations for the licensing of motor vehicle drivers, recom-

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/2696).

mended by the Committee of Experts, have in general been favourably received by those Governments which have already communicated their views to the Secretary-General, and that these recommendations in fact cover the substance of the provisions of the draft amended annex 8 to the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic,

Further noting that the Commission decided not to pursue, for the time being, the attempt to amend annex 8,

Invites the Secretary-General, in the light of the relevant suggestions contained in his report to the Commission :<sup>2</sup>

(a) To continue the inquiry with Governments of States Members of the United Nations or of any of the specialized agencies regarding the minimum uniform regulations and to request those which have not already done so to submit their observations and to indicate what steps they have taken or contemplate taking with a view to implementing the recommendations of the Committee of Experts;

(b) To approach competent non-governmental organizations with respect to the possible action which they might suitably take in this matter;

(c) To request the World Health Organization to give such further assistance as may be needed in connexion with the preparation of recommendations on the mental and physical fitness of drivers;

(d) To circulate the Handbook for Medical Practitioners, once it has been completed by the World Health Organization, to the Governments mentioned under (a) above, as a supplement to the report and recommendations of the Committee of Experts, with the request that Governments consider the contents of the Handbook in connexion with their domestic regulations and practices in the field;

(e) To present a report to the Transport and Communications Commission on the progress of the above not later than at its ninth session.

854th plenary meeting,  
20 May 1955.

### D

#### PASSPORTS AND FRONTIER FORMALITIES

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Noting the opinion of the Transport and Communications Commission that in view of the time that has

<sup>2</sup> E/CN.2/154 and Add.1.

elapsed since the last inquiry was sent to Governments concerning the implementation of the Recommendations of the Meeting of Experts on Passports and Frontier Formalities held in Geneva in 1947, it would now be desirable for the Secretary-General to address a new inquiry to Governments in order to secure official information on the progress achieved with respect to those Recommendations,

*Further noting* that the suggestion that the standard visa format established by the International Civil Aviation Organization be used for international travel by all means of transport has received a considerable measure of support from Governments,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General to address a new inquiry to Governments, requesting information on the progress made with respect to the implementation of the Recommendations of the 1947 Meeting of Experts and to report to the Commission at its eighth session;

2. *Recommends* to Governments that, as a recommended practice, they consider the possibility of making use of the International Civil Aviation Organization standard visa format for international travel by all means of transport.

*854th plenary meeting,  
20 May 1955.*

#### E

##### TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having noted* the opinion of the Transport and Communications Commission that the problem of transport of dangerous goods requires an urgent solution, in view in particular of the increasing regional activities in this field which should not be retarded and should be adapted to world-wide developments,

*Invites* the Secretary-General :

(a) To circulate the report of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods<sup>3</sup> to Governments of States Members of the United Nations and of any of the specialized agencies and to the interested international organizations, requesting their views and comments, in particular as to whether they agree with the report and if not, to what part of it they have objections and for what reasons;

(b) To reconvene the Committee of Experts as soon as he has received a sufficient number of replies from Governments and international organizations in order to :

(i) Examine those replies and establish final recommendations;

(ii) Recommend a procedure for keeping the list of principal dangerous goods up to date;

(iii) Consider further the problem of packaging when the preparatory work recommended by the experts in their report has been terminated;

(c) To circulate to Governments and interested international organizations the final recommendations of the experts as soon as they are completed;

<sup>3</sup> E/CN.2/143 and Corr.1.

(d) To report to the Transport and Communications Commission at its eighth session on the progress in this matter.

*854th plenary meeting,  
20 May 1955.*

#### F

##### WORK PROGRAMME AND PRIORITIES FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS PROJECTS

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* its resolutions 497 C (XVI) and 557 A (XVIII),

*Having considered* the work programme and priorities for transport and communications projects recommended by the Transport and Communications Commission in resolution 5 adopted at its seventh session,<sup>4</sup>

*Having noted* the subsequent developments set forth in the Secretary-General's note,<sup>5</sup> regarding the *Transport and Communications Review*,

1. *Decides* to delete from the work programme the project : Preparation and editing of the *Transport and Communications Review*;

2. *Approves* the work programme recommended by the Commission, as amended;

3. *Invites* the Transport and Communications Commission, in carrying out its work programme, to take into consideration the importance of transport and communications in integrated economic development and in international trade.

*854th plenary meeting,  
20 May 1955.*

##### 568 (XIX). Restrictive business practices

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the reports prepared by the Secretary-General<sup>6</sup> and the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Restrictive Business Practices,<sup>7</sup> and the comments transmitted by Governments, specialized agencies, inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations pursuant to Council resolutions 375 (XIII) and 487 (XVI),<sup>8</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* that these reports indicate that a number of Governments have undertaken new measures, or strengthened existing measures, to prevent or control restrictive business practices or their harmful effects; and that there is a growing awareness of the fact that, even though the precise form or effect of restrictive business practices differs throughout the world, these practices may have harmful effects upon economic development, employment and international trade,

*Recognizing* that national action and international co-operation are needed in order to deal effectively with restrictive business practices affecting international

<sup>4</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 4*, para. 117.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 11, document E/2744.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplements Nos. 3 (E/2671) and 3A (E/2675).

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/2380).

<sup>8</sup> E/2612 and Add.1 to 3.



trade, but taking into account the fact that international action in this field would not be effective without sufficient support from States Members of the United Nations,

1. *Reaffirms* its continuing concern with the existence in international trade of restrictive business practices which have harmful effects on the attainment of higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development;

2. *Urges* Governments to continue the examination of restrictive business practices with a view to the adoption of laws, measures and policies which will counteract such effects;

3. *Recommends* Member States to continue to communicate to the Secretary-General information concerning laws, measures and policies adopted by them in respect of such restrictive business practices;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General :

(a) To circulate to Member States any further information received from Governments;

(b) To circulate to Member States the views of appropriate inter-governmental bodies and agencies in respect of this question;

(c) To assist in making such arrangements—at the request of interested Governments—as may be appropriate to enable them to avail themselves of any opportunities to share the experience gained in countries having an established body of law and practices in this field;

(d) To suggest further consideration of the matter at a later session of the Council; and, for this purpose, to continue to summarize information concerning restrictive practices in international trade and to prepare a bibliography on the nature of restrictive business practices and their effect on economic development, employment and international trade.

*860th plenary meeting,  
26 May 1955.*

#### **569 (XIX). World pulp and paper resources and prospects**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* with appreciation the analysis of the world pulp and paper problem presented in the report on *World Pulp and Paper Resources and Prospects* prepared by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in co-operation with the secretariats of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Latin America,

*Noting* with satisfaction the report on the Latin American Meeting of Experts in the Pulp and Paper Industry held in Buenos Aires in 1954 under the joint auspices of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Technical Assistance Administration,<sup>9</sup>

*Believing* that, while the world pulp and paper situation no longer calls for immediate action of an emergency nature, effort is required to expand capacity in the less developed areas whenever such expansion is economically

<sup>9</sup> E/CN.12/361-FAO/ETAP No. 462-ST/TAA/SER.C/19 (see E/2697).

sound, in order to ensure that consumption standards in those areas rise to levels commensurate with the material, educational, scientific and cultural progress desired by Governments,

*Recalling* the recommendations adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at the seventh session of its Conference in November 1953,<sup>10</sup> concerning the development of pulp and paper resources by Governments and private investors, and the factors to be examined prior to committing new resources to this purpose,

1. *Transmits* the reports to States Members of the United Nations and to the specialized agencies for their study and guidance in connexion with requests for technical and financial assistance and programmes for the development of pulp and paper resources;

2. *Recommends* that sympathetic consideration be given to requests for technical assistance under the Expanded Programme from interested Governments in the field of development of pulp and paper resources and the planning and development of pulp and paper industries with due regard to national and regional resources, facilities and markets;

3. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Organization, within its existing programmes of work, to continue its efforts to promote an orderly long-term development of pulp and paper production throughout the world, acting as heretofore in close collaboration with other specialized agencies and organs of the United Nations, including the regional commissions and, in particular, to :

(a) Encourage the provision of personnel training facilities and promote the exchange of information concerning forestry, research in forest products and agricultural by-products, and pulp and paper technology;

(b) Pay special attention to problems of plantation culture and the utilization of non-traditional materials and to measures capable of leading to an expansion of newsprint production in the less developed areas on an economic basis;

(c) Continue to provide to Member States on request, advice and assistance in all these fields, not only within the scope of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, but also as part of its regular programme;

4. *Expresses* the hope that, whenever appropriate, private capital will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to participate in any necessary development of pulp and paper resources.

*860th plenary meeting,  
26 May 1955.*

#### **570 (XIX). Enforcement of international arbitral awards**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on the Enforcement of International Arbitral Awards<sup>11</sup> and

<sup>10</sup> FAO, *Report of the 7th Session of the Conference, 23 November-11 December 1953* (Rome, March 1954).

<sup>11</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 14, document E/2704 and Corr.1.*

the draft Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards annexed thereto,

*Considering* that it is desirable to give Governments an opportunity to make a full study of the draft Convention prepared by the Committee,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the draft Convention and the report of the Committee to the Governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations for their consideration and comments with respect to the text of the Convention and the desirability of convening a conference to conclude a convention, and also to ascertain whether they are prepared to participate in such a conference;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the draft Convention and the report of the Committee to the International Chamber of Commerce and to such other non-governmental organizations in consultative status as may be interested in international commercial arbitration, for their comments; and to the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law, for its information;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report containing the comments of the Governments and non-governmental organizations referred to above, together with such observations as he may have, for submission to the Council at its twenty-first session.

*853rd plenary meeting,  
20 May 1955.*

## 571 (XIX). Population questions

### A

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the report of the Population Commission (eighth session).<sup>12</sup>

*863rd plenary meeting,  
27 May 1955.*

### B

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Population Commission on the proposal of the Secretary-General to arrange for a part of the programme of population studies to be carried out by universities and other outside scientific institutions in co-operation with the Secretariat,<sup>13</sup>

1. *Emphasizes* the need to maintain an adequate programme of studies on population trends and their relation to economic and social factors, especially in the development of the less developed countries;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General :

(a) To make an effort to obtain the co-operation of qualified scientific institutions in those parts of the programme of population studies in which such co-operation would be most useful, on the largest scale that is feasible in view of the available financial and other

<sup>12</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/2707).*

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 12 to 15.

resources, with adequate safeguards to ensure the maintenance of a high standard of quality and objectivity in the work done by outside scientific institutions on behalf of the United Nations;

(b) To give consideration, in selecting the scientific institutions to be invited to co-operate in portions of the programme, to the importance of an adequate distribution, particularly from a geographical point of view, and to the need for expanding the capacity of existing scientific institutions in certain countries, notably in the less developed regions, for research on the problems of population;

(c) To explore the possibility of establishing standing co-operative relations with qualified scientific institutions in each of the major under-developed regions of the world, which could serve as centres for studies on population problems of importance in the region and for the training of personnel in this field of study on a regional basis;

(d) To explore the possibilities of co-operation in the programme of regional centres of demographic study and training, on the part of scientific institutions in other regions which have highly developed facilities for work in this field, and on the part of non-governmental organizations and private foundations;

3. *Recommends* that Governments, especially of the less developed countries which have expressed the desire to conduct population studies in their countries in accordance with the Population Commission's programme, should (a) consider the possibilities of facilitating co-operation between the Secretariat and qualified scientific institutions in the countries concerned in carrying out portions of the programme of population studies, and (b) give attention in this connexion to possible technical assistance projects for training needed personnel and for aid in the planning and direction of study projects.

*863rd plenary meeting,  
27 May 1955.*

### C

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having in mind* the importance of the questions discussed at the World Population Conference for governmental policies and action programmes, particularly for the economic and social development of the under-developed countries and for the programmes of regional economic commissions,

*Recalling* the interest aroused by the work of the Secretariat on the interrelationships of demographic, economic and social factors published under the title *The Determinants and Consequences of Population Trends*,<sup>14</sup>

1. *Invites* interested Governments, specialized agencies, regional economic commissions and non-governmental organizations to examine the proceedings of the Conference and the work of the Secretariat in the field of population and to give due consideration to demographic factors in programmes of action in the economic and social fields;

<sup>14</sup> ST/SOA/SER.A/17. United Nations publication, Sales No. 1953.XIII.3.

2. *Suggests* to Governments that one way to facilitate this examination would be to create national committees composed of the representatives of interested governmental agencies and institutions, as well as individual experts in the different scientific disciplines concerned, for the purpose of giving advice on the relevance of population studies to policies and action programmes and on further investigations that may be desirable;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Population Commission at its next session on the actions taken pursuant to this resolution.

*863rd plenary meeting,  
27 May 1955.*

### **572 (XIX). Recognition and enforcement abroad of maintenance obligations**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 527 (XVII) requesting the Secretary-General to ascertain from States Members of the United Nations and those States non-members of the United Nations which are members of any of the specialized agencies whether they consider it desirable to convene a conference of plenipotentiaries to complete the drafting of the Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Claims for Maintenance, and whether they are prepared to attend such a conference,

*Noting* from the report of the Secretary-General on the result of the consultations undertaken in pursuance of resolution 527 (XVII)<sup>15</sup> that a substantial number of Governments have given an affirmative answer as to the desirability of calling such a conference and have expressed their willingness to participate in the conference,

*Having consulted* the Secretary-General as prescribed in General Assembly resolution 366 (IV) approving the rules for the calling of international conferences of States,

#### **1. Decides:**

(a) To call a conference of plenipotentiaries to complete the drafting of and to sign the Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Claims for Maintenance;

(b) To invite to this conference the States Members of the United Nations and those States non-members of the United Nations which are members of any of the specialized agencies, and to invite the interested specialized agencies in relationship with the United Nations and non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Council, as well as The Hague Conference on Private International Law and the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law, to participate in the Conference;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make all necessary arrangements for the calling of the conference of plenipotentiaries at Headquarters in accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 366 (IV) and of the present resolution.

*849th plenary meeting,  
17 May 1955.*

<sup>15</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 18, document E/2711 and Add.1 and 2.

### **573 (XIX). United Nations Children's Fund**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note with satisfaction* of the reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.<sup>16</sup>

*862nd plenary meeting,  
27 May 1955.*

### **574 (XIX). Freedom of information**

**A**

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PROMOTION OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* with appreciation the report prepared by the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, on a programme to promote among news personnel wider knowledge of the United Nations, foreign countries and international affairs, pursuant to Council resolution 522 A (XVII),<sup>17</sup>

*Recalling* the report prepared by the Secretary-General, in conjunction with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the encouragement and development of independent domestic information enterprises, pursuant to Council resolution 442 E (XIV) and General Assembly resolution 633 (VII),<sup>18</sup>

*Noting* resolution 839 (IX) adopted by the General Assembly at its ninth session authorizing the Secretary-General to render, at the request of Member States, services which do not fall within the scope and objectives of existing technical assistance programmes, in order to assist these States in promoting freedom of information,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in implementation of Council resolution 522 J (XVII) and General Assembly resolution 839 (IX) :

(a) To take steps, in close collaboration with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to put into operation a programme to promote freedom of information by providing such services as experts, fellowships, and seminars (including proposals such as those set forth in the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>17</sup> bearing in mind the comments made on it at the nineteenth session of the Council);

(b) To include in the analysis of his budget estimates of the economic and social activities of the United Nations for 1956, to be submitted pursuant to rule 34, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure of the Council, an analysis of the estimated costs of this programme;

2. *Urges* the General Assembly to include in the regular budget of the United Nations for 1956 sufficient

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, *Supplements Nos. 2* (E/2662), *2A* (E/2676) and *2B* (E/2717).

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*, *Annexes*, agenda item 15, document E/2705 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, *Seventeenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document E/2543.

funds to provide for the implementation of this programme;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to report on developments under this resolution to the Council at its twenty-first session;

4. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue its activities for the furtherance of freedom of information.

*861st plenary meeting,  
26 May 1955.*

## B

### REPORTS AND STUDIES ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the reports and studies prepared by the Secretary-General, in conjunction with the specialized agencies concerned, particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Telecommunication Union, and in consultation with professional associations and information enterprises, pursuant to Council resolution 522 A (XVII),<sup>19</sup>

*Taking note* of the report prepared by the International Telecommunication Union<sup>20</sup> and the joint study prepared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Telecommunication Union<sup>21</sup> pursuant to Council resolutions 522 B and G (XVII),

1. *Urges* all States to cease the practice of censoring outgoing news dispatches during peacetime in order to provide a free flow of information throughout the world;

2. *Urges* all States to facilitate the unrestricted transmission of news by telecommunication services as recommended at the Buenos Aires Plenipotentiary Telecommunication Conference and reported on by the International Telecommunication Union;<sup>22</sup>

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to transmit the recommendations of the Director-General of UNESCO<sup>23</sup> to the Secretary-General of ITU for circulation to the Administrations of members and associate members of ITU for study, in order to assist them in considering such proposals as they may decide to present to the next Ordinary Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference of ITU;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the study on the legal aspects of the rights and responsibilities of the media of information<sup>24</sup> to appropriate information enterprises and professional associations for their information.

*861st plenary meeting,  
26 May 1955.*

<sup>19</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 15, documents E/2683 and Add.1 to 3, E/2687 and Add.1 to 3, E/2693 and Add.1 to 3 and E/2698 and Add.1.*

<sup>20</sup> E/2681.

<sup>21</sup> E/2686 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>22</sup> See E/2681.

<sup>23</sup> E/2686 and Corr.1 and 2, part III.

<sup>24</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 15, document E/2698 and Add.1.*

## C

### DRAFT CONVENTION ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having noted* General Assembly resolution 840 (IX), which requested the Council to discuss the draft convention on freedom of information and to formulate recommendations for the consideration of the Assembly,

*Considering* that many divergent views have been expressed by Governments on the draft convention on freedom of information,

*Regretting* that repeated discussions in the Committee on the draft convention on freedom of information, in the Council and in the General Assembly, have failed to produce agreement on a formula which would describe permissible limitations on freedom of information,

*Bearing in mind* that, in the absence of a wide measure of agreement on the basic problems involved, an international convention would be unlikely to prove an effective instrument,

1. *Concludes reluctantly* that further action at this stage on the draft convention on freedom of information would be unprofitable;

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly to consider the draft Convention at its twelfth session in the hope that conditions will be more favourable at that time.

*861st plenary meeting,  
26 May 1955.*

## D

### MEDIA OF INFORMATION IN UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Reaffirming* that freedom of information is one of the fundamental human rights which it is among the purposes of the United Nations to promote,

*Considering* that the development of domestic information media is essential for the spreading of information, and the development of national culture and international understanding,

*Convinced* that the development of domestic media contributes greatly to the general progress of peoples,

*Bearing in mind* that the existence of great differences in the state of development of media of information in different countries renders difficult the mutual exchange of information between nations,

*Recalling* Council resolution 522 K (XVII), which made various recommendations concerning the encouragement and development of independent domestic information enterprises,

*Bearing in mind* the valuable work being carried out by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in this field,

*Considering* that a further study of this situation would be highly desirable,

1. *Requests* the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and of those non-member States which are members of a specialized agency, to transmit to the Secretary-General, in so far as they have not already done so :

(a) Information on the media of information existing in their territories;

(b) Information on existing measures and plans, including any based on the recommendations made in Council resolution 522 K (XVII), for the development of information media, on measures undertaken towards the implementation of such plans and on difficulties which they are meeting in implementing them;

(c) Recommendations and suggestions regarding possible action on the international plane for the development of media of information of under-developed countries;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to prepare an analysis of the information and recommendations received from Governments and to present on the basis of this analysis elements necessary for the formulation by the Council of a programme of concrete action and measures on the international plane which could be undertaken for the development of information enterprises of under-developed countries, with an evaluation of the material, financial and professional requirements and resources for the implementation of this programme.

*861st plenary meeting,  
26 May 1955.*

**575 (XIX). Allegations regarding infringements of trade-union rights**

**A**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* the allegations recorded in document E/2587/Add.3,

*Noting* that the Secretary-General has received no reply to his communication of 9 April 1954 to the Government of Saudi Arabia,

*Requests* the Secretary-General again to invite the Government of Saudi Arabia to give its consent to the procedure referred to in paragraph (c) (i) of its resolution 277 (X).

*863rd plenary meeting,  
27 May 1955.*

**B**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note with regret* of the fact that the Government of Romania has not responded to the invitation transmitted to it pursuant to resolution 523 A (XVII).

*863rd plenary meeting,  
27 May 1955.*

**C**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note with regret* of the fact that the Government of Spain has not responded to the invitation transmitted to it pursuant to resolution 523 B (XVII).

*863rd plenary meeting,  
27 May 1955.*

**D**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* the allegations concerning East Germany recorded in document E/2587,

*Decides* to refer the allegations to the International Labour Organisation for its consideration.

*863rd plenary meeting,  
27 May 1955.*

**576 (XIX). Relief and rehabilitation of Korea**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Takes note* of the report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency.<sup>25</sup>

*851st plenary meeting,  
18 May 1955.*

**577 (XIX). Non-governmental organizations — Applications and reapplications for consultative status**

**A**

INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations,<sup>26</sup>

1. *Decides* to place the World Veterans Federation in category A consultative status;

2. *Decides* to place the International Thrift Institute in category B consultative status;

3. *Decides* to transfer the International Union of Public Transport, at present on the register of non-governmental organizations, referred to in paragraph 17 of Council resolution 288 B (X), to category B consultative status;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to place the following organizations on the register of non-governmental organizations :

European Union of Coachbuilders;

International Container Bureau;

5. *Decides* to defer consideration of the application for category A consultative status of the Agrupación de Trabajadores Latinoamericanos Sindicalistas until 1956;

6. *Decides* not to grant the requests for reclassification from the register to category B of the following organizations :

International Confederation of Professional and Intellectual Workers;

International Federation of Senior Police Officers;

International Gas Union;

<sup>25</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/2750).*

<sup>26</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 22, document E/2694 and Corr.1.*

International Union for Protecting Public Morality;  
World Federation of Democratic Youth;

7. *Decides* not to grant the requests for category B consultative status of the following organizations :

International Association of Democratic Lawyers;  
International Organization of Journalists;  
International Planned Parenthood Federation;

8. *Decides* not to request the Secretary-General to place the Fédération internationale des résistants on the register of non-governmental organizations.

*850th plenary meeting,  
18 May 1955.*

## B

### NATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations<sup>26</sup> and in the light of paragraph 9 of Council resolution 288 B (X) and upon the recommendation of the national Government concerned,

*Decides* to place the Société belge d'études et d'expansion (Belgium) in category B consultative status.

*850th plenary meeting,  
18 May 1955.*

### 578 (XIX). Reorganization of the sessions of the Council

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Reaffirming* the general aims expressed in its resolution 557 B (XVIII),

*Decides* to amend resolution 557 B II (XVIII) as follows :

(a) Replace paragraph 1 (b) by the following : " The first regular session shall begin on a date as near to the first Tuesday in April as is administratively practicable " ;

(b) Replace paragraph 1 (c) by the following : " The second regular session shall be held as late as is administratively practicable before the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly and shall be adjourned at least six weeks before it; it shall be resumed during or shortly after the General Assembly for a brief series of meetings " ;

<sup>26</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 22, document E/2694 and Corr.1.*

(c) Replace the word " March " in paragraphs 2 (a) and 2 (c) (ii) by the words " first regular session " ; and

(d) Replace paragraph 2 (d) by the following : " All other items shall so far as possible be allocated to the first regular session. At this session the Council shall also fix the dates for the opening of discussion on each of the items allocated to the July session; " .

*853rd plenary meeting,  
20 May 1955.*

## ANNEX

Paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 (a), (b), (c) and (d) of resolution 557 B II (XVIII), as amended, read as follows :

" 1. *Decides* that :

" (a) The Council shall hold two regular sessions each year;

" (b) The first regular session shall begin on a date as near to the first Tuesday in April as is administratively practicable;

" (c) The second regular session shall be held as late as is administratively practicable before the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly and shall be adjourned at least six weeks before it; it shall be resumed during or shortly after the General Assembly for a brief series of meetings;

" 2. *Decides* that :

" (a) The agenda of the first regular session shall include a limited number of major questions in the economic, social and human rights fields—including specific aspects of economic development—other than those indicated in paragraph (b) below, which are appropriate for high-level discussion and decision;

" (b) The agenda of the July session shall be mainly confined to the consideration of the world economic situation and, when appropriate, of the world social situation, and to a general review of the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole;

" (c) The agenda of the resumed part of the July session shall include :

" (i) Allocations of items to sessions of the Council during the forthcoming year on the basis of a draft programme submitted by the Secretary-General;

" (ii) The establishment of dates for opening debate on items allocated to the first regular session;

" (iii) Any other items that the Council decides can appropriately be dealt with at that time, including questions arising out of the General Assembly;

" (d) All other items shall so far as possible be allocated to the first regular session. At this session the Council shall also fix the dates for the opening of discussion on each of the items allocated to the July session; " .

[Paragraphs 2 (e), (f) and (g) and paragraphs 3 and 4 of resolution 557 B II (XVIII) remain unchanged.]

## Other decisions taken by the Council at its resumed nineteenth session

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

At its 861st meeting on 26 May 1955, the Council renewed one-third of the membership of the Transport and Communications Commission, the Statistical Commission, the Population Commission, the Social Commission, the Commission on Human Rights, and the Commission on the Status of Women.

As a result of those decisions, the composition of the functional commissions for 1956 is as follows :

#### TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Burma	1958
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	1956
Chile	1957
China	1958
Ecuador	1958
Egypt	1956
France	1958
India	1957
Netherlands	1957
Norway	1958
Poland	1957
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1956
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1957
United States of America	1956
Venezuela	1956

#### STATISTICAL COMMISSION

Australia	1957
Canada	1958
China	1957
Denmark	1956
Dominican Republic	1958
France	1956
India	1958
Netherlands	1957
New Zealand	1958
Panama	1956
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1958
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1957
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1956
United States of America	1957
Yugoslavia	1956

#### POPULATION COMMISSION

Argentina	1956
Belgium	1956
Brazil	1956
Canada	1956
China	1958

#### POPULATION COMMISSION (continued)

	<i>Term of office, expires on 31 December</i>
Costa Rica	1957
France	1958
India	1957
Israel	1958
Norway	1958
Syria	1956
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1958
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1957
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1957
United States of America	1957

#### SOCIAL COMMISSION

Australia	1956
Belgium	1956
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	1956
China	1956
Colombia	1958
Czechoslovakia	1958
Dominican Republic	1958
Egypt	1958
France	1957
Greece	1957
India	1957
Israel	1956
Philippines	1957
Sweden	1958
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1957
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1958
United States of America	1957
Uruguay	1956

#### COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Australia	1956
Chile	1956
China	1957
France	1958
Greece	1956
India	1958
Iraq	1958
Lebanon	1957
Mexico	1957
Norway	1957
Pakistan	1956
Philippines	1958
Poland	1957
Turkey	1956
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1958
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1958
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1957
United States of America	1956

COMMISSION DE LA POPULATION (suite)

	<i>Durée du mandat : jusqu'au 31 décembre</i>
Norvège	1958
République socialiste soviétique d'Ukraine	1958
Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord	1957
Syrie	1956
Union des Républiques socialistes soviétiques	1957

COMMISSION DES QUESTIONS SOCIALES

Australie	1956
Belgique	1956
Chine	1956
Colombie	1958
Egypte	1958
Etats-Unis d'Amérique	1957
France	1957
Grèce	1957
Inde	1957
Israël	1956
Philippines	1957
République Dominicaine	1958
République socialiste soviétique de Biélorussie	1956
Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord	1958
Suède	1958
Tchécoslovaquie	1958
Union des Républiques socialistes soviétiques	1957
Uruguay	1956

COMMISSION DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

Australie	1956
Chili	1956
Chine	1957
Etats-Unis d'Amérique	1956
France	1958
Grèce	1956
Inde	1958
Irak	1958
Liban	1957
Mexique	1957
Norvège	1957
Pakistan	1956
Philippines	1958
Pologne	1957
République socialiste soviétique d'Ukraine	1958
Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord	1957
Turquie	1956
Union des Républiques socialistes soviétiques	1958

COMMISSION DE LA CONDITION DE LA FEMME

	<i>Durée du mandat : jusqu'au 31 décembre</i>
Argentine	1957
Australie	1957
Belgique	1958
Chine	1957
Cuba	1956
Etats-Unis d'Amérique	1958
France	1956
Indonésie	1957
Israël	1958
Pakistan	1957
Pologne	1956
République Dominicaine	1956
République socialiste soviétique de Biélorussie	1957
Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord	1958
Suède	1956
Union des Républiques socialistes soviétiques	1958
Venezuela	1958
Yougoslavie	1956

COMMISSION DES STUPÉFIANTS

Canada*
Chine*
Egypte**
Etats-Unis d'Amérique*
France*
Grèce**
Inde*
Iran**
Mexique**
Pérou*
Pologne**
Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord*
Turquie*
Union des Républiques socialistes soviétiques*
Yougoslavie*

**Election de membres du Conseil d'administration du  
Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance**

A sa 861<sup>e</sup> séance, le 26 mai 1955, le Conseil a élu le Canada, le Pakistan et la Yougoslavie comme membres du Conseil d'administration du FISE. Il a également élu le Brésil pour remplir la vacance supplémentaire ouverte par l'élection de la République Dominicaine à la Commission des questions sociales, les membres de cette commission étant, d'office, membres du Conseil d'administration du FISE.

\* Elu pour une durée indéfinie à la neuvième session du Conseil, conformément aux dispositions de la résolution 199 (VIII).

\*\* Elu pour une durée de trois ans à la seizième session. La résolution 199 (VIII) du Conseil précise que « la durée du mandat des membres de la Commission s'étendra du jour de la séance d'ouverture de la session qui suivra leur élection jusqu'à la veille de la séance d'ouverture de la session qui suivra l'élection de leur successeur ».



**Question of the place of meeting of the second session in 1955 of the Commission on International Commodity Trade**

At its 863rd meeting, on 27 May 1955, the Council decided that the second session in 1955 of the Commission on International Commodity Trade should be held in Geneva from 28 November to 16 December.

**Arrangement of business at the twentieth session of the Council**

At its 863rd meeting, on 27 May 1955, the Council approved in general the arrangement of business at the twentieth session proposed by the President in document E/L.666.

**Appendix**

**AGENDA FOR THE RESUMED NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL**

At its 835th meeting, on 29 March 1955, the Council adopted the agenda<sup>28</sup> for the nineteenth session and decided that the following items should be considered at the resumed part of the session :

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.
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.

At the 848th meeting, on 16 May 1955, the Council decided to defer consideration of item 21, " World calendar reform ", until the twenty-first session.

At the same meeting, the Council decided to include in its agenda the following item :

Supplementary item 2 : " Reorganization of the sessions of the Council ".

<sup>28</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Nineteenth Session (First Part), Supplement No. I, appendix.*

