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For "626 (XXII). Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (eleventh session)"

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## AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

adopted by the Council at its 926th meeting, on 9 July 1956

1. Adoption of the sessional agenda.
2. World economic situation:
  - (a) Survey of the world economic situation, including the questions of full employment and of the expansion of world trade;
  - (b) Consideration of the reports of the regional economic commissions.
3. 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.
4. Economic development of under-developed countries.
5. Financing of economic development.
6. International commodity problems.
7. Establishment of a world food reserve.
8. Report of the Statistical Commission.
9. Technical assistance.
10. Programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies.
11. Report of the Commission on Human Rights.
12. Report of the Commission on the Status of Women.
13. International control of narcotic drugs.
14. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
15. Non-governmental organizations.
16. Calendar of conferences for 1957.
17. Financial implications of actions of the Council.
18. Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly.
19. Confirmation of members of functional commissions of the Council.<sup>1</sup>
20. Elections.<sup>2</sup>
21. Work of the Council in 1957.<sup>1</sup>
22. Application from Morocco for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> To be considered at the resumed twenty-second session (to take place during or shortly after the eleventh regular session of the General Assembly).

<sup>2</sup> Part of this item to be considered at the resumed twenty-second session.

<sup>3</sup> Supplementary item.





## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

### 614 (XXII). World economic situation

#### A

#### MEASURES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE CO-OPERATION

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting with satisfaction* that the relaxation of international tension creates conditions favourable to the development of economic and trade relations between States,

*Recognizing* that the further expansion of world trade is one of the most important factors favouring the economic development of countries and the improvement of economic relations between all countries, thus making for peace throughout the world,

*Taking into account* the steps so far taken by the Council, especially in resolution 531 C (XVIII) of 4 August 1954 on the removal of obstacles to international trade and means of developing international economic relations, in resolution 579 A (XX) of 4 August 1955 on the expansion of world trade, and, in particular, in resolution 592 (XX), of 7 December 1955, on international machinery for trade co-operation.

1. *Strongly urges* Governments not to slacken their efforts to develop international trade;

2. *Invites* the Governments of States Members of the United Nations to submit at an early date to the Secretary-General comments concerning the international machinery for trade co-operation and, in this connexion, *commends to their attention* the Secretary-General's report on the subject;<sup>4</sup>

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to analyse the replies received from Governments pursuant to the previous paragraph and to submit to the Council for consideration at its twenty-fourth session such a report as he may be in a position to make;

4. *Reaffirms* the confidence expressed in its resolution 579 A (XX) in the valuable services of the United Nations regional economic commissions in connexion with trade co-operation, and *calls their attention* to the advisability of studying difficulties preventing expansion of international trade, pointing out obstacles that should be removed according to the conditions and needs specific to each of their regions;

<sup>4</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 2 (a), document E/2897.*

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to keep under review all trade developments.

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#### B

#### TRADE AND PRODUCTION POLICIES IN RELATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having examined* the *World Economic Survey 1955*,<sup>5</sup> and the other studies submitted by the various United Nations secretariats<sup>6</sup> on item 2 (a) of the Council's agenda,

*Noting* that, while these studies and the introductory reports by the Secretary-General and the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions clearly indicate that progress in economic development has been made in under-developed countries, the gap between the standards of living and levels of productivity in developed and under-developed countries has been widening,

*Citing* Articles 55 and 56 of the United Nations Charter and the pledges made by the signatory peoples to take joint and separate action with a view to promoting "higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development",

*Recognizing* the need for national action and international co-operation looking to the expansion of international trade, as a major method of assisting under-developed countries to advance their economic development,

1. *Recommends* that in the formulation and administration of their trade and production policies, Govern-

<sup>5</sup> E/2864. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1956.II.C.1.

<sup>6</sup> *Economic Development in the Middle East 1954-1955*: E/2880. United Nations publication, Sales No. 1956.II.C.2. *Economic Development in Africa 1954-1955*: E/2881. United Nations publication, Sales No. 1956.II.C.3. "Water Resources in Africa": E/2882. *Economic Survey of Europe in 1955*: E/ECE/235 and Corr.1. United Nations publication, Sales No. 1956.II.E.2. *Economic Survey of Asia and the Far East 1955*. United Nations publication, Sales No. 1956.II.F.1. *Economic Survey of Latin America 1955*: E/CN.12/421. United Nations publication, Sales No. 1955.II.G.1. "International Commodity Trade in 1955 and 1956 (1st quarter)": E/CN.13/22. *International Machinery for Trade Co-operation; Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 2 (a), document E/2897.*

ments take into account the possible effects of their policies upon other economies, and that the Governments of the more developed countries recognize especially the importance of their trade and production policies for the economic development of under-developed countries which are heavily dependent on trade in primary products and on a reasonable degree of stability in their prices;

2. *Recommends further* that, to assist in strengthening their economies, the under-developed countries make every effort to diversify the markets for their products, internally and externally alike, by such measures as the acceleration of their industrialization, the development of new markets, and the expansion of the range of their production;

3. *Commends* to the Secretary-General and to the United Nations bodies concerned the importance of statistical and analytical studies that may throw light on the behaviour of the international demand for primary products.

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## C

### RESOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS SURVEYS

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered the World Economic Survey 1955,*

*Noting with satisfaction* the general growth in world production and international trade since the end of the second world war,

*Noting* that the increase in world production and international trade has not been evenly spread over the various regions,

*Further noting* that, in the under-developed countries, total production has increased at a far lower rate than that in the industrial countries,

*Noting with concern* that *per capita* output in South and South-East Asia has declined as compared to 1938,

*Reaffirming* that the rapid economic development of under-developed countries is of the foremost importance both from national and international points of view,

*Recognizing* the desirability of concerted action in the field of economic development,

*Further recognizing* the necessity of basing action on adequate information and statistics,

1. *Invites the attention* of Governments concerned, particularly in the under-developed countries, to the importance of surveying their human and material resources and their needs, with a view to planning developmental programmes in such a way as to achieve a fuller utilization of their presently unused resources both human and material;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the

United Nations and other specialized agencies, as appropriate, to draw to the attention of Governments available information regarding techniques of resources and requirements surveys which have proved useful in practice, and to prepare such complementary studies on these techniques as he finds appropriate;

3. *Draws to the attention* of Governments the possibility of technical assistance for resources and requirements surveys;

4. *Invites* Governments which undertake surveys of the type envisaged in this resolution to make the arrangements necessary to ensure that the results are used as effectively as possible;

5. *Invites* Governments to inform the Secretary-General, as appropriate, of the results of such surveys, as they are completed;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a progress report, with a summary and analysis of the information submitted to him by Governments, for submission to the Council at the summer session of 1959;

7. *Decides* that, in its consideration of the Secretary-General's report, the Council will give particular attention to the implications of the aforesaid report for national and international action in relation to the problems of the economic development of under-developed countries.

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9 August 1956.*

## D

### SURVEYS OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having examined the World Economic Survey 1955,*

1. *Congratulates* the Secretary-General on having submitted to the Council a comprehensive review of economic growth during the past ten years bringing out the essential features of the economic history of the world since the end of the war;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* that the rate of growth has been particularly rapid during those ten years, but *regrets* that in this respect the under-developed countries have been less favoured than the already industrialized countries;

3. *Notes further* that during the debate on the world economic situation many representatives expressed concern about the persistence of certain inflationary trends and about the economic repercussions of the rapid development of techniques;

4. *Affirms* the desirability of continuing to focus attention in future *Surveys* upon long-term problems of general interest, such as those mentioned above, the impact of which on world economic development is particularly important;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to indicate to the Council, at its spring session, any aspects of the world economic situation which may have been selected for particular attention in the *Survey*.

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**615 (XXII). Annual reports of the regional economic commissions**

**A**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION  
FOR EUROPE

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe<sup>7</sup> for the period between 30 March 1955 and 21 April 1956 and of the views expressed during the discussion at the eleventh session of the Commission.

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**B**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION  
FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East<sup>8</sup> for the period 8 April 1955 to 14 February 1956, of the recommendations contained in the account of proceedings of the twelfth session of the Commission, and of the programme of work and priorities contained therein.

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20 July 1956.*

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR  
LATIN AMERICA

*The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America;<sup>9</sup>

2. *Considers* that the work programme of the Commission as established by the Committee of the Whole at

<sup>7</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/2868).*

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid., Supplement No. 2 (E/2821).*

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid., Supplement No. 10 (E/2883/Rev.1).*

its meeting held in Santiago, Chile, from 14 to 15 May 1956 is of primary importance for the economic development of Latin America;

3. *Endorses* the order of priorities allocated by the Committee of the Whole to the individual work projects.

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20 July 1956.*

**616 (XXII). Invitation to Japan to attend sessions of the Economic Commission for Latin America**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that the presence of Japan in the Economic Commission for Latin America would further the purposes of that Commission,

*Bearing in mind* the attitude adopted by the Council in similar cases, as recorded in its resolutions 515 B (XVII) of 30 April 1954 and 581 (XX) of 4 August 1955,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to authorize the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America to invite Japan to attend sessions of the Commission on a basis similar to that provided in paragraph 6 of the terms of reference of the Commission<sup>10</sup> for States Members of the United Nations not members of the Commission.

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**617 (XXII). Invitation to the Federal Republic of Germany to attend sessions of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that the presence of the Federal Republic of Germany in the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East would further the purposes of that Commission,

*Bearing in mind* the attitude adopted by the Council in similar cases as recorded in resolution 515 B (XVII) of 30 April 1954,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to authorize the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East to invite the Federal Republic of Germany to attend sessions of the Commission on a basis similar to that provided in paragraph 9 of the terms of reference of the Commission<sup>11</sup> for States Members of the United Nations not members of the Commission.

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<sup>10</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 1, Appendix II, p. 102.*

<sup>11</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 2, Annex IX, para. 9.*

## 618 (XXII). Economic development of under-developed countries

### INDUSTRIALIZATION

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Considering General Assembly resolutions 521 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, 560 (XIX) of 7 April 1955, and 597 A (XXI) of 4 May 1956,

Recalling that both the General Assembly and the Council requested that studies be undertaken for a programme of rapid industrialization of the under-developed countries, including the economic, social, fiscal, technical and organizational problems involved, and the role that the industrially advanced and the under-developed countries have to play in such a programme,

Recalling the document entitled *Processes and Problems of Industrialization in Under-Developed Countries*,<sup>12</sup> and Council resolution 560 (XIX) requesting the Secretary-General, in the light of this survey, to prepare and submit to the Council a programme of work with a view to accelerating industrialization,

Recognizing that it is urgent for the United Nations and the specialized agencies to adopt a concerted programme of action in the field of industrialization of under-developed countries,

Further recognizing the fact that industrialization entails a high rate of urbanization,

Having examined the report presented by the Secretary-General,<sup>13</sup>

Taking note of the various recommendations included in this report concerning the programme of work and its co-ordination,

1. Commends the Secretary-General for the various useful studies he has presented on industrialization and productivity;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, when making further studies of the industrialization of under-developed countries, to present to the Council, as early as possible, information on the possibility of concerting international action in connexion with problems of urbanization which should complement the programme of industrialization, keeping in mind the need to increase investment in directly productive fields of industry;

3. Recommends that the Secretary-General, in implementing the programme of work:

(a) Give due consideration to the discussions held at the twenty-second session of the Council<sup>14</sup> including suggestions made by members of the Council for activities to be undertaken;

<sup>12</sup> E/2670. United Nations Publication, Sales No. 1955.II.B.1.

<sup>13</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 4, document E/2895.

<sup>14</sup> E/AC.6/SR.200 to 203 and *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session*, 950th meeting.

(b) Make use of the different sources of information, methods and techniques best suited to its practical purpose;

(c) Seek the co-operation of the Governments concerned;

4. Recommends that the programme of work be executed with due regard to the directives and principles set forth in the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Council;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to consider further the question of machinery necessary in the field of industrialization of under-developed countries;

6. Recommends that the General Assembly authorize the necessary credits for the execution of the programme.

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6 August 1956.

## 619 (XXII). Financing of economic development

### A

#### QUESTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having examined the interim report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Question of the Establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development,<sup>15</sup>

1. Draws the attention of the General Assembly to the discussions held at the twenty-second session of the Council concerning the proposed establishment of such a fund;<sup>16</sup>

2. Invites the Governments which have not yet sent in their replies pursuant to General Assembly resolution 923 (X) of 9 December 1955 to do so as soon as possible;

3. Commends the *Ad Hoc* Committee for its instructive interim report and looks forward to the completion of its final report;

4. Expresses the hope that, in the meantime, the General Assembly will consider what further steps may help to promote the early establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development.

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9 August 1956.

### B

#### INTERNATIONAL FLOW OF PRIVATE CAPITAL

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General entitled "The International Flow of Private Capital, 1953-55",<sup>17</sup>

<sup>15</sup> E/2896 and Corr.1.

<sup>16</sup> See E/AC.6/SR.214 and 215 and *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session*, 947th to 951st meetings.

<sup>17</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 5, document E/2901.

*Recognizing* the desirability of the publication and dissemination of information of a statistical and non-statistical nature concerning the flow of capital, the economic conditions, legislation, agreements and administrative practices affecting investment, the measures taken by capital-exporting and capital-importing countries making for international confidence, and the opportunities for investment,

1. *Recommends* that the General Assembly modify its request to the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 6 of its resolution 824 (IX) of 11 December 1954 so as to provide for the submission of the report referred to therein on a triennial basis and for the submission annually of a report containing a review of developments and a statistical treatment of the flow of capital;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council for consideration at its summer sessions *ad hoc* reports on particular aspects of international investment and to advise the Council periodically of the studies which are under way or projected both at Headquarters and at the secretariats of the regional economic commissions;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* that the International Finance Corporation has commenced operations;

4. *Invites* Governments to develop and disseminate such information as may be possible, both of a statistical and a non-statistical nature, respecting the flow of investment, economic conditions, legislation, agreements and administrative practices under which investment may take place, and the existence of investment opportunities;

5. *Urges* Governments of capital-exporting and capital-importing countries alike to continue their efforts to develop international confidence conducive to private investment, in conformity with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and with special reference to General Assembly resolution 824 (IX) of 11 December 1954 and Council resolution 368 (XIII) of 22 August 1951.

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## C

### INTERNATIONAL TAXATION PROBLEMS

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having examined* the memorandum entitled "Taxation in Capital-exporting and Capital-importing Countries of Foreign Private Investment",<sup>18</sup> prepared by the Secretary-General in response to General Assembly resolution 825 (IX) of 11 December 1954,

1. *Commends* the Secretariat for its competent and useful report;

2. *Notes* that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 825 (IX), the Secretary-General is proceeding

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, document E/2865 and Corr.1.

with a series of country studies concerning the taxation in capital-exporting and capital-importing countries of foreign private investment and that the studies on Belgium<sup>19</sup> and the Netherlands<sup>20</sup> have been completed, in addition to those published earlier on Mexico<sup>21</sup> and the United States of America;<sup>22</sup>

3. *Looks forward* to the publication of additional studies in the series;

4. *Transmits* the memorandum of the Secretary-General and the completed country studies to the General Assembly.

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### 620 (XXII). International commodity problems

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report submitted by the Commission on International Commodity Trade,<sup>23</sup> and the report submitted by the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements,<sup>24</sup>

*Bearing in mind* its resolution 557 F (XVIII) of 5 August 1954, which provides for the re-examination of the status and functions of the Commission on International Commodity Trade as well as of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements,

*Considering* that in order to carry out the tasks of the bodies concerned with international commodity trade, and in particular those related to fluctuations of prices and volume and to terms of trade referred to in previous resolutions of the Council, international co-operation is necessary,

*Recognizing* the importance to the economies of the under-developed primary producing countries of the state of the world markets for primary commodities,

1. *Takes note* of the above-mentioned reports;

2. *Confirms* for the present the terms of reference of its permanent advisory Commission on International Commodity Trade as they have been set out in resolutions 512 A (XVII) of 30 April 1954 and 557 F (XVIII) of 5 August 1954;

3. *Requests* the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements to continue to discharge for the time being the functions given to it under resolution 557 F (XVIII);

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order that the Council shall exercise its co-ordinating functions within

<sup>19</sup> E/2865/Add.2.

<sup>20</sup> E/2865/Add.1.

<sup>21</sup> E/CN.8/69/Add.2.

<sup>22</sup> ST/ECA/18. United Nations Publication, Sales No. 1953.XVI.1 and Supplement, 1956.

<sup>23</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/2886).*

<sup>24</sup> E/2893.

the framework of the United Nations in the field of commodity problems, to transmit to the Commission on International Commodity Trade, to the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements, and to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations the records of the discussions on international commodity problems held during the twenty-second session of the Council under item 6 of its agenda;<sup>25</sup>

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to obtain from the aforementioned bodies the views which they might wish to express, in the light of the discussion referred to above and in the light of their experience in pursuing their work, on any defects in the present organizational and procedural arrangements governing their activities in the field of international commodity problems and on co-ordination of their functions within the framework of the United Nations, and such specific suggestions on the elimination of those defects as they may be able to make;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit these views to the Council at its twenty-fourth session;

7. *Requests* the Commission on International Commodity Trade, in carrying out its work, to take into account the importance of the economic development of the under-developed countries, bearing in mind the relationship between the acceleration of the process of industrialization in these countries and the state of the world markets for primary commodities.

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## **621 (XXII). Establishment of a world food reserve**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report on the *Functions of a World Food Reserve—Scope and Limitations*<sup>26</sup> prepared by the secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations pursuant to General Assembly resolution 827 (IX) of 14 December 1954,

*Affirming* the desirability of achieving the objectives set forth in General Assembly resolution 827 (IX),

*Commending* the secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization for the useful review and analysis,

1. *Notes* that it is not practicable to achieve under a single organization all the objectives set forth in General Assembly resolution 827 (IX);

2. *Concludes* :

(a) That the basic solution for the problems to which the General Assembly resolution is addressed lies in rapid and balanced economic development;

<sup>25</sup> E/AC.6/SR.209 to 213 and *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, 951st meeting.*

<sup>26</sup> Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Commodity Policy Study, No. 10 (Rome, 1956) (E/2855).*

(b) That under appropriate circumstances food surpluses can usefully contribute to this development when account is taken of the principles established by the Food and Agriculture Organization for the disposal of agricultural surpluses;

(c) That the use of food surpluses or reserves for economic development or price stabilization purposes, which is an aspect of more general problems already under consideration in the United Nations family, should be examined as part of those problems with increased emphasis on the role of food surpluses or reserves in assisting less developed countries to resist strains placed on their foreign exchange positions by unforeseeable food shortages;

3. *Stresses* the need for progress towards the attainment of the objectives of the General Assembly resolution through continued and intensified international co-operation and national programmes;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization and such other organizations and experts as he considers appropriate, to report on the possibility of further national action and international co-operation with a view to attaining the objectives set forth in the General Assembly resolution, including the feasibility, and, if feasible, the manner of using food reserves for meeting unforeseeable food shortages, taking into consideration the various suggestions made at the twenty-second session of the Council and those which may be made at the forthcoming eleventh session of the General Assembly, and to transmit his report to the Council at its twenty-fourth session;

5. *Decides* to consider this report at its twenty-fourth session and to transmit it and the Food and Agriculture Organization's report together with its own recommendations to the General Assembly at its twelfth session.

*950th plenary meeting,  
6 August 1956.*

## **622 (XXII). Report of the Statistical Commission (ninth session)**

**A**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* the increasing importance of assisting the Governments of States Members of the United Nations in the development and improvement of their statistical services, in order to assure a better planning and implementation of enquiries and to accelerate the compilation of data,

*Aware* of need for more adequate and more systematic arrangements for providing advisory statistical services to countries requesting such services,

*Taking note* of the report of the Statistical Commission on its ninth session<sup>27</sup> and of the recommendations which are included in it, in particular in resolution I (IX),

<sup>27</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/2876).*

*Taking note* also of the report of the Secretary-General on the means by which the purposes of the above-mentioned resolution may be achieved,<sup>28</sup>

*Recognizing* the need and importance of adequate statistical data at the regional level,

*Further recognizing* the necessity of strengthening the statistical work in those parts of the world where statistics are deficient, particularly in the regions covered by the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and the Economic Commission for Latin America and in the Middle East and Africa,

1. *Approves* the report of the Statistical Commission;
2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly to approve, in the regular budget of the United Nations for the year 1957, the allocation of the funds necessary to increase the number of experts of the Statistical Office of the United Nations in order that statistical assistance be strengthened and systematized and be available, at the request of Governments of Member States:
  - (a) To assist in building up adequate statistical data for the regions;
  - (b) To help in formulating requests for the kind of assistance best suited to the needs of the countries;
  - (c) To provide short-term assistance in the most expeditious way;
  - (d) To consult with Governments on the preparatory arrangements necessary to ensure the success of advisory services provided by experts;
  - (e) To assist in the establishment and conduct of education and training activities in collaboration, where appropriate, with the specialized agencies concerned;
  - (f) At the request of specialized agencies concerned, to render advisory services to Governments on statistical matters of direct concern to such agencies.

*950th plenary meeting,  
6 August 1956.*

## B

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* the importance of population censuses as a means of obtaining essential information for programmes of economic and social development,

*Noting with satisfaction* the progress made throughout the world during the period around 1950 in carrying out enumerations of population, and the present interest shown by countries in various regional meetings in making early preparations for their next censuses,

*Having regard* to the recommendations of the Statistical Commission on this subject at its ninth session<sup>29</sup> and to the recommendations of the Population Commission at its eighth session that countries be encouraged to

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 9, document E/2876/Add.1.

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7 (E/2876), paras. 87 to 107.

undertake censuses and to report the basic information obtained from census enumerations,<sup>30</sup>

1. *Recommends* that the Governments of States Members of the United Nations conduct a population census during the ten-year period 1956 to 1965 and preferably around 1960;

2. *Recommends* that such censuses, which are primarily designed to serve national needs, should take into account as far as possible the wishes expressed in international and regional census recommendations.

*950th plenary meeting,  
6 August 1956.*

## 623 (XXII). Technical assistance

### A

#### REGULAR UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

### I

#### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the regular United Nations programme of technical assistance.<sup>31</sup>

*951st plenary meeting,  
9 August 1956.*

### II

#### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 246 (III) of 4 December 1948, 518 (VI) of 12 January 1952, and 723 (VIII) of 23 October 1953 on technical assistance in public administration and, in particular, paragraph 2 of resolution 723 (VIII) wherein the Secretary-General is authorized to continue to include in the budgetary estimates of the United Nations the funds necessary for carrying out an effective operational programme, in addition to the activities financed from funds made available from the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

*Recognizing* that there is a growing need for services supporting assistance in public administration and for substantive analysis and utilization of the experiences gained and the materials collected,

*Noting* the statement by the Secretary-General,<sup>32</sup> that the funds made available to date for the execution of resolution 723 (VIII) are not adequate to render the services mentioned above,

*Reiterating* that the role of governmental administration in programmes for the promotion of economic development and social welfare is of paramount importance,

<sup>30</sup> *Ibid.*, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/2707), para. 65.

<sup>31</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 9, document E/2856.

<sup>32</sup> See E/TAC/SR.100.

1. *Approves* the emphasis laid by the Secretary-General, in his report on the United Nations programme of technical assistance, on his activities based upon General Assembly resolution 723 (VIII);

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide, prior to the eleventh session of the General Assembly, a full documentation in support of his request for additional funds;

3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly in the light of such documentation give special attention to the need for sufficient funds for the United Nations programme in public administration.

951st plenary meeting,  
9 August 1956.

## B

### EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

#### I

#### REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BOARD TO THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note with appreciation* of the eighth report submitted by the Technical Assistance Board<sup>33</sup> to the Technical Assistance Committee.

951st plenary meeting,  
9 August 1956.

#### II

#### WORKING CAPITAL AND RESERVE FUND

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having noted* the report of the Technical Assistance Committee,<sup>34</sup>

1. *Decides* to amend its resolutions 521 A (XVII) of 5 April 1954 and 542 B II (XVIII) of 29 July 1954 as follows:

A. For sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 5 of resolution 521 A (XVII) substitute:

“(a) The Working Capital and Reserve Fund shall be maintained as a continuing operating reserve for the following purposes:

“(i) To make advances against firm pledges of contributions to finance the Technical Assistance Programme as approved by the Technical Assistance Committee; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose; provided that advances against pledges shall be reviewed periodically by the Technical Assistance Committee to determine whether the advances shall continue or be repaid from other resources of the Programme;

“(ii) To improve and facilitate currency management;

“(iii) To make advances to participating organizations to provide working balances in their bank accounts;

“(iv) To make advances to finance commitments which may be duly authorized by the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board under authority given to him to meet urgent needs which may arise during the implementation of the annual programme; provided that the repayment of such advances shall constitute a priority charge against the resources of the following year;

“(v) To provide funds to cover forward contractual commitments and to meet residual liquidating liabilities; each participating organization shall limit its forward contractual commitments and residual liquidating liabilities to its *pro rata* share of the Working Capital and Reserve Fund, based on the allocations authorized for the current year;

“(vi) For such other purposes as may be approved by the Technical Assistance Committee from time to time;

“(b) The size of the Working Capital and Reserve Fund shall be determined from time to time by the Technical Assistance Committee;

“(c) The Technical Assistance Board shall report annually to the Technical Assistance Committee on the advances outstanding at the end of the period;”

B. For sub-paragraphs 1 (b), (v) and (vii) of resolution 542 B II (XVIII) substitute the following:

“(v) Subject to the confirmation of the General Assembly, the Technical Assistance Committee shall authorize the allocation of funds to each of the participating organizations in proportion to their share in the approved over-all programme. These funds shall be drawn from the net financial resources, after setting aside the expenses of the secretariat of the Technical Assistance Board and such amounts as may be required to reimburse the Working Capital and Reserve Fund for withdrawals during the preceding year to finance obligations for urgent needs authorized by the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board under paragraph (vii) of this resolution;

“(vii) Any extraordinary requests submitted by a Government for modification of the programme received subsequent to the approval of the annual programme by the Technical Assistance Committee may be approved by the Technical Assistance Board and reported to the Technical Assistance Committee at its next meeting. Should it not be possible to effect necessary increases and decreases within the programme of the country concerned, the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board may authorize participating organizations to enter into commitments to meet urgent needs within limits fixed annually by the Technical Assistance Committee but not to exceed five per cent of the estimated resources for the year. The Technical Assistance Board shall report to the Technical Assistance Committee annually, beginning with the session in November 1957, all

<sup>33</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/2842) and documents E/2842/Add.1 and E/TAC/REP.68.*

<sup>34</sup> *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 9, document E/2923.



allocations made under this provision, together with the circumstances relating thereto. The Technical Assistance Committee shall review those allocations, and make such recommendations as it deems appropriate;”

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it give its approval to the above amendments.

*951st plenary meeting,  
9 August 1956.*

### III

#### CURRENCY UTILIZATION

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* that the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance is financed through contributions made voluntarily by participating Governments,

*Considering* that the increasing needs of the less developed countries require the fullest possible utilization of funds contributed,

*Bearing in mind* the multilateral character of the Programme,

*Recognizing* that operational and other difficulties have arisen out of the utilization of certain contributions under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

*Considering* that the Programme will gain operational effectiveness through increased usability of contributions on a multilateral basis, as well as through certain alterations in programme procedures affecting currencies which are difficult to utilize,

*Noting* that paragraph 9 (a) of Council resolution 222 A (IX) of 15 August 1949 states that “ Contributions shall be made by Governments in such forms and subject to such conditions as may be agreed between the Secretary-General, after consultation with the TAB, and the contributing Governments, provided that contributions shall be made without limitation as to use by a specific agency or in a specific country or for a specific project ”,

1. *Emphasizes* that all contributions to the Expanded Programme should be, to the fullest possible extent, in a form readily utilizable for programme purposes;

2. *Considers* that if an amount greater than the equivalent of \$500,000 and greater than the total of the previous year's pledges in any currency remains uncommitted for the approved Programme at the time of the Pledging Conference, such currency is not readily usable;

3. *Urges* Governments in making their pledges to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance to make, as far as possible, that part of their contribution exceeding the equivalent of \$500,000 in the form of, or convertible into, readily usable currencies;

4. *Urges further* those Governments whose contributions present difficulties in utilization to take the necessary measures to reduce, as far as possible, the amount remaining uncommitted at the Pledging Conference in

1957 below the limits set in paragraph 2 above, by agreeing that it be converted into readily usable currencies;

5. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board and the participating organizations immediately to ensure that the following rules are observed with respect to the utilization of contributions under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance:

(a) The multilateral character of the Programme should be strictly respected and, to this end, no contributing country should receive special privileges or treatment with respect to its contribution;

(b) In planning and carrying out programmes and projects, the Technical Assistance Board and the participating organizations may make information available to receiving countries as to the availability of currencies presenting utilization problems;

(c) Negotiations for the use of currencies should not take place between contributing and receiving countries. Where such negotiations are necessary, they should only take place between the participating organization and the contributing country in conformity with paragraph 9 (a) of Council resolution 222 A (IX);

(d) With respect to the 1958 programme and thereafter in the annual programming process, all available resources should be taken into account in determining country targets. Any backlog of unused currencies presenting utilization problems at 31 December 1957 shall be included as part of the over-all carry-over to 1958 without special measures for utilization being applied thereto;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board, as appropriate, to report to the Technical Assistance Committee at its annual summer session on the implementation of this resolution and, in particular, on the status of the utilization and assimilation of currencies in planning and operation of the Programme;

7. *Decides* to transmit this resolution to the General Assembly at its forthcoming eleventh session for any action it may deem necessary.

*951st plenary meeting,  
9 August 1956.*

#### **624 (XXII). Report of the Commission on Human Rights (twelfth session)**

##### **A**

##### **REPORT OF THE COMMISSION**

##### *The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the report of the Commission on Human Rights (twelfth session).<sup>35</sup>

*946th plenary meeting,  
1 August 1956.*

<sup>35</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/2844).*

## B

### PERIODIC REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND STUDIES OF SPECIFIC RIGHTS OR GROUPS OF RIGHTS

#### I

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having noted* the resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights relating to annual reports on human rights<sup>36</sup> and to studies of specific rights or groups of rights,<sup>37</sup>

*Considering* that the purpose of the resolutions would best be served by consolidating and reducing the frequency of the reports envisaged in the resolutions,

1. *Requests* States members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies to transmit to the Secretary-General, every three years, a report describing developments and the progress achieved during the preceding three years in the field of human rights, and measures taken to safeguard human liberty in their metropolitan area and Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories; the report to deal with the rights enumerated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and with the right of peoples to self-determination, and to supplement the information furnished for publication in the *Yearbook on Human Rights*, and to make reference to any relevant parts of reports already submitted to another organ of the United Nations or to a specialized agency;

2. *Invites* States members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies, in preparing their reports, to include a separate section on such right or group of rights as may from time to time be selected for special study by the Commission on Human Rights, subject to the approval of the Council;

3. *Invites* the specialized agencies, in respect of rights coming within their purview, to transmit to the Secretary-General, every three years, a report on a topical basis, summarizing the information which they have received from their member States during the preceding three years and to co-operate in the full realization of the aim set forth in this resolution;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and forward to Governments suggestions that might serve as a guide for the preparation of the reports by governments on a topical basis, and to prepare a brief summary of the reports on the same basis for the Commission on Human Rights;

5. *Invites* the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations in consultative relationship with the Council to co-operate in carrying out any special study undertaken by the Commission on Human Rights, in accordance with paragraph 2 of this resolution.

*946th plenary meeting,  
1 August 1956.*

<sup>36</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/2844), para. 23.*

<sup>37</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 49.

## II

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*With a view* to implementing without delay the provisions set forth in resolution I above and the resolution of the Commission on Human Rights on studies of specific rights and groups of rights,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its fourteenth session a summary of reports transmitted to him by the Governments, covering the years 1954, 1955 and 1956;

2. *Approves* as the first subject for special study the right of everyone to be free from arbitrary arrest, detention and exile.

*946th plenary meeting,  
1 August 1956.*

## C

### CELEBRATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* the resolution of the Commission on Human Rights on plans for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>38</sup>

*Invites* the collaboration in this undertaking of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned.

*946th plenary meeting,  
1 August 1956.*

### 625 (XXII). Report of the Commission on the Status of Women (tenth session)

## A

### REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

##### *The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women (tenth session).<sup>39</sup>

*946th plenary meeting,  
1 August 1956.*

## B

### ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

#### I

#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN HANDICRAFTS AND COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* the importance of handicrafts and cottage industries as a source of income for many women, particularly in countries with an agricultural economy which are still in the initial stages of industrialization,

<sup>38</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 113.

<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4 (E/2850).

*Noting further* that systematic training in handicrafts and cottage industries has proved effective in promoting a fuller participation of women in the social and economic activities of their countries,

*Believing* that the improvement of the conditions of work and the skills of these workers can best be ensured through the development of community production centres and co-operative arrangements, in order to provide adequate safeguards against the abuses of industrial homework,

*Recognizing* the necessity of a study of effective methods for the production and marketing of handicrafts which will ensure for women handicraft workers adequate safeguards, including a fair return and appropriate social services,

*Invites* the International Labour Organisation in its further reports to the Commission on the Status of Women on this subject to give special attention to methods found useful in the sound organization of handicrafts and cottage industries, and for the avoidance of the abuses of industrial homework.

*946th plenary meeting,  
1 August 1956.*

## II

WORKING WOMEN, INCLUDING WORKING MOTHERS, WITH FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES, AND MEANS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR POSITION

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* the increasing employment of women and the important contribution made by women to the economic development of their countries,

*Considering* that women work to support themselves and others, to contribute to the betterment of society, and to help raise the standard of living of those dependent on them,

*Considering* that many working women have responsibility for household tasks and care of dependants, in addition to the duties of their employment,

*Recognizing* the need for a study of working women, including working mothers, with family responsibilities, and of methods for the improvement of their position,

1. *Invites* the International Labour Organisation to prepare a report, in collaboration with the Secretary-General and with the specialized agencies concerned, on activities in various countries for improving employment conditions in relation to the situation of working women with family responsibilities, for presentation to the Commission on the Status of Women, if possible at its eleventh session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to obtain information from non-governmental organizations with consultative status concerning existing problems in this field and methods found effective in dealing with them, for presentation to the Commission on the Status of Women, if possible at its eleventh session.

*946th plenary meeting,  
1 August 1956.*

## III

ECONOMIC RIGHTS OF WOMEN

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Referring* to its resolution 587 F III (XX) of 3 August 1955 on the economic rights of women, which recommends that all States Members and non-members of the United Nations should adopt legislative and other measures which will help to remove economic discrimination against women and encourage such action as will secure for women equal rights with men in the economic field,

*Invites* the Secretary-General and the International Labour Organisation to prepare a series of reports concerning the steps being taken by States members of the United Nations and of the International Labour Organisation on the removal of economic discrimination against women referred to in resolution 587 F III (XX), for submission to the twelfth and subsequent sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women; the Secretary-General and the International Labour Organisation are also invited to obtain from these States the information necessary for this purpose.

*946th plenary meeting,  
1 August 1956.*

## C

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN  
IN EDUCATION

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* the resolution of the Commission on the Status of Women<sup>40</sup> which invited the Secretary-General to prepare a summary of information on discrimination against women in education for submission to the Commission at its eleventh session,

*Considering* that this summary of information would also be useful to the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities in its consideration of the study on discrimination in education which will be before it at its next session,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the summary of information also to the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities before its ninth session.

*946th plenary meeting,  
1 August 1956.*

## 626 (XXII). Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (eleventh session)

### A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (eleventh session).<sup>41</sup>

<sup>40</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/2850), para 48.*

<sup>41</sup> *Ibid., Supplement No. 8 (E/2891).*

## B

### REPORT OF THE PERMANENT CENTRAL OPIUM BOARD

#### *The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the report of the Permanent Central Opium Board on the work of the Board in 1955.<sup>42</sup>

*947th plenary meeting,  
2 August 1956.*

## C

### INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF NARCOTICS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATIES

## I

#### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 548 H (XVIII) of 12 July 1954 calling upon all States to become parties to the Protocol signed at Paris on 19 November 1948,<sup>43</sup> bringing under international control drugs outside the scope of the Convention of 13 July 1931 for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs as amended by the Protocol signed at Lake Success on 11 December 1946,

*Invites* the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to adhere to the Protocol of 1948 in accordance with paragraph 1 of article 5 of the said Protocol.

*947th plenary meeting,  
2 August 1956.*

## II

#### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* the magnitude of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs,

*Recalling* that the considerable production of opium has long been regarded as one of the principal causes of this traffic,

*Considering* that the application of the provisions of the Protocol signed at New York on 23 June 1953<sup>44</sup> would constitute an important step forward in limiting the production and use of opium to medical and scientific purposes,

*Invites* those States eligible to become parties, which have not already ratified or acceded to the Protocol, to do so immediately so that it will enter into force as soon as possible.

*947th plenary meeting,  
2 August 1956.*

<sup>42</sup> E/OB/11 and Add. United Nations publication, Sales No. 1955.XI.4 and Addendum.

<sup>43</sup> E/NT/7. United Nations publication, Sales No. 1949.XI.6.

<sup>44</sup> E/NT/8. United Nations publication, Sales No. 1953.XI.6.

## III

### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* that under article 21 of the 1931 Convention<sup>45</sup> parties are required to communicate to one another, through the Secretary-General, their national laws and regulations,

*Recalling* at the same time its resolution 557 A (XVIII) of 5 August 1954 on the limitation of documentation,

1. *Invites* Governments to communicate these laws and regulations promptly;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To circulate annually to Governments a cumulative multi-purpose index relating to these laws and regulations;

(b) To prepare a summary annual tabulation for the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of changes in the scope of control contained in the laws and regulations;

(c) To prepare, as the need arises, summaries, analyses or studies of the material contained in the laws and regulations relating to particular aspects of international control;

(d) In the light of the above, to prepare a summary of laws and regulations every five years in lieu of the annual summary authorized by Council resolution 49 (IV) of 28 March 1947.

*947th plenary meeting,  
2 August 1956.*

## D

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL

#### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the resolution on technical assistance for narcotics control addressed to it by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,<sup>46</sup>

*Considering* that it is important to take all possible steps to limit narcotic drugs to medical and scientific use and to combat illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and drug addiction, and that these are among the principal aims of the multilateral conventions dealing with narcotic drugs,

*Recognizing* that technical assistance, by the imparting of technical knowledge and skills, and by facilitating the exchange of technical knowledge between countries, can help Governments to increase the effectiveness of their efforts to achieve these aims,

*Recalling* its resolution 548 E (XVIII) of 12 July 1954 recommending that the technical assistance services of the United Nations and the specialized agencies give due consideration to any requests which the countries concerned may make for assistance in developing appro-

<sup>45</sup> E/NT/3. United Nations publication, Sales No. 1947.XI.6.

<sup>46</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/2891), Annex A. 2.*

appropriate administrative, social or other remedial measures for the gradual suppression of the habit of coca chewing,

*Recalling* that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs has recommended to Governments that, with respect to important seizures of opium made in the illicit traffic, the reports which they are obligated to make under article 23 of the 1931 Convention for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs should include determinations of the origin of the opium ascertained by physical and chemical methods, and has invited them to consider setting up their own facilities for making such determinations in conjunction with the United Nations Narcotics Laboratory,<sup>47</sup>

*Taking account* of the arrangements previously established by the General Assembly concerning the regular programmes and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

*Considering* that the specialized agencies, particularly the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, within their competence and by virtue of their programmes of technical assistance, are able to render important services to their members in this field, and that certain other organizations are also so equipped,

1. *Invites* Governments to consider the possibility of applying, under existing arrangements concerned with technical assistance, for the following forms of assistance in the field of narcotics control, including the development of substitute crops:

- (a) Advisory services of experts,
- (b) Fellowships and scholarships,
- (c) Seminars;

2. *Recommends* that the United Nations and the specialized agencies give due consideration to any requests which the countries concerned may make for technical assistance in developing appropriate administrative, social or economic measures in order to deal effectively with the problems posed by the illicit production of narcotic drugs, the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, and drug addiction;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after consultation with the specialized agencies concerned, to report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its twelfth session and to the Council at its twenty-fourth session concerning the extent to which it has been possible to meet requests for technical assistance in narcotics control under existing resolutions;

4. *Expresses* the hope that non-governmental organizations, including foundations and universities, will also give assistance for narcotics control in their fields of interest, and *requests* the Secretary-General to investigate the possibilities of such assistance and to report to the Commission and the Council any offer of assistance which may be received.

*947th plenary meeting,  
2 August 1956.*

<sup>47</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/2768), Annex B, resolution I.*

## E

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IRAN

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that Iran is an important opium producing country and, in order to ensure the execution of the law banning cultivation of the opium poppy, requires increased technical assistance in enabling its cultivators to introduce other agricultural crops to replace opium poppy plantation and also in respect of the treatment of addicts,

*Recognizing* that the success of Iran in these fields cannot be accomplished without international co-operation,

*Recognizing* that technical assistance is a useful means of ensuring the execution of the recent Iranian law mentioned above,

*Recalling* its resolution 548 E (XVIII) of 12 July 1954 recommending that the technical assistance services of the United Nations and the specialized agencies give due consideration to any request which the countries concerned may make for assistance in developing their administrative or social measures,

*Considering* that the specialized agencies, particularly the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, by virtue of their programmes of technical assistance, are able to render valuable services in these fields,

1. *Expresses* the hope that Iran will succeed in accomplishing the task which it has undertaken;

2. *Recommends* to the Government of Iran to submit to the technical assistance authorities concerned, in addition to any requests for technical assistance for other purposes, requests for such technical assistance as it may consider necessary to assist it in the successful and speedy achievement of the aims it has undertaken in banning the cultivation of the opium poppy;

3. *Draws the attention* of the technical assistance authorities of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies to the importance, in relation to the economic and social development of Iran, of the successful and speedy achievement of these aims, and to the particular importance in this connexion of the fulfilment of its programme in its early stages;

4. *Invites* these authorities to give due consideration to any requests, in addition to requests for technical assistance for other purposes, which the Government of Iran may make for technical assistance in accordance with paragraph 2 of this resolution;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and to the Council to be furnished in accordance with paragraph 3 of resolution D, information as to the extent to which it has been possible to meet the requests of the Government of Iran for technical assistance.

*947th plenary meeting,  
2 August 1956.*

## F

### DRAFT SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the proposal made by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its eleventh session<sup>48</sup> that a committee be convened to prepare a revised draft, in the light of the comments submitted on the second draft of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs,<sup>49</sup>

*Having noted* that the proposal is rendered inoperative by the refusal of too large a number of countries to sit on the committee,

*Considering* that the Single Convention should constitute a codification of the international conventions on narcotic drugs,

*Considering* that, in view of the importance of the instrument in question, Governments should be given sufficient time for the submission of their comments on the revised draft of the Single Convention,

1. *Urges* Governments to communicate their comments on the revised draft of the Single Convention to the Secretary-General before 1 January 1957 to enable the secretariat of the Commission to prepare an analytical study thereof for the Commission's next session;

2. *Requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to devote the maximum time at its twelfth session and, if necessary, at its thirteenth session, to the completion of a draft prepared in accordance with that study;

3. *Authorizes* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to sit for a further week at its twelfth session for this purpose.

*947th plenary meeting,  
2 August 1956.*

## G

### QUESTION OF THE CLAIM OF AFGHANISTAN TO BE INCLUDED AMONG COUNTRIES WHICH MAY PRODUCE OPIUM FOR EXPORT

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* resolution II A in annex B of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its eleventh session<sup>50</sup> concerning the claim of Afghanistan to be included among the countries which may produce opium for export,

<sup>48</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 8* (E/2891), para. 241.

<sup>49</sup> E/CN.7/AC.3/7 and Corr.1.

<sup>50</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 8* (E/2891).

1. *Invites* the Commission to consider this matter further in the light of previous proceedings<sup>51</sup> and those of the present session of the Council;<sup>52</sup>

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission the records of the discussion of this question by the Council.

*947th plenary meeting,  
2 August 1956.*

## H

### MEETING OF SCIENTISTS ON OPIUM RESEARCH

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that, in accordance with its resolutions 159 II C (VII) of 3 August 1948, 246 F (IX) of 6 July 1949, 436 F (XIV) of 27 May 1952, and 548 D (XVIII) of 12 July 1954, widespread efforts at the national and international levels have been in progress for several years to develop reliable methods for determining the geographical origin of opium seized in the illicit traffic,

*Having considered* the proposal of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,<sup>53</sup>

1. *Decides* that a seminar composed of not more than nine experts should meet in 1958 for a period of two weeks to review and evaluate this research, and that the work of the seminar should include in particular: recommendations concerning the establishment of a systematic scheme for obtaining and distributing opium samples; evaluation of the methods to be used for determining origin; recommendations concerning the organization of future research and distribution of this work among the several experts; and preparation of a "draft Code of Reference" which would set forth a routine by which laboratories in the different countries concerned could apply the methods developed;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission, to select the participants, with due regard for adequate representation of the principal opium-producing and drug-manufacturing countries and the main geographical regions of the world concerned.

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2 August 1956.*

<sup>51</sup> See E/CN.7/SR.279, 308, 309, 311, 313 and 327; E/AC.7/SR.328 and 329; *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twentieth Session, 890th meeting; ibid., Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 8* (E/2768), paras. 155 and 156; *ibid., Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 10, document E/2785.*

<sup>52</sup> See E/AC.7/SR.344 to 347; *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, 946th and 947th meetings; ibid., Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 8* (E/2891), paras. 245 to 252; *ibid., Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document E/2912.*

<sup>53</sup> *Ibid., Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 8* (E/2891), paras. 266 to 270.

**627 (XXII). Programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 585 H (XX) of 23 July 1955, which requested the Secretary-General to prepare "a report on the extent to which the priorities and programmes set forth in Council resolution 496 (XVI) on the programme of concerted practical action in the social field have been taken into account and implemented by the United Nations and the specialized agencies",

Recalling also its resolution 585 F (XX) on the maintenance of family levels of living,

1. Notes the report of the Secretary-General on the programme of concerted action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies,<sup>54</sup> and the progress it reflects, including the widening of the geographical scope of the programmes in independent countries and Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories;

2. Stresses the need for intensified and concerted international efforts in strengthening social programmes in independent countries and Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories, and the need for attention to the social aspects of economic development in the interests of integrated development;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to include in the special study being prepared in response to Council resolution 496 (XVI) of 31 July 1953 recommendations for concerted international action on a long-range basis for the promotion of community development, taking into account paragraph 5 of Council resolution 585 C (XX);

4. Requests its Social Commission to transmit to the Council, at its twenty-fourth session, its comments and recommendations on the study mentioned in paragraph 3 above;

5. Decides to consider at its twenty-fourth session, in connexion with the examination of the second *Report on the World Social Situation*, the problem of the improvement of information on social conditions;

6. Reaffirms its request to the Secretary-General in Council resolution 585 H (XX) to give special attention in the second *Report on the World Social Situation* "to the problems of peoples undergoing rapid transition especially through urbanization";

7. Expresses its interest in the study now being undertaken by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the possibility of concerting international action in connexion with the problems mentioned in paragraph 6 above;

8. Notes with satisfaction that, in drafting its proposals on the maintenance of family levels of living, the

<sup>54</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 10, document E/2890.

Working Group convened in pursuance of Council resolution 585 F (XX) is, in accordance with the terms of reference established for it, to give attention, among other factors which determine the level of living of the population, to such factors as housing, nutrition, education, employment and labour, and health;

9. Recommends that the Secretary-General prepare, as soon as possible, a preliminary study designed to assist in determining the feasibility and practical value of analysing the methods used and the nature of the problems encountered by countries in their attempts to integrate social and economic action to raise the level of living of their people.

947th plenary meeting,  
2 August 1956.

**628 (XXII). Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling with gratitude the work accomplished by Dr. G. J. van Heuven Goedhart as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Mindful of his devoted and untiring efforts to lead the nations to a final solution of the refugee problem,

Noting with satisfaction the Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,<sup>55</sup>

1. Expresses its deep regret at his untimely passing;

2. Reaffirms its abiding interest in finding as quickly as possible permanent solutions to the refugee problem;

3. Urges all Governments to do everything in their power to support the work on behalf of refugees in the spirit in which it was carried forward by the late High Commissioner and, as a solemn tribute to his memory, to bring it to a successful conclusion.

933rd plenary meeting,  
13 July 1956.

**629 (XXII). Application from Morocco for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having considered the application of Morocco<sup>56</sup> 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

<sup>55</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/3123)*, transmitted to the Council under document E/2887, Corr.1 and Add.1.

<sup>56</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 22, document E/2902 and Add.1.*

Agreement between the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

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

930th plenary meeting,  
11 July 1956.

**630 (XXII). 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**

A

I

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the Secretary-General's introductory statement,<sup>57</sup> his note on the work programme of the Council and the financial implications of the Council's actions,<sup>58</sup> and his note on work programme and costs of the economic and social activities of the United Nations,<sup>59</sup>

*Having considered* the annual reports of the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Telecommunication Union, the Universal Postal Union and the World Meteorological Organization,<sup>60</sup>

<sup>57</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/2894/Rev.1.

<sup>58</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 17, document E/2903.

<sup>59</sup> *Ibid.*, document E/2900 and Add.1.

<sup>60</sup> International Labour Organisation, *Tenth Report of the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations, Geneva, 1956*: (E/2879). Food and Agriculture Organization, *Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the Twenty-second Session of the Economic and Social Council*: (E/2878). *Report of the Eighth Session of the Conference*, 4-25 November 1955, Rome, March 1956: (E/2878/Add.1). *The State of Food and Agriculture 1955, Review of a Decade and Outlook*, Rome, September 1955: (E/2878/Add.2). *The Work of FAO 1954-55, Report of the Director-General*, Rome, 1955: (E/2878/Add.3), and *Program of Work for 1956 and 1957*, Rome, 1956: (E/2878/Add.4). United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Report to the United Nations for the Year 1955-1956*: (E/2867). World Health Organization, *The Work of WHO 1955, Annual Report of the Director-General to the World Health Assembly and to the United Nations: Official Records of the World Health Organization No. 67*, Geneva, March 1956: (E/2873); and *Supplementary Report to the Economic and Social Council*, July 1956: (E/2873/Add.1). International Civil Aviation Organization, *Annual Report of the Council to the Assembly for 1955*, Caracas, June-July 1956: (E/2877). *Council's Budget Estimates 1957 and Information Annex*, Caracas, June-July 1956: (E/2877/Add.1); and *Supplementary Report of the Council to the Assembly on the Activities of the Organization, 1 January-15 June 1956*: (E/2877/Add.2). Universal Postal Union, *Report on the Work of the Union 1955*, Berne: (E/2826) and *Correction*: (E/2826/Corr.1). International Telecommunication Union, *Annual Report by the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union 1955*, Geneva, 1956: (E/2874). World Meteorological Organization, *Annual Report of the World Meteorological Organization, 1955*, Geneva, 1956: (E/2847).

*Having considered* the nineteenth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,<sup>61</sup>

*Considering* that more concrete measures by the Council on co-ordination require appropriate preparatory work,

1. *Takes note* of the above-mentioned reports;

2. *Commends* the Secretary-General for the action already taken to streamline the work of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields;

3. *Endorses*, subject to the decisions taken and comments made by the Council at its present session, the proposals made in the Secretary-General's note entitled "Observations on the Work Programme of the Council and on the Financial Implications of the Council's Actions";<sup>62</sup>

4. *Reiterates* the appeal made by the General Assembly in its resolution 125 (II) of 20 November 1947 and *calls upon* the States members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies to take urgent measures to ensure on the national level a co-ordinated policy in regard to the activities of the United Nations and of the various specialized agencies, in order that greater concentration on major projects and fuller co-ordination may be achieved between the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the economic, social and human rights fields;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to produce a further report on the lines of the document entitled "Observations on the Work Programme of the Council and on the Financial Implications of the Council's Actions", including comments on work in the social field as mentioned in paragraph 4 of that document and on the work programmes of the regional economic commissions and the functional commissions;

6. *Recommends* to the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to continue and intensify its efforts through inter-agency consultation to achieve co-ordination in the planning and execution of programmes;

7. *Recommends* to the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to report in more detail to the Council on its deliberations;

8. *Recommends* to the specialized agencies and *requests* the regional economic commissions and the functional commissions to pay special attention to further concentration of their activities on major economic, social and human rights problems, as may be appropriate, and to the more efficient co-ordination of the said activities, and to include a special section thereon in their next reports to the Council;

9. *Decides* that its Co-ordination Committee shall meet one week before the opening of its twenty-fourth session in order to consider the report of the Secretary-General requested above and the relevant sections of the reports of the specialized agencies, regional economic

<sup>61</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/2884.

<sup>62</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 17, document E/2903.



commissions and functional commissions, and to submit its recommendations to the Council for consideration at the same session.

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9 August 1956.*

## II

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 125 (II) of 20 November 1947,

*Recalling further* Council resolution 590 A II (XX) of 5 August 1955,

*Considering* that the co-ordination of national action is of paramount importance to the concentration of effort,

*Considering further* that, in spite of the attention given by Governments to improvement of co-ordination on the national level in respect of matters concerning the United Nations, its bodies and the specialized agencies, the problem remains,

*Considering* that an exchange of information between Governments concerning the difficulties they have encountered in this respect and the means and methods by which they have endeavoured to overcome them would be of assistance to all States Members of the United Nations, especially if the information collected and circulated were to be accompanied by an analysis of the main difficulties involved and the various methods used to deal with them,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and circulate a survey of the means and methods employed by the Governments of Member States for the purpose of co-ordinating their national policies in respect of the activities of the various organs, committees and agencies in the field of the economic and social activities of the United Nations family, and, in so doing, to pay particular attention to the difficulties encountered;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the Governments of Member States to submit the information needed for the preparation of the survey mentioned in the preceding paragraph, in so far as their own problems, practices and methods are concerned, and to undertake, if necessary, direct consultations with individual Governments for the purpose of obtaining further information on points of particular importance.

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9 August 1956.*

## B

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having noted* paragraphs 24 and 25 of the statement of the Secretary-General<sup>63</sup> pertaining to the detailment

<sup>63</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 3, document E/2894/Rev.1.

of social affairs staff from Headquarters to the secretariats of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and to the Middle East area, and the posting of Headquarters staff of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration to regional commission offices,

*Noting further* that these arrangements have been made on an experimental basis,

*Believing* that a final decision on this matter should be reached only on the basis of adequate experience,

1. *Expresses the hope* that the interim report the Secretary-General intends to submit to the eleventh session of the General Assembly on the posting of Headquarters personnel of the Technical Assistance Administration to regional commission offices will also cover the detailment of social affairs staff;

2. *Considers* that the present arrangements regarding the posting of personnel, as authorized by the General Assembly on an experimental basis, should preferably be continued until the end of 1957, if the General Assembly so agrees;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, for the use of the General Assembly at its twelfth session, a report on the results of the experience gained in the posting of the aforementioned headquarters personnel to regional commission offices, and to submit this report to the Council at its twenty-fourth session, in order to enable the Council to transmit its views on the report to the General Assembly.

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9 August 1956.*

## C

*The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Secretary-General on the co-ordination of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) programmes with the regular and technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies;<sup>64</sup>

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report to the Council periodically on the development and co-ordination of UNICEF programmes with the regular and technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, in order to ensure effective co-ordination;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General in his next report, to be prepared with the assistance of the specialized agencies concerned and submitted not later than 1958, to pay particular attention to the co-ordinated efforts which are being made to ensure effective evaluation of the various programmes as evidenced, to the extent possible, by progress in various countries.

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9 August 1956.*

<sup>64</sup> *Ibid.*, document E/2892.

*The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report by the Secretary-General on bibliographical material on works and studies relating to human rights;<sup>65</sup>

2. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations and correspondents of the United Nations *Yearbook on Human Rights*, as well as the specialized agencies, as appropriate, to furnish the Secretary-General with titles of significant current publications in the human rights field;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include these titles, as appropriate, in the United Nations *Yearbook on Human Rights*.

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9 August 1956.

## E

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the annual report of the International Civil Aviation Organization;<sup>66</sup>

*Considering* Council resolution 563 (XIX) of 31 March 1955 concerning the development of international travel, its present increasing volume and future prospects,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is continuing its important work of drawing up recommendations designed to simplify international border crossing procedures for aircraft, crew, passengers and cargo;

2. *Further notes*, however, that as of the end of 1955 only twenty-two of the sixty-seven States members of ICAO had officially notified the organization concerning the differences between their own national practices and Annex 9 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation concerning facilitation of international air transport;<sup>67</sup>

3. *Invites* those States Members of the United Nations, members of ICAO, who have not already complied with the request, to communicate as soon as possible to ICAO the differences, if any, between their own national practices and the ICAO facilitation annex and to give special attention to their obligations to implement the international standards and practices of Annex 9 and other recommendations in the facilitation field.

951st plenary meeting,  
9 August 1956.

<sup>65</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/2820.

<sup>66</sup> International Civil Aviation Organization, *Annual Report of the Council to the Assembly for 1955*, Caracas, June-July 1956, document E/2877; *Council's Budget Estimates 1957 and Information Annex*, Caracas, June-July 1956, document E/2877/Add.1, and *Supplementary Report of the Council to the Assembly on the Activities of the Organization*, 1 January-15 June 1956, document E/2877/Add.2.

<sup>67</sup> International Civil Aviation Organization, *Standards and Recommended Practices. Facilitation of International Air Transport*. Annex 9 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Montreal, September 1949, and Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 to Annex 9; *Supplement to Annex 9—Facilitation*.

EXCERPT FROM THE REPORT OF THE CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE<sup>68</sup>

" 15. In taking note of the nineteenth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC),<sup>69</sup> the Committee wished to draw particular attention to paragraph 40 on the pattern of conferences, as established by the General Assembly in its resolution 694 (VII). It shared the satisfaction expressed by the ACC regarding the present pattern of conferences and particularly the holding of the summer session of the Council in Geneva, and expressed the hope that the General Assembly will continue this pattern.

" 16. The Committee demonstrated considerable interest in the co-ordination of activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy. It agreed that the ACC should be asked to keep the Council fully informed of discussions on this subject in the ACC or its Sub-Committee on Atomic Energy and any measures taken thereon.

" 17. With reference to the suggestions contained in the annex to the ACC's report regarding the means of providing greater publicity for the economic and social work of the United Nations family, the Committee emphasized the importance of the contribution of the national information services in this regard and urged furthermore that particular stress should be laid on obtaining the co-operation of non-governmental organizations.

" 18. With reference to paragraph 43 of the ACC's report dealing with the review of publications and studies, the Committee recalled Council resolution 590 A I (XX) in which the Council had considered that:

' . . . the specialized agencies should review from time to time their publications and studies and the use made of them, in order to determine the extent to which they are of specific and continuing value.'

It expressed the hope that the specialized agencies would undertake a special review of this kind at an early opportunity and include in their next annual reports a section dealing with the matter.

" 19. With respect to methods and procedures now in use for better programme co-ordination among the United Nations and the specialized agencies in accordance with Council resolution 590 (XX), the Committee emphasized the importance of a procedure similar to that which is set forth in rule 80 of the Council's rules of procedure<sup>70</sup> always being followed in respect to functional and regional economic commissions, whenever, in meetings of any commission, programme proposals of common interest to the commission and specialized agencies are made. It further expressed the hope that the principle embodied in rule 80 would be applied in the organs of the specialized agencies.

" 20. In its report to the Council on International Control of Narcotic Drugs,<sup>71</sup> the Social Committee of the Council had approved a suggestion that ' the situation in Iran, and the question of technical assistance in connexion therewith, should be considered as a matter of high priority in the field of narcotic drugs,' and had suggested that the matter should be considered by the Co-ordination Committee when dealing with item 3 of the Council's agenda [General review of the development and co-ordination of the econo-

<sup>68</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/2925 and Corr.1.

<sup>69</sup> *Ibid.*, document E/2884.

<sup>70</sup> E/2424. United Nations publication. Sales No.: 1953.I.21.

<sup>71</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 13, document E/2912 and Corr.1, para. 5.

mic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole]. The Council had subsequently noted the above report<sup>72</sup> and had adopted resolution 626 E (XXII) on technical assistance for Iran.

“21. The Co-ordination Committee agreed that the question, as raised in the Social Committee, should be given priority at the twelfth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in 1957, second only to the priority accorded to the consideration of the Draft Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, regarding which the Council had adopted resolution 626 F (XXII). The Commission would thus consider the matter at that session and would be able to make recommendations to the Council on subsequent priorities in its report.”

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<sup>72</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-second Session, 947th meeting.

### **631 (XXII). Financial implications of actions of the Council**

#### *The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Takes note* of the statement on financial implications of actions of the Council;<sup>73</sup>
2. *Transmits* the estimates contained therein, together with the summary records containing the views expressed in the debate on this question<sup>74</sup> to the General Assembly, for consideration at its eleventh session.

*951st plenary meeting,  
9 August 1956.*

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<sup>73</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 17, document E/2921.

<sup>74</sup> E/AC.24/SR.151 and *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session*, 951st meeting.

## OTHER DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

### Approval of the appointment of the Deputy Secretary of the Permanent Central Opium Board

At its 947th meeting, on 2 August 1956, the Council approved the appointment of Mr. Pierre Isoré as Deputy Secretary of the Permanent Central Opium Board.

### Election of members of the Commission on International Commodity Trade

At its 951st meeting, on 9 August 1956, the Council elected one-third of the membership of the Commission on International Commodity Trade.

As a result of the election, the composition of the Commission for 1957 is as follows:

	Term of office expires on 31 December
Argentina . . . . .	1958
Australia . . . . .	1958
Belgium . . . . .	1958
Brazil . . . . .	1959
Canada . . . . .	1959
Chile . . . . .	1958
China . . . . .	1958
Denmark . . . . .	1958
Egypt . . . . .	1957
France . . . . .	1957
Greece . . . . .	1959
India . . . . .	1957
Indonesia . . . . .	1959
Pakistan . . . . .	1957
Poland . . . . .	1959
Turkey . . . . .	1957
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics . . . . .	1957
Uruguay . . . . .	1959

### Technical assistance

At its 951st meeting, on 9 August 1956, the Council endorsed the recommendation of the Technical Assistance Committee that, as a number of the participating organ-

izations were already undertaking evaluation of their technical assistance activities, the Council should request the participating organizations to provide information with respect to the points listed in the resolution adopted by the Technical Assistance Committee on 13 July 1956,<sup>75</sup> so far as appropriate, in their annual reports to the Council.

### 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

At its 951st meeting, on 9 August 1956, the Council decided to include paragraphs 15 to 21 of the report of its Co-ordination Committee<sup>76</sup> as an annex to the resolutions adopted at its twenty-second session on item 3: 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.<sup>77</sup>

### Arrangements regarding the report of the Council to the General Assembly

At its 951st meeting, on 9 August 1956, the Council agreed to the arrangements for the preparation of its report to the General Assembly described by the Secretary-General in document E/L.725.

<sup>75</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 9, document E/2923, para. 34.

<sup>76</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 3, document E/2925 and Corr.1.

<sup>77</sup> See annex to Council resolution 630 (XXII).

## Calendar of conferences for 1957

At its 951st meeting, on 9 August 1956, the Council approved the following calendar of conferences for 1957:

### ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL PROGRAMME

(to be held at the Headquarters of the United Nations unless otherwise stated)

### CONFERENCES OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES <sup>78</sup>

3 January–(25 January) <sup>79</sup>	<i>Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities</i>	
7 January–(16 January)	<i>Transport and Communications Commission</i>	
February (last part)	ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (resumed twenty-second session, continued if necessary)	
25 February–(8 March)	<i>Population Commission</i>	
4 March–(6 March)	Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations	
5 March–(15 March)	Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund	
(11 March–(26 April))	(TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL)	
18 March–(5 April)	<i>Commission on the Status of Women</i>	
18 March–(29 March)	<i>Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East</i> (Bangkok, Thailand)	
25 March–(19 April)	<i>Commission on Human Rights</i> (Geneva, Switzerland)	
16 April–(3 May)	ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (twenty-third session)	
29 April–(31 May)	<i>Commission on Narcotic Drugs</i>	
29 April–(15 May)	<i>Economic Commission for Europe</i> (Geneva, Switzerland)	
April-May		INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (Geneva, Switzerland)
May		WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (Geneva, Switzerland)

<sup>78</sup> The major annual conferences of the specialized agencies, the dates of which are established by the appropriate organs of the agencies themselves, are also shown. Where the biennial or quinquennial conferences of the agencies concerned do not fall in 1957, the probable dates of the sessions of their governing bodies are indicated with an asterisk (\*). The General Conference of UNESCO is to be held in 1958; during 1957, the Executive Board will meet at least twice at dates which have not yet been determined.

<sup>79</sup> The dates shown in parentheses are target terminal dates based on the best estimates that can be made of the requirements. They do not preclude either the earlier termination of the conference concerned, where the work permits, or necessary extensions of the length of the session.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL PROGRAMME (*concluded*)

(to be held at the Headquarters of the United Nations unless otherwise stated)

CONFERENCES OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

6 May–(17 May)	<i>Commission on International Commodity Trade</i>	
6 May–(18 May)	<i>Economic Commission for Latin America</i> (La Paz, Bolivia)	
6 May–(24 May)	<i>Social Commission</i>	
June		INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (Geneva, Switzerland)
(3 June–12 July)	(TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL)	
19 June		INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (Montreal, Canada)
July	Technical Assistance Committee (Geneva, Switzerland)	
2 July–(3 August)	ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (twenty-fourth session) (Geneva, Switzerland)	
August		UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION (Ottawa, Canada)
September		INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (Washington, D.C., United States of America)
		INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (Washington, D.C., United States of America)
3–23 September		* WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (Geneva, Switzerland)
5 September–(17 September)	Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund	
17 September–	GENERAL ASSEMBLY (twelfth session)	
November	<i>Commission on International Commodity Trade</i> <sup>80</sup>	
November		FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (Rome, Italy)
November	Technical Assistance Committee	
December	ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (twenty-fourth session resumed)	

<sup>80</sup> The place of the session, away from Headquarters, to be decided later.