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AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

adopted by the Council at its 900th meeting, on 17 April 1956

1. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents for 1956.
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.¹
6. International co-operation or cartography.
7. International co-operation with respect to water resource development.
8. Recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards.
9. Advisory services in the field of human rights.
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20. Financial implications of actions of the Council.
21. Consideration of the provisional agenda for the twenty-second session and establishment of dates for opening debate on items.
22. Convention on Road Traffic adopted at the United Nations Conference on Road and Motor Transport (Geneva, 19 September 1949).²
23. Convening of an international conference on the creation of new resources of energy and materials.²
24. Application from Tunisia for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.²

¹ The Council decided to include in the agenda for discussion under this item the supplementary topic entitled " Studies on atomic energy as a factor in economic development ".

² Supplementary item.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

597 (XXI). Economic development of under-developed countries

A

INDUSTRIALIZATION

The Economic and Social Council

Having in mind the general principles and recommendations laid down in General Assembly resolutions 521 (VI) and 522 (VI) of 12 January 1952, and Council resolutions 416 F (XIV) of 11 July 1952, 461 (XV) of 23 April 1953, 532 C (XVIII) of 5 August 1954 and 560 (XIX) of 7 April 1955, and reaffirming the special responsibilities of the Council for the promotion and co-ordination of activities in the field of accelerated industrialization and productivity of less developed countries as an essential element of balanced development programmes,

Having made an examination of the reports entitled "Survey of current work on industrialization and productivity"³ and "Proposals for a programme of work on industrialization and productivity",⁴ submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to Council resolution 560 (XIX),

Recognizing the useful work on industrialization and productivity currently being undertaken by the United Nations, including the regional economic commissions, and by the specialized agencies,

Considering that future work in the field of industrialization should be carried out for practical purposes and in response to the wishes of the less developed countries,

Recognizing the need for suitable organizational arrangements in the United Nations under the Council to deal with matters relating to industrialization and productivity,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the informative and constructive documents presented to the Council;

2. Endorses in principle the proposals for work outlined in the report entitled "Proposals for a programme of work on industrialization and productivity"⁴ as a general framework for appropriate activities of the United Nations to be initiated in this field in the immediate future;

3. Recommends the Secretary-General to give due consideration, in implementing the programme, to the

³ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 8, document E/2816.

⁴ Ibid., document E/2832.

discussion held at the twenty-first session of the Council, including suggestions, made by members of the Council, for activities to be undertaken;

4. Suggests that the Secretary-General initiate work, within available resources, bearing in mind the wishes of less developed countries, the useful work done by the regional economic commissions and the necessity of avoiding duplication with the specialized agencies;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, with a view to developing an integrated and co-ordinated programme of work of the United Nations, designed to accelerate the industrialization and to raise the productivity of less developed countries:

(a) To submit for the consideration of the Council at its twenty-second session, with due regard to existing organizations in this field, his views on the most suitable organizational arrangements for carrying out the aforementioned programme;

(b) To consult, through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination or such other channels as may be available, with the appropriate specialized agencies on the planning and implementation of the aforementioned programme of continuing work;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the twenty-second session of the Council on the financial implications of the programme of activities being evolved, and to the twenty-third session and annually thereafter on the progress being made in planning and implementing the continuing work in the field of industrialization and productivity;

7. Invites Governments, in considering instructions to their delegations to meetings of the specialized agencies and the regional economic commissions, to keep in mind the desirability of and the benefits to be obtained from an integrated and co-ordinated approach in the field of industrialization and productivity;

8. Requests the regional economic commissions, in order to achieve a co-ordinated approach in the work in this field, to take due account, in planning and formulating their future activities, of the work programme in the field of industrialization and productivity;

9. Requests the Secretary-General, in planning the work to be undertaken pursuant to this resolution, to pay particular attention to the needs of the Middle East and Africa;

10. Proposes, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 521 (VI), sub-paragraph (b), and Council resolution

560 (XIX), to place on the agenda of the eleventh session of the General Assembly an item entitled "Industrialization of under-developed countries".

*925th plenary meeting,
4 May 1956.*

B

STUDIES ON ATOMIC ENERGY AS A FACTOR IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering its responsibilities under Article 62 of the Charter,

Recognizing that actual and potential developments in the field of atomic energy may have profound implications in the economic sphere, particularly affecting the economic development of less developed countries,

Taking into account the complexity of the subject, the diversity of studies already made or in process under various auspices, and the need for further information on which to determine its future actions in this important field,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the specialized agencies concerned, to prepare for submission to the twenty-fourth session of the Council a report on possible applications of atomic energy, especially in the fields of power, industry and agriculture;

2. *Recommends* the Secretary-General, in preparing the report, to survey the available studies and the research being undertaken in this field, and to give due consideration to the materials submitted to the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, and the views expressed during the twenty-first session of the Council;

3. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to make available to the Secretary-General, for the purpose of his report, such documentation bearing on the subject as they may be able to provide;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after consultation with the Advisory Committee referred to in General Assembly resolution 912 (X) of 3 December 1955 and the competent specialized agencies, to submit to the Council at its twenty-fourth session a report on the possibility of devoting as much as possible of the programme of the second international conference on the exchange of technical information regarding the peaceful uses of atomic energy to the practical applications of nuclear energy in the interest of promoting the economic development of under-developed countries and the desirability of convening a separate conference on this subject;

5. *Transmits* to the Advisory Committee the records of the discussion of the Council on this item;

6. *Decides* to place the subject of atomic energy as a means of economic development on the agenda of the

twenty-fourth session of the Council for further consideration.

*925th plenary meeting,
4 May 1956.*

598 (XXI). Studies of new sources of energy other than the atom as a factor in economic development

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind its responsibilities as defined in Article 62 of the Charter,

Considering that, in view of the growth of the world population, economic development and the rise in the standard of living, the resources of energy must be constantly increased, especially in the less developed countries,

Considering the work done by the United Nations and the specialized agencies both on the so-called conventional sources of energy and on atomic energy,

Considering that the United Nations should display the same interest in all new sources of energy in order to encourage their theoretical study and practical applications,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the specialized agencies concerned:

(a) *To prepare* for submission to the Council at its twenty-fourth session, taking into account the present state and foreseeable development of knowledge in the various branches in question, a report on the prospects for the practical utilization of such sources of energy as solar energy, wind energy, tidal energy, geothermic energy and the thermal energy of the seas;

(b) *To compile*, in preparing the report, a concise bibliography of current studies and researches;

(c) *To consult*, for that purpose, Governments which have special experience or a particular interest in the matter, the under-developed countries, the specialized agencies, the competent inter-governmental bodies and any non-governmental organizations which may be interested in the subject, and to obtain from them any documentary material which may be of value;

2. *Decides* to include in the agenda of its twenty-fourth session the question of new sources of energy other than the atom and of their use for the purposes of economic development, with a view to examining the conditions for convening an international conference.

*925th plenary meeting,
4 May 1956.*

599 (XXI). International Co-operation with respect to water resource development

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted the Secretary-General's report entitled "International Co-operation with respect to Water Resource Development",⁵

⁵ *Ibid.*, agenda item 7, document E/2827.

Recognizing with appreciation the progress already achieved in strengthening international co-operation as a result of periodic inter-agency meetings on water resources,

Endorsing the recommendation of the Secretary-General that high priority be given to remedying deficiencies in hydrology data and to assisting in integrated river-basin development,

Considering that the general subject of international co-operation with respect to water resource development and the study of arid regions has been of increasing concern to the United Nations,

Considering the growing importance of the utilization of brackish and saline water, either unprocessed or demineralized, for the economic development of areas where fresh-water supplies are becoming insufficient,

Believing that there is a growing economic and social need for the most effective utilization and development of these water resources in view of the progressive increase in the world's population, the need for raising the standard of living of the peoples of the world, and rapidly increasing industrialization,

1. *Reaffirms* its support of Council resolutions 417 (XIV) of 2 June 1952 and 533 (XVIII) of 2 August 1954;

2. *Commends* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies for the co-operation evidenced in the series of consultations on water resources already held;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies to continue such consultations to the end that the activities of the United Nations and the organizations associated with it be carried on with full regard to the interrelationships involved;

4. *Calls the attention* of Governments to the importance of demineralization of saline water and utilization of subsoil water, and urges them to exchange information on the findings of research concerned with a solution of these problems;

5. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the desirability of an increased use of the available technical assistance facilities, especially in the training of personnel in this field;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To make appropriate arrangements for ensuring the collection, analysis and dissemination of information on current development of water projects, research programmes and related activities;

(b) To initiate, in co-operation with the competent specialized agencies and with the Governments concerned, a preliminary inquiry on existing hydrologic services, plans for their extension, and conditions for the execution of these plans;

(c) To constitute a panel of world-renowned experts for reviewing, with the assistance of the United Nations Secretariat, the administrative, economic and social implications of integrated river-basin development, and for advising on the proper action - including, if they deem it advisable, the convening of an international

conference--to be taken in order to ensure a world-wide exchange of experience and data in related domains;

(d) To report to the Council, not later than its twenty-fifth session, on progress in these fields and to formulate recommendations on further action that might be taken by the United Nations and the organizations associated with it.

924th plenary meeting,
3 May 1956.

600 (XXI). International co-operation on cartography

The Economic and Social Council,

Having before it the report of the Secretary-General entitled "International Co-operation on Cartography"⁶ and the report of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East,⁷

Recognizing the importance of accurate and reliable cartographic information, more especially in connexion with economic development projects,

Noting the results of the Secretary-General's consultations with Governments and appropriate inter-governmental organizations on the adoption of a standard method of writing geographical names on maps, and on means for completion of the International Map of the World on the millionth scale,

1. *Commends* the Conference for the work achieved;

2. *Draws the attention* of Governments of Member States to the possibilities of requesting technical assistance in the field of cartography under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;

3. *Recommends* that those regional economic commissions which think it desirable consider the question of establishing cartographic committees for the purpose of periodic consultation among their members;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To draft, in co-operation with interested international organizations and such experts as he may wish to consult within the limits of budgetary availability, the general framework of a programme looking towards maximum international uniformity in the writing of geographical names, to submit it to Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies for their comments, and to report to the Council at a subsequent session;

(b) To prepare, on the basis of proposals already received, draft amendments to the existing specifications of the International Map of the World on the millionth scale designed to allow the greatest possible flexibility, bearing in mind the need to maintain both the World Aeronautical Chart series of the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Map, to submit the draft amendments to Governments of Member

⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Seventy-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 6, documents E/2823 and Add.1 and 2.

⁷ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1955.1.29.

States concerned for their comments, and to report to the Council at a subsequent session;

5. *Invites* Governments of Member States to comment on the proposals and recommendations of the Secretary-General mentioned in paragraph 4 above;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to convene in 1958 in Tokyo a second regional cartographic conference for Asia and the Far East, including the preparation of a provisional agenda and the sending of invitations to Governments of States Members of the United Nations or of members of the specialized agencies, and to the specialized agencies and other inter-governmental organizations.

*922nd plenary meeting,
2 May 1956.*

601 (XXI). 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.⁸

*902nd plenary meeting,
18 April 1956.*

602 (XXI). Report of the International Monetary Fund

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the International Monetary Fund.⁹

*904th plenary meeting,
19 April 1956.*

603 (XXI). Convention on Road Traffic adopted at the United Nations Conference on Road and Motor Transport (Geneva, 19 September 1949)

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the Secretary-General's note¹⁰ on the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic drawing its attention to the expiry on 26 March 1957 of the provision contained in paragraph 6 of article 24 of that Convention reading as follows:

" During a period of five years beginning with the entry into force of this Convention, any driver admitted to international traffic under the provisions of the International Convention relative to Motor Traffic signed at Paris on 24 April 1926, or of the Convention

⁸ International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, *Tenth Annual Report, 1954-1955*, Washington, D. C. (E/2802), *Appendices to the Tenth Annual Report, 1954-1955* (E/2802/Add.1), and document E/2802/Add.2.

⁹ International Monetary Fund, *Annual Report of the Executive Directors for the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 1955*, Washington, D.C. (E/2801), and document E/2801/Add.1.

¹⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 22, document E/2818 and Add.1.

on the Regulation of Inter-American Automotive Traffic opened for signature at Washington on 15 December 1943, and holding the documents required thereunder, shall be considered as fulfilling the requirements of this article".

Taking into account the opinion expressed by the Transport and Communications Commission in paragraph 34 of the report on its seventh session,¹¹ and also resolution 185 adopted by the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe at its thirteenth session,

Recognizing the difficulties and delay involved in formally amending the Convention,

1. *Recommends* prompt ratification of the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic by all eligible Governments which have not already done so, in order to achieve at the earliest possible date the desirable world-wide uniformity in administrative procedures provided by the Convention;

2. *Recommends* Governments of States which are or may become parties to the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic to examine the possibility of continuing, as an administrative measure, to apply the provisions of paragraph 6 of article 24 of that Convention for an additional period of three years, up to 26 March 1960;

3. *Instructs* the Secretary-General to communicate the above recommendation to the Governments mentioned in paragraph 2 and to request them to inform him of their position with respect to this recommendation;

4. *Instructs further* the Secretary-General to inform Governments of States which are parties or are eligible to become parties to the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic of the replies received under paragraph 3.

*914th plenary meeting,
26 April 1956.*

604 (XXI). Recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 570 (XIX) of 20 May 1955, requesting the Secretary-General to ascertain from the Governments mentioned therein whether they consider it desirable to convene a conference to conclude a convention on the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards, and whether they are prepared to participate in such a conference,

Noting from the report of the Secretary-General¹² on the result of the consultation undertaken in pursuance of resolution 570 (XIX)¹³ that a substantial number of Governments have expressed themselves in favour of convening a conference to conclude a convention on the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards,

¹¹ *Idem, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 4* (E/2696).

¹² E/2822 and Corr.1.

¹³ E/2822/Add.1 to 5.

and have indicated that they are prepared to participate in such a conference,

Noting further the comments by Governments and interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status¹³ on the draft Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards prepared by the Committee on the Enforcement of International Arbitral Awards,¹⁴

Having considered the observations on this subject submitted by the Secretary-General¹⁵ in pursuance of resolution 570 (XIX),

Taking into account the activities of the regional economic commissions of the Council and of other inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations aiming at furthering the development of arbitration in private law disputes as a measure beneficial to international trade,

Having consulted the Secretary-General as prescribed in General Assembly resolution 366 (IV) of 3 December 1949, approving the rules for calling of international conferences of States,

1. *Decides:*

(a) To call a conference of plenipotentiaries with the following terms of reference:

- (i) To conclude a convention on the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards on the basis of the draft Convention prepared by the Committee on the Enforcement of International Arbitral Awards, taking into account the comments and suggestions made by Governments and non-governmental organizations, as well as the discussion at the twenty-first session of the Council;
- (ii) To consider, if time permits, other possible measures for increasing the effectiveness of arbitration in the settlement of private law disputes and to make such recommendations as it may deem desirable;

(b) To invite:

- (i) States Members of the United Nations or members of any of its specialized agencies, and also any other State which is a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, to participate in the conference;
- (ii) The interested specialized agencies 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 without vote in the conference;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To ask the inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations active in the field of international commercial arbitration to submit brief reports on the progress of their activities on this subject, together with any comments or suggestions they may have;

¹³ E/2822/Add.1 to 5.

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

¹⁵ *Idem, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 8, document E/2840.

(b) To submit to the conference a consolidated report, including the reports received from the above organizations, and any other information he may have gathered on the subject, together with such observations as he may have;

(c) To make all necessary arrangements for the calling of the conference of plenipotentiaries in accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 366 (IV) and of the present resolution.

923rd plenary meeting,
3 May 1956.

605 (XXI). Advisory services in the field of human rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General¹⁶ on advisory services in the field of human rights, together with the observations of the specialized agencies,¹⁷

Having noted that the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Human Rights, and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities have adopted resolutions on advisory services in the field of human rights,¹⁸

1. *Approves* the suggestion for a news-personnel project along the lines set forth in the Secretary-General's report¹⁹ on the news-personnel programme, on the understanding that in the development of the project due emphasis will be given to the promotion of freedom of information;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to develop all aspects of the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights and, if feasible, to undertake during 1956 a seminar or seminars, preferably on a regional basis, along the lines suggested in the resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women;

(b) To determine, after consultation with the appropriate specialized agencies, the areas or types of activities in the field of human rights in which assistance may be requested from the United Nations in accordance with paragraph 3 (d) of General Assembly resolution 926 (X) of 14 December 1955;

(c) To seek, as appropriate, the co-operation of professional organizations and other interested non-governmental organizations with competence in this area;

(d) To submit a report on developments under the advisory services programme to the Council at its twenty-third session;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to inform Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies of the resolutions relating to the advisory services programme which have

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, agenda item 9, documents E/2825, E/2839 and E/2853.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, document E/2854.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, document E/2853.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, document E/2839.

been adopted by the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, and of this resolution.

924th plenary meeting,
3 May 1956.

606 (XXI). Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the information conveyed by the Secretary-General²⁰ and of the assurances received from the representative of Saudi Arabia²¹ that his Government has the intention to transmit at an early date a reply to the invitation transmitted to it by the Secretary-General pursuant to Council resolution 575 A (XIX) of 27 May 1955.

906th plenary meeting,
20 April 1956.

607 (XXI). Forced labour

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report on forced labour²² prepared by the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the International Labour Office, in response to General Assembly resolution 740 (VIII) of 7 December 1953 and Council resolution 524 (XVII) of 27 April 1954,

Noting with satisfaction that the question of forced labour is to be considered at the forthcoming session of the International Labour Conference in June,

Having received the communication of the Director-General of the International Labour Office²³ transmitting the decision of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation to establish an *ad hoc* committee on forced labour and to seek the collaboration of the United Nations,

Recognizing that the International Labour Organisation has special responsibilities in this field and is giving particular attention to measures designed to assist in the elimination of forced labour,

1. *Condemns* all forms of forced labour, wherever they exist, which are contrary to the principles of the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and, in particular, all systems of forced labour which are employed as a means of political coercion or punishment for holding or expressing political views, and which are on such a scale as to constitute an important element in the economy of a given country;

2. *Urges* that action be taken towards the elimination of forced labour wherever it may exist;

²⁰ *Ibid.*, agenda item 10, document E/2833.

²¹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-first Session, 906th meeting, para. 46.

²² E/2815 and Add.1 to 5 and Add.4/Corr.1.

²³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 11, document E/2807.

3. *Commends* the International Labour Organisation for the action it has taken thus far, and expresses its interest in further action to be taken by the Organisation;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in response to the communication from the Director-General of the International Labour Office referred to above, to transmit to the Director-General any information which he may receive relating to forced labour, notwithstanding the provisions of Council resolution 75 (V) of 5 August 1947, as amended;²⁴

5. *Invites* the International Labour Organisation to include henceforth in its annual report to the Council an account of action taken in this field.

919th plenary meeting,
1 May 1956.

608 (XXI). Slavery

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee²⁵ set up in accordance with Council resolution 564 (XIX) of 7 April 1955, to prepare a text of a draft supplementary convention to deal with those practices resembling slavery not covered in the International Slavery Convention of 1926,

Considering that it is desirable that the drafting of the convention should be completed by a conference of plenipotentiaries and that the convention should be opened for signature as soon as possible,

Having consulted the Secretary-General as prescribed in General Assembly resolution 366 (IV) of 3 December 1949, approving the rules for the calling of international conferences of States,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee and expresses its appreciation of the Committee's work;

2. *Decides*:

(a) That a conference of plenipotentiaries should be convened in order to complete the drafting of the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices similar to Slavery and to open it for signature;

(b) That invitations to attend the conference should be extended to all States which are Members of the United Nations and to those States non-members of the United Nations which are members of any of the specialized agencies;

(c) That the conference should be held at Geneva as soon as possible after the end of the twenty-second session of the Council;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To make all necessary arrangements for the calling of the conference of plenipotentiaries in accordance with

²⁴ See Council resolutions 116 A (VI), 192 A (VIII) and 275 (X).

²⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document E/2824.

the terms of General Assembly resolution 366 (IV) and of the present resolution;

(b) To transmit the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee to those States which are invited to attend the conference.

917th plenary meeting,
30 April 1956.

609 (XXI). Teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in schools and other educational institutions of Member States

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization entitled "Teaching of the Purposes and Principles, the Structure and Activities of the United Nations and Specialized Agencies in Schools and Educational Institutions of Member States",²⁶

Observing with satisfaction that a large number of Governments have provided information on this subject,

Considering it important that information on the purposes, principles, structure and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies suitable for use at various age levels should be available for appropriate purposes in Member States,

1. Expresses its appreciation for the co-operation of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the preparation of the report;

2. Notes with satisfaction the increasing interest reported from all areas in learning about the United Nations and the specialized agencies, both in classrooms and through extra-curricular and voluntary activities;

3. Commends the non-governmental organizations for their valuable contribution in disseminating information about the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and expresses the hope that they will continue and if possible intensify their efforts in this field;

4. Invites Governments of Member States to encourage in their educational institutions, through appropriate means, the study of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and of the participation of those States therein;

5. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue their co-operation in this field, as requested by the Council in resolution 446 (XIV) of 23 July 1952;

6. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and invites the specialized agencies to provide, within the scope of their existing budgets, materials relating to their activities suitable for utilization at various age levels;

7. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations

²⁶ E/2837 and Corr.1 and 2.

Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue their assistance to non-governmental organizations which provide teaching about the United Nations and the specialized agencies, or which are interested in such teaching;

8. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in collaboration with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to compile a similar report on this subject, on the basis of inquiries to Member States, for consideration by the Council in 1960.

914th plenary meeting,
26 April 1956.

610 (XXI). United Nations Children's Fund

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Takes note with satisfaction of the reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund,²⁷ which show the important work it is doing in execution of its programmes.

920th plenary meeting,
1 May 1956.

B

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the number of Governments making voluntary contributions to the United Nations Children's Fund has increased steadily since 1950, and in 1955 reached seventy-two,

Considering that it would be desirable to separate the membership of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund from the membership of the Social Commission in order to provide for the direct election of all members of the Executive Board,

1. Recommends that the General Assembly replace paragraph 6 (a) of resolution 417 (V) of 1 December 1950 by the following:

"That the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund shall be reconstituted as from 1 January 1957 to consist of twenty-six States, Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, to be designated by the Economic and Social Council for appropriate periods, without prejudice to the terms of the States already elected and with due regard to geographic distribution and to the representation of the major contributing and recipient countries";

2. Requests the General Assembly to consider this proposal as a matter of urgency as soon as possible after the opening of its eleventh session;

3. Decides:

(a) That, upon the adoption by the General Assembly of this proposal, the members of the Executive Board of

²⁷ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-first Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/2799) and Supplement No. 2 A (E/2848).

the United Nations Children's Fund would be designated directly by the Economic and Social Council, as seats become vacant;

(b) That the six seats which become vacant at the end of 1959 by virtue of present Social Commission membership would be available only for a two-year period in order to establish a system whereby one-third of the members of the Executive Board would be elected each year;

(c) That pending the decision of the General Assembly the designation of new members to the Executive Board be postponed.

*920th plenary meeting.
1 May 1956.*

611 (XXI). Relief and rehabilitation of Korea

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency,²⁸

Considering that the activities of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency are regularly and closely examined by the Advisory Committee to the Agent General and are reviewed each year by the General Assembly,

Considering that the main lines of the remaining Agency programme have now been established,

Considering that the necessary time-table by which the report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency is issued each year for the General Assembly makes impractical an effective review of the work of the Agency by the Council, as contemplated in section A of General Assembly resolution 410 A (V) of 1 December 1950,

Recommends to the General Assembly that section A of resolution 410 A (V) be amended as follows:

(a) In paragraph 5 (d), delete the words "and to the Economic and Social Council";

(b) Delete paragraph 13 and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

*910th plenary meeting.
24 April 1956.*

612 (XXI). Application from Tunisia for Membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the application of Tunisia²⁹ for admission to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, transmitted by that organization to the Council in accordance with article II of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

²⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/2936).*

²⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 24, document E/2852.*

Decides to inform the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization that it has no objection to the admission of Tunisia to the organization.

*914th plenary meeting.
26 April 1956.*

613 (XXI). Non-governmental organizations: applications and re-applications for consultative status

A

INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations,³⁰

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

International Federation of Free Journalists of Central and Eastern Europe and Baltic and Balkan Countries;

International Union of Aviation Insurers;

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

Federal Union of European Nationalities and Regions;

Women's International Democratic Federation;

3. *Requests the Secretary-General to place the following organizations on the register of non-governmental organizations in accordance with paragraph 17 of Council resolution 288 B (X) of 27 February 1950:*

International Council of Social Democratic Women;

International Permanent Bureau of Motor Manufacturers;

World Federation of the Deaf;

4. *Decides to defer until 1957 consideration of the application of the World Jewish Migration Council for category B consultative status.*

*905th plenary meeting.
20 April 1956.*

B

NATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations³⁰ and in the light of Council resolution 288 B (X), paragraph 9, and upon the recommendation of the Government concerned,

Decides to place the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. (USA) on the register of the Secretary-General.

*905th plenary meeting,
20 April 1956.*

³⁰ *Ibid.*, agenda item 17, document E/2828.

OTHER DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

Election of officers of the Council for 1956

At its 900th meeting, on 17 April 1956, the Council elected Mr. Hans Engen (Norway) President of the Council for 1956, and Mr. José Trujillo (Ecuador) and Mr. Saïd Hasan (Pakistan) First Vice-President and Second Vice-President respectively.

World calendar reform

At its 905th meeting, on 20 April 1956, the Council decided to adjourn *sine die* discussion on item 16 "World calendar reform".

Election of members of the functional commissions of the Council

At its 924th meeting, on 3 May 1956, the Council decided to postpone the election of members of the Commission on International Commodity Trade to its twenty-second session.

At the same meeting the Council elected 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, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

As a result of those decisions, the composition of the functional commissions for 1957 is as follows:

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Bulgaria	1960
Burma	1959
Chile	1957
China	1959
Ecuador	1959
France	1959
India	1957
Lebanon	1960
Netherlands	1957
Norway	1959
Poland	1957
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1960
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1957
United States of America	1960
Venezuela	1960

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Australia	1957
Canada	1959
China	1957
Cuba	1960
Denmark	1960
Dominican Republic	1959
France	1960
India	1959
Netherlands	1957
New Zealand	1959
Romania	1960
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1959
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1957
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1960
United States of America	1957

POPULATION COMMISSION

Argentina	1960
Belgium	1960
Brazil	1960
Canada	1960
China	1959
Costa Rica	1957
Egypt	1960
France	1959
India	1957
Israel	1959
Norway	1959
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1959
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1957
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1957
United States of America	1957

SOCIAL COMMISSION

Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	1960
China	1960
Colombia	1959
Czechoslovakia	1959
Dominican Republic	1959
Ecuador	1960
Egypt	1959
France	1957
Greece	1957
India	1957
Netherlands	1960
New Zealand	1960
Philippines	1957
Spain	1960
Sweden	1959
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1957
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1959
United States of America	1957

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Argentina	1959
Ceylon	1959
China	1957
France	1958
India	1958
Iran	1959
Iraq	1958
Israel	1959
Italy	1959
Lebanon	1957
Mexico	1957
Norway	1957
Philippines	1958
Poland	1957
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1958
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1958
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1957
United States of America	1959

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Argentina	1957
Australia	1957
Belgium	1958
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	1957
China	1957
Cuba	1959
Dominican Republic	1959
France	1959
Indonesia	1957
Israel	1958
Mexico	1959
Pakistan	1957
Poland	1959
Sweden	1959
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1958
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1958
United States of America	1958
Venezuela	1958

COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

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

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

** Elected at the twenty-first session for a term of three years. Council resolution 199 (VIII) states: "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."

Confirmation of members of the functional commissions of the Council

At its 925th meeting, on 4 May 1956, the Council confirmed the following representatives of members of the functional commissions nominated by their Governments:

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

U Shwe Shane (Burma)
Mr. M. P. Voronichev (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Kemil L. Dipp Gómez (Dominican Republic)
Mr. Raymond T. Bowman (United States of America)

SOCIAL COMMISSION

Mr. D. N. Michanek (Sweden)

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Trevor Ashmore Pyman (Australia)
Mr. Constantin Eustathiades (Greece)
Mr. Abdulrahman Bazzaz (Iraq)
Mr. P. D. Morozov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Sra. Cecilia Correa Morales de Aparicio (Argentina)
Miss Ruth Gibson (Australia)
Mrs. N. S. Spiridonova (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
Mrs. Lorena B. Hahn (United States of America)
Sra. Isabel Sánchez de Urdaneta (Venezuela)

Opening date of the twenty-second session

At its 915th meeting, on 27 April 1956, the Council decided:

(a) To postpone the opening date of the twenty-second session from Tuesday, 3 July 1956, until Monday, 9 July 1956 and to adjourn the session not later than 10 August;

(b) To convene the Technical Assistance Committee on Wednesday, 4 July 1956.

Provisional agenda for the twenty-second session

At its 925th meeting, on 4 May 1956, the Council decided:

(a) To include in the provisional agenda for the twenty-second session the items listed in the Secretary-General's note,³¹ with the exception of the questions of Land Reform and of Co-operatives included under item 4, which were deferred until the twenty-third session;

³¹ E/2819.

(b) To consider under item 4, "Economic development of under-developed countries", the reports of the Secretary-General under paragraphs 5(a) and 6 of Council resolution 597 A (XXI);

(c) To include under item 13, "International Control of Narcotic Drugs", the question of the approval of the appointment of the Deputy Secretary of the Permanent Central Opium Board;

(d) To include in the provisional agenda the election of members of the Commission on International Commodity Trade and the election of members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's

Fund, the latter to take place at the resumed part of the session.

Arrangement of business at the twenty-second session

At its 925th meeting, on 4 May 1956, the Council approved the arrangement of business at the twenty-second session proposed by the Secretary-General,³² subject to any minor changes necessitated by the Council's decision regarding the provisional agenda of its twenty-second session.

³² E/L.712.